



CORINTH : THE TEMPLE OF DIANA

15	27-Feb	SABBATH 3	Isaiah 26	Isaiah 49	the Redemption plan
16	28-Feb	Leap*yr*Sunday	backtrack to understand Job's defense		
17	1-Mar	Monday	ELIPHAZ: Friend 1 / a King from Edom (Temonite)		
18	2-Mar	Tuesday	BILDAD: Friend 2 / another King from Edom (Shuhite)		
19	3-Mar	Wednesday	ZOPHAR: Friend 3 / another King from Edom (Naamathite)		
20	4-Mar	Thursday	job's discernment about his friends		
21	5-Mar	Friday	ELIHU: Friend 4 / the young jewish scribe (a son of Barachel the Buzite from Ram)		

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Devotional	Isaiah 26 / 49	it's the Redemption plan.	DAY
	GOD created us to live with HIM!		15
			Feb 27th, 2010
			Sabbath 3
	The two chapters of Isaiah, speak of redemption		a day for fasting and prayer
	they are a wonderful meditation for this sabbath....find a soft chair and read!		
	<i>Come, my people, hide yourself as it were for a little moment,</i>		
	<i>until the indignation is past,...for behold! THE LORD COMES.</i>		Isaiah 26: 20
	<i>in an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.</i>		Isaiah 49: 8
	<i>The LORD, YOUR REDEEMER, THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL, I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD.</i>		Isaiah 48: 17
	This was the plan from the beginning		
	This is what we celebrate during LENT.		
	The "passover" (week 7 and day 48) is coming!		
	We shall be redeemed, because of the blood on our doorposts.		
Illustration	BallooOOoons for Andrew!		
	The most elaborate, exquisite, colorful bouquet of ballons arrived for Ruth's birthday. We had never seen anything like it. They were arranged as flowers in a basket, and were at least 5' off the floor in height. We enjoyed them all weekend, with many comments from guests.		
	On Monday as Ruth set out for work, I suggested she take them along for her hospital visit with Andrew. We had received a call from a very dear friend, whose friend was dying at St Paul's hospital. She had asked Ruth to pay Andrew a visit. Andrew was on our pray list, so as is our policy, if you are praying for someone, and they ask for a coffee or lunch, GOD would be extremely ticked if you said you had no time! We had known Andrew for about 2 years by this time, and he had been to our house for supper.		
	It was raining truckloads, so Ruth had an umbrella and these lofty, colorful balloons.		
	She went to andrew's room but there were lots of family, and from the heated discussion among them she realized, she just better wait outside, after all family are first. But she had a mission!		
	Ruth waited patiently in the waiting room, and every time a family member walked by the balloons nodded at them. They smiled back, but were not prepared to allow Ruth to visit. Suddenly the family took a lunch break, and they suggsted Ruth could now go in to visit. Upon entering Ruth realized Andrew was very very sick. She greeted him with her great HELLO ANDREW!		
	RUTH then told Andrew that JESUS loved him, and that she would pray for him if he nodded his head. After her prayer, she turned to Andrew and asked if he understood, and he nodded. Though he had not spoken for days, he said JESUS!		
	Andrew died the next day, and Ruth realized that she had probably been the last one to speak with him.		
	LOVE, the LORD, YOUR GOD , with all your HEART!		
	The very first step towards a spiritual relationship is to give your heart unconditionally to JESUS		

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How
I
long for
the months
gone by,
for the
days when
GOD
watched
over me,

when
HIS LAMP
shone upon
my head
and by
HIS LIGHT
I
walked
through the
darkness.

