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A very good morning to you all

Please take a few minutes to still your minds and bodies before you begin.....

Dear Lord,

Please guide us today and everyday to put you first.

Guide us to bring our joys and troubles to you and to rely on your guidance and wisdom. In Jesus name we pray. AMEN

Psalm 50:7-15

'Hear, O my people, and I will speak,

O Israel, I will testify against you.

I am God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;

your burnt-offerings are continually before me.

I will not accept a bull from your house,

or goats from your folds.

For every wild animal of the forest is mine,

the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know all the birds of the air,

and all that moves in the field is mine.

'If I were hungry, I would not tell you,

for the world and all that is in it is mine.

Do I eat the flesh of bulls,

or drink the blood of goats?

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,

and pay your vows to the Most High.

Call on me in the day of trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.'

Matthew 10:34-11:1

Not Peace, but a Sword

'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,

and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross

and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Rewards

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

Now when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and proclaim his message in their cities.

Reflection

Jesus says: "Whoever loves their father or mother, son or daughter, more than me is not worthy of me." And whoever does not "take up their cross and follow me, is not worthy of me." He uses several more examples, finally telling his disciples - and us, that we are to love Jesus first and foremost. So who or what reigns in our life? Maybe we need to meditate and take time to assess what or who is most important to us. We can ask God to help you see clearly the reality of our life. Following on from Ven David Waller's sermon yesterday - what do we wish to change in our life? What is "right" in our life? What is important in our life? Who and what are we thankful for? Thank God for the many gifts which we have been given and ask Jesus to come alongside us in our struggles.

This also put me in mind of the hymn 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God'

You may like to look up a musical version on the internet - here are the lyrics:

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu Alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu Alleluia

Alleluia Alleluia

Jesus be my first love
Alleluia Alleluia
Lord you will guide me
As I seek You

Al - le - lu - ia.....Al - le - lu - ia.....
Al - le - lu - ia.....
Al - le - lu Al - le - lu - ia

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ
AMEN

Blessings until tomorrow

Vicky