



COLLOSSAE: A SHEPHERD

36	20-Mar	SABBATH 6	Colossians 1	it's all about JESUS
37	21-Mar	Sunday	the words of JESUS answer job's question: where can I find GOD ?	
38	22-Mar	Monday	the words of JESUS answer job's question: if I die, will I live?	
39	23-Mar	Tuesday	the words of JESUS answer job's question: what is man?	
40	24-Mar	Wednesday	the words of JESUS answer job's question: why wicked prosper?	
41	25-Mar	Thursday	the words of JESUS answer job's question: will I see GOD ?	
42	26-Mar	Friday	the words of JESUS answer job's question: is there profit in prayer?	

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Week 6

Devotional	Colossians 1	it's all about JESUS		DAY 36 Mar 20th, 2010
JESUS is the image of the invisible GOD.			Col 1: 15	Sabbath 6 a day for fasting and prayer
<p>Reading through the Book of Job a number of times, the poem takes on different LIGHT. JESUS seems to be written on every page.</p> <p>First the deep questions of Job were left unanswered, then I realized the WORDS of JESUS answers these.</p> <p>Then the questions of the 3 friends, and I realized these were also answered by JESUS.</p> <p>When Job has questions about the character of GOD, these are answered by the person of JESUS.</p> <p>so this week we will dig at the how the person of JESUS, answers Job's questions.</p> <p>Colossians is a portrait of CHRIST JESUS, like no other! and the bottom of each page will carry a hi-lite from Colossians</p>				
Illustration	a cup of cold water			
<p>This past summer Ruth and I set out to renovate our House. Housing in North Vancouver is very expensive, so our daughter and son-in law, with their 2 young children suggested we buy a house together. As we have a large house on 2 levels, plus a walk out basement, our idea was to renovate the basement into a 2 bdr suite for ourselves, and allow the kid's to use the upper 2 floors of our existing house.</p> <p>At the outset, Ruth prayed that the renovation would make a difference to each worker who came to the site. She is an excellent cook, so daily there were fresh muffins, sandwiches, coffee, tea or water. Our bathroom was made available to all workers, and kept spotless for all users.</p> <p>The workers enjoyed the hospitality and the food. Some showed up from their other work sites just before noon, and Ruth always had extra, or disappeared to make extra when she had not anticipated such a group. Each worker, after they arrived on the job, and known by name, was now mentioned in our daily prayers.</p> <p>One morning, one of the concrete workers exclaimed his gratitude. "I am at many job sites, and we are treated like dirt, but here you go out of your way to serve us in our "mucky" boots, and even as we leave you pass out a bottle of "ice-cold" water for the road home, knowing that the heat of the day has taken a toll on us.</p> <p>Then I remembered the words of Matthew 25: you gave us cold water to drink..... I never had thought of it in a daily walk construction context, as "bottled water".</p>				
<p>Let your LIGHT so shine among men,that they will praise your FATHER IN HEAVEN</p>				Mt 5:16
	as servants, our house is not ours; we are stewards for a short time.			
JESUS is the image of the invisible GOD.				Colossians 1:15

STEP BY STEP WERE MOVING FORWARD - LITTLE BY LITTLE WE ARE CHANGING AROUND

LITTLE
by

LITTLE

I THE LORD WILL

DRIVE THEM OUT

BEFORE YOU

UNTIL YOU HAVE INCREASED

AND YOU INHERIT

THE LAND

EXODUS 23:30

EVERY PRAYER A POWERFUL WEAPON - STRONG HOLDS COME TUMBLING DOWN

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Devotional	How can I find GOD?	DAY 37 March 21st			
	JESUS /GOD is always seeking you!	Sunday			
	GOD appears to have left the scene. Job keeps asking for HIM to show up				
	<i>Why do you hide your FACE, and regard me as your enemy!</i>	Job 13:24			
	<i>Oh that I knew where I might find HIM, that I might present my case before HIM and HE would take note of me.</i>	Job 23:2 Job 23: 6			
	Job takes it for granted that GOD is near by, alive and listening and reprimands this 3 friends to be careful of what they say, because GOD is listening and will hold them accountable.				
	<i>I would speak to the ALMIGHTY, and I desire to reason with GOD but you are forgers of lies. You are all worthless physicians. GOD will surely reprove you!</i>	Job 13: 3 -12			
Illustration	Our DADDY , who lives in Heaven!	Luke 11: 2			
	JESUS , when HIS disciples ask how to pray to GOD , teaches them to say				
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in HEAVEN					
	then we get another viewpoint of this great, wonderful FATHER!!!!	Luke 15: 11			
	JESUS tells the story of a FATHER who is waiting for his youngest son to return. The character of the FATHER is the "KEY" to my example for Job's 3 friends.				
	THE FATHER was constantly watching the road for a sign of his return THE FATHER was patiently waiting for his son, a very long time THE FATHER upon seeing his sons familiar gate had compassion on him				
notice	THE FATHER ran..ran (not a reluctant saunter) but...ran...to meet his wayward son THE FATHER fell on the son's neck THE FATHER kissed him				
	Though the son asked for forgiveness, and asked not to be called his son				
	THE FATHER, asked for the best robe to be placed on HIS son THE FATHER, asked for sandals to be put on HIS sons feet THE FATHER, asked for a ring to be placed on HIS son's finger THE FATHER, asked for a huge party to be set out THE FATHER, asked for everyone to be merry				
	FOR "this MY SON was dead, and is alive again, and MY son was lost, and is found!"				
This is the	FATHER , ...Job knows personally! and Job is trying his hardest to convey this to his friends but they have another "spirit" in them, and have not tasted this joy.				
Do you take	'the time; to get to know the FATHER ?				
for by	JESUS all things were created,..visible or invisible...for HIM and through HIM !	Colossians 1:16			