Job 29:2



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Devotional	the 'Redemption Plan'	DAY 16 Feb 28th
we are GOD's possession: he created us, then bought us at a price		
Job was the greatest man of the East. Based on his livestock, he would control 50,000 acres of land according to my brother-in-law, who sells farm machinery in southern Manitoba almost the entire Fraser Valley Basin. Plus a vast trucking empire (caravans) and a car manufacturing company (female donkeys) ...so very wealthy.		Sunday Leap Year
Job is an Edomite. According to Malachi, (Mal 1: 3) a tribe hated by GOD! , so part of Abraham & Isaac line, but not of JACOB ...yet... GOD loves JOB (Iyob), sounds like the Matthew lineage chart where Ruth a Moab, Rahab a prostitute, (2 others) are listed in the birthright of JESUS!		Job 1: 3
WHAT MAKES JOB 'BLAMELESS' AND 'RIGHTEOUS' ?		
not his possessions, not his tithing etc (Job lists 28 reasons in Chapter 31) certainly not his heritage		
BUT		
because he feared GOD and shunned evil!		Job 1: 1
and		
Job offered Sacrifices = worshipped GOD		Job 1: 5
Job's actions matched his words and his lifestyle		
so GOD's acknowledgement of Job's sacrifice is what makes JOB righteous and blameless		
this is why we celebrate communion, out of gratitude for JESUS sacrifice for us		
and why GOD looks at us through HIS SON , and calls us righteous and blameless		Col 1: 22
Illustration	JESUS has a commentary on the poem/book of Job	Mark 10: 17
A man came running and knelt before JESUS and asked HIM		
Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit ETERNAL LIFE?		
JESUS said, Why do you call ME good? No one is good but ONE , that is GOD .		
You know the commandments: do not commit adultery; do not murder; do not steal; do not bear false witness; do not defraud; honour your Father and Mother.		
The man answered,		
Teacher, I have observed all of these from my youth		
JESUS , looking on him, loved him.		
One thing you lack.		
Go!		
sell whatever you have,		
and give to the poor		
and you will have great treasure in HEAVEN,		
then come, and follow ME .		
THE MAN was sad at JESUS WORDS ,		
and went away GRIEVED		
FOR HE HAD GREAT POSSESSIONS		
matching words with lifestyle		Mark 10: 45
LOVE, the LORD, YOUR GOD , with all your SOUL!		
The 2ND step towards a deeper relationship is to ask JESUS to program your soul!		

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Devotional	the 'Redemption Plan'	DAY 19 March 3rd
GOD is your defence!		
ZOPHAR: THE NAAMATHITE		Wednesday
from the tribe of Esau, from a nomadic tribe in northwestern arabia		
his name means sharp nail, he is the third speaker, and the most vicious of the three		
speaks 2 x in Chapters 11 and 20		
His method, is based on human logic		
Job 11: 4	Oh I wish that <i>the ALMIGHTY</i> would speak, then <i>HE</i> would open <i>HIS LIPS</i> against you!	
His method of attack is to quote old proverbs (scripture) so that he sounds very religious.		
Job 11: 7	Can you fathom the mystery of <i>the ALMIGHTY</i> ?	
His favourite line is		
Job 11: 12	A witless man can no more become wise, than a wild donkey's colt can become a man.	
His choice is to use trumped up charges to catch Job off guard		
Job 11: 14	if you would put away your sin, then you could stand firm, without fear before <i>the ALMIGHTY</i> .	
	This is not a friend speaking, but another non-comforting mouthpiece for the serpent!	
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Illustration	the same line of questioning: but JESUS takes the heat.	
again the devil took JESUS , up on an exceedingly high mountain		Mt 4: 8
and showed JESUS , all the kingdoms of the world and their glory		
and the devil said to JESUS ,		
if YOU will fall down and worship me,		
	all these things, i will give YOU !	
then JESUS answered.		
AWAY WITH you, satan!		
for it is written		Duet 6: 13
	You shall worship <i>THE LORD YOUR GOD</i> ,	
	and <i>HIM</i> only, you shall serve!	
then the devil left HIM		
and	ANGELS came and ministered to HIM .	
	I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, he who follows ME, will not walk in darkness.....	John 8: 12
	so the multitude marveled at all the healings and they glorified the GOD of ISRAEL	MT 15: 31
	the lepers are healed	Mt 8: 1
	the blind see!	Mt 9: 27
	the lame walk	Mt 9: 1
	the deaf hear	Mark 7: 31
	the demons flee	Mark 5
LOVE, the LORD, YOUR GOD , with all your HEART!		
5	The practical application is now to share your "HOPE/LIGHT" of your heart with your neighbour.	Luke 10: 29

