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Good morning everyone

As normal let's be still and quiet before we begin.....

Dear Lord
We praise you for the greater family
For Mother and Father
For brother and sister
And for recognising our family in everyone whom we encounter
In Jesus name
AMEN

Psalm 119

The Glories of God's Law

Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.
Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,
who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways.
You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.
O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.
I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.

Luke 8:19-21

The True Kindred of Jesus

Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. And he was told, 'Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you.' But he said to them, 'My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.'

Reflection

What a short reading for today only 3 verses! Mary and Jesus' brothers came to see him. But they couldn't get anywhere near to him because of the crowd! Jesus was told: "Your mother and brothers are outside. They wish to see you." Jesus responded and said: "My mother and brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it." These words of Jesus may sound harsh to us. After all, family are normally the center of our lives. However, Jesus is not denying his family. Rather, his statement 'broadens the concept of family.' He says that "anyone who hears the word of God and acts on it" is his mother, brother, and sister. Thus, if we try hard to hear the word of God and then act on it, we also are part of Jesus' family. To act on Jesus' word calls us to love every person we come across - even those whom we may not like. Today, be aware of seeing every person you encounter as "a mother, brother, or sister." What a wonderful gift to give to the other person and also to yourself! 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