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Devotional	If I die, will I live?	DAY 38 March 22nd
	JESUS/GOD created you, for eternal life!	Monday
	Beginning to speak after 7 days of silence, (chapter 3) Job wishes he were dead. Grief is setting in. It takes about 7 days for you to realize what has happened and though you wish it would change, reality has a knife at your throat. It is sharp!	Job 3: 11
	Eliphaz makes sure Job gets the message, that we are made of dust and like a moth we are crushed...broken ...we perish forever.	Job 4: 19
	sounds like satan talking : = putting words in Eliphaz mouth	Job 2: 5
	The apostle Paul uses the argument before the Sanhedrin, that after we die we are resurrected putting a division between the Sadducees and the Pharisees	Acts 23: 6 - 8
	concerning the hope and the resurrection of the dead, I am being judged!	
Illustration	Talitha cumi which is translated, Little girl, I say to you arise!	Mark 5: 41
	JESUS answers Job's question	
1	The ruler of the Synagogue is told by his servants that his daughter is dead and not to trouble THE TEACHER , any longer. (NOTICE: This is a key official of the local ruling elite!) Arriving at the house, HE tells the mourners that the child is only sleeping, and "they laugh HIM to scorn." HE takes in the girl's parents plus, Peter James and John, then heals the girl.	
	JESUS is able to raise the dead	
2	JESUS , raises a dead boy from the coffin, and a 'fear' comes over the crowd	Lk 7: 14
3	The Sadducees ask JESUS about the resurrection if a woman had seven husbands? JESUS , tells them they are clueless about the scriptures or the power of GOD! <i>...concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the burning bush passage how GOD spoke to Moses saying, " I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB! HE is not the GOD of the dead but the GOD of the living!!!!</i>	Mk 12: 18 - 27
	JESUS said "the dead are alive.!	
4	JESUS raises Lazarus from the dead, after 3 days in the tomb.	John 11
	JESUS said: "I AM... the Resurrection and the Life"	John 11: 25
5	JESUS tells the thief, he will be in paradise today, with HIM!	Luke 23: 43
	JESUS has the right to determine who goes to Paradise!	
6	JESUS raises himself from the cross, after being pronounced dead by the guards. The BIBLE also teaches that GOD and the HOLY SPIRIT take credit for this as well.	
	GOD GOD raised JESUS from the dead.	1 Cor 6: 14
	JESUS JESUS said: "He raised Himself from the dead.	John 2: 19
	SPIRIT The HOLY SPIRIT claims the resurrection of JESUS is also HIS!	Rom 8: 11
	If CHRIST did not rise from the dead we have a foolish faith!	1 Cor 15: 12 -19
	We are raised to EVERLASTING LIFE!!!	John 6: 40
	JESUS is before all things and in HIM all things exist!	Colossians 1: 17