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Job has heard GOD speak before, and is waiting to hear HIM again.			20
			March 4th
JESUS says, My SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE .			Thursday
have you heard HIS VOICE			
Job has a discerning spirit within him, because he detects his friends have a different spirit.			Job 12: 4
and he has begun to realize that TRUTH, is hidden from them.			Job 17: 4
<i>I do not find one wise man among you.</i>			Job 17: 10
Job asks them what "spirit" they have.			Job 26: 4
and finally Job just quits talking to them!			Job 31: 40
The apostle JOHN says we can discern other "sold-out" christians by the following:			
By this you will know other true believers			
1	if they keep GOD's commandments		1 John 2: 3
2	the LOVE of GOD is perfected in them		1 John 2: 5
3	those who have this world's goods and shares them with ones in need		1 John 3: 17
4	everyone who confesses that JESUS , has come in the flesh		1 John 4: 2
5	they love the children of GOD		1 John 5: 2
6	when the commandments are not burdensome		1 John 5: 3
7	they keep themselves from the wicked one (sounds like the Book of Job)		1 John 5: 18
and there are more in 1 John, which you can dig out for yourself as you study the text			
You have an anointing from THE HOLY ONE , and you know all things!			1 John 2: 20
Illustration JESUS can discern the hearts and thoughts of men.			Jn 2: 24/25
Nicodemus comes by night			John 3
He is a pharisee, a teacher of Israel.			John 3: 10
JESUS , answers Nicodemus's question			
You must be born-again to see the Kingdom of GOD			
The questions and answers are so carefully crafted, we still quote John 3: 16 for almost every occasion.			
The answer got Nicodemus started.			
He asks more questions.			
JESUS answers!			
<i>This is the condemnation:</i>			John 3: 19
<i>that the LIGHT has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than the LIGHT</i>			
<i>because their deeds are evil, for everyone practicing evil hates the LIGHT, and</i>			
<i>not come to the LIGHT, lest his deeds should be exposed, but he who does the TRUTH,</i>			
<i>comes to the LIGHT, that his deeds may be seen, that they were done IN GOD!</i>			
Nicodemus understands.			
The next time we hear of him he is giving counsel in the Sanhedrin			John 7: 50
The very last time he is carrying spices for the burial of JESUS			John 19: 39
JESUS , saw through the man, and gave him the information he needed to make a clear choice.			
JESUS , does this for all of us!			
LOVE, the LORD, YOUR GOD , with all your HEART / SOUL / MIND / STRENGTH			
6	The practical application is now to pray for your neighbour, and hopefully soon with your neighbour.		

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Devotional	the 'Redemption Plan'			DAY
"waiting" for GOD is a lot of hard work, but rewarding!			Psalms 40	21
				March 5th
				Friday
ELIHU: SON OF BARACHEL, A BUZITE FROM RAM, living near Eliphaz at Tema				
a young hebrew scribe				
has a lot to say to Job and his 3 friends, but is not held in contempt by GOD				
claims to be angry				
is a breath of fresh air				
uses a proverb to establish the playing field				Job 32: 8
states his opening argument that no one has proved Job wrong or answered Job				Job 32: 12
establishes that GOD hears everyone who calls on HIM				Job 32: 22
corrects the evidence that GOD is not Job's enemy				Job 33: 12
ELIHU HAS OVER 30 CORRECTIONS				
states that GOD lives in the LIGHT, HE redeems, and does not pervert justice				Job 33: 24
states that GOD is the CREATOR, is Just, Omniscient and Omnipresent				Job 34: 14
states that GOD is beyond our understanding				Job 36: 24
states that we should consider HIS WONDERS!				Job 36: 27+
when ELIHU finishes his monologue, GOD SHOWS UP!				
Illustration	the Apostle Paul waits 14 years after his Damascus Road experience before he gets to serve			
Ananias is given clear instruction about Paul				
Acts 9: 10				
1	arise			
2	go to the street called "Straight"			
2	inquire at the house of Judas			
4	for one called Saul of Tarsus			
5	for he is praying			
6	in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming			
7	putting his hand on him			
8	that he might receive sight			
the instructions are clear,				
Oh, to get such clear instructions from the LORD!				
and as Ananias asks clarification questions of GOD, he is told again				
Go, for he is a chosen vessel of MINE, to bear MYNAME to the Gentiles, kings and Children of Israel.				Acts 9: 15
For I will show him how many things he must suffer for MYNAMES sake.				
Yet, Paul must wait 14 years before he can begin his ministry, but what a ministry it was!				
Wait on the LORD, be of good courage, and HE shall strengthen your heart				Psalms 27: 14
Wait, I say on the LORD!				
LOVE, the LORD, YOUR GOD, with all your HEART / SOUL / MIND / STRENGTH				
7	The practical application is now to serve your neighbour. and invite them over for a meal / coffee .			

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