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Good morning

Let's be still and rest in God before we begin.....

Lord, open our eyes to your presence:
Open our ears to your call.
Open our lips to sing your praises.
Open our hearts to your great love.
In Jesus name AMEN

Psalm 15

Who Shall Abide in God's Sanctuary?

A Psalm of David.
O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;
who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honour those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus and Zacchaeus

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

Reflection

I once had this reading as a meditation. In that time of contemplation and prayer I actually took the place of Zacchaeus and was in the tree looking down at Jesus. I remember the vision of Jesus looking up at me and calling out my name.....it was so powerful. Jesus so often calls us by name but do we always respond?

One of the things that I love so much about this passage is the detail that it provides for us. Perhaps it's because I'm short myself and struggle to see unless I am on tiptoes. What jumps out at me is that Zacchaeus is so eager to get to see and know Jesus. We can all take a cue from Zacchaeus in that. We too can let our excitement about Jesus shine. Maybe we can't race up a sycamore tree to see Jesus, but we can strive with all our hearts to get to know him better. 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