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Good morning and welcome

Let's give ourselves a few moments of quiet and stillness before we begin.....

We give thanks for all who have shared their wisdom and learning with us.
We ask your blessing upon all who teach and influence others.
May we see the good in everyone we meet today and may our judgements be a part of our past not our future.
In Jesus name we pray. AMEN

Psalm 84

The Joy of Worship in the Temple

To the leader: according to The Gittith. Of the Korahites. A Psalm.
How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.
Selah

Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
As they go through the valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.

Luke 6:39-42

He also told them a parable: 'Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, "Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite,

first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye.

Reflection

In this Gospel, Jesus talks about our human tendency to have splinters and logs in our eyes. These objects keep us from seeing the whole picture. Jesus wants his disciples to be fully aware of their natural tendency to automatically judge others, to notice the splinter in someone else's eye while totally missing the logs in their own eyes!

This is something which we often do without thinking. As humans we can be automatically judgemental. I remember many years ago one of our prayer group members made a promise for lent - not to judge others. She said how difficult it was as she was walking down the street to look at someone and think 'That skirt is far too short'. She would immediately send up a dart prayer to ask for forgiveness. She gave us the idea to pray to the Lord for him to show us when we had a tendency to judge and to ask for forgiveness immediately when we were doing this and allow ourselves to be corrected and forgiven. Maybe try today yourself and look for the log in your own eye before judging the splinter in someone else's! AMEN

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. AMEN

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

Blessings and love
Vicky