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Devotional		What is 'Man'?	DAY 39 March 23rd
	JESUS/GOD 'cares' !	Does a person have any value?	Tuesday
	In the Book of Job, the three friends keep reminding Job that he is made of dirt!		
	satan is of the opinion that a mortal of dirt, has no stature before GOD		
	and satan, even get's Job's wife to tell Job just to give up, and die, but before you roll over, make sure you "curse" GOD , another word game of the evil one.		Job 2: 9
	Remember satan is the most glorious of created beings, and has taken it to heart.		
	pride has overtaken him, and telling lies is his nature		
	the three friends in their questions push the statement, that a mere human has no value		
	<i>Can a man be profitable to GOD?</i>		Job 22: 2
	and so it becomes our question		
	DO WE HAVE VALUE TO GOD?		
Illustration	JESUS answers the question by HIS WORDS and HIS ACTIONS		
	1 we are worth more than sparrows		
	<i>Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap, nor gather into barns yet YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER feeds them, are you not of more value than they?</i>		Mt 6: 26
	2 seeks out the 1 lost sheep, and greatly rejoices at it's finding!		Mt 18: 10
	<i>If a man has a 100 sheep, and 1 of them goes astray does he not leave the 99, and go to seek the 1 that went astray?</i>		Lk 15: 1- 7
	3 makes a special trip across the sea to heal a man possessed by a legion of demons		
	<i>JESUS said, Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things THE LORD has done for you and how HE had compassion on you!</i>		
	4 makes a special trip through Samaria to meet a woman at a famous well		John 4:10
	<i>If you knew the gift of GOD, and who it is that says to you, Give me a drink, you would have asked HIM, and HE would have given you "LIVING WATER".</i>		
	yes!	GOD has a deep interest in you, because HE created you to live forever with HIM!	
	but	you a choice!	
		Job chose to follow, obey and worship!	
JESUS is the head of the church, the first born from the dead			Colossians 1: 17

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Devotional	Why do the wicked prosper?	DAY 40 March 24th
GOD always seeks to bless the righteous!		Wednesday
Had the good LORD made us robots, this would not be a question! however HE made us in HIS IMAGE .		
free choices are tough / yet we need to release our children to experience choices discernment is learned through mistakes / an open flame burns your hand and face Love given freely to others is not always accepted and then thwarted by them those whom you have most sacrificially helped, turn to spit in your face however GOD is always faithful GOD always answers your prayers GOD has a sense of humour, in that HE created us with lumps and bumps		
<i>For the EYES OF THE LORD, run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show HIMSELF strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to HIM</i>		2 Chron 16: 9
<i>For I know the thoughts I think toward you, says THE LORD thoughts of Peace, and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.</i>		Jer 29: 11
<i>For the eyes of THE LORD are on the righteous, and HIS EARS are open to their prayers But the FACE OF THE LORD is against those who do evil.</i>		1 Peter 3: 12 Psalm 34: 15
the rain falls on the just and on the unjust		
Illustration	JESUS answers the question.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	wait till the harvest	Mt 13: 27
<i>so the servants said to the OWNER, SIR , Did we not plant good seed in your field, how then does it have (tares)weeds? so the OWNER, said to them An enemy has done this. so the servants said to the OWNER, Do YOU, want us to go and gather up the weeds? so the OWNER, said to them No, lest while you gather up the weeds, you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together, until the Harvest, and at that time I will say to the reapers First gather together the weeds, and bind them in bundles to burn them then gather the wheat into MY BARN.</i>		
in JESUS dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.		Colossians 2: 9 Colosians 1: 19

Devotional	Will I see GOD?	Job 19: 26	DAY 41 March 25th Thursday
<p>JESUS, said: <i>Your FATHER, Abraham, rejoiced to see MY DAY. and he saw it, and was glad.</i></p>			Jn 8: 56
<p>then the Jews said, YOU are not yet 50 years old, and YOU have you seen Abraham?</p>			
<p>JESUS said, MOST ASSUREDLY! <i>before Abraham was, I AM!</i></p>			
<p>then they took up stones to throw at HIM</p>			
<p>so they are angry because JESUS claims to be GOD! Don't let religious junk talkers say "JESUS", never claimed to be GOD!</p>			
Illustration	JESUS answers the question.		
1	disciple Philip's statement: LORD , show us the FATHER , and it is sufficient for us! <i>Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known ME? HE who has seen ME, has seen the FATHER! Do you not believe that I am in the FATHER, and the FATHER is in ME?</i>		John 14: 8
2	the Pharisee, Nicodemous <i>For GOD did not send HIS SON into the world to condemn the world but that the world through HIM, might be saved.</i>		John 3: 17
3	the seeker Zaccheaus is brought into the KINGDOM <i>Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down for today I must stay at your home!</i>		Luke 19
4	the thief on the cross <i>Assuredly I say to you, today you will be with ME in Paradise.</i>		Luke 23: 43
	JESUS reconciles all things to HIMSELF!		Colossians 1: 20

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Devotional	Is there profit in prayer?					DAY 42 March 26th
	GOD 'always' hears!					Friday
	GOD 'always' answers!					
	GOD 'always' rewards faith and obedience!					
	<i>For THE LORD, knows the way of the righteous!</i>					Psalm 1: 6
	<i>LORD, YOU have heard the desire of the humble, YOU will prepare their heart, YOU will cause YOUR EAR to hear</i>					Psalm 10: 17
	<i>For without FAITH, it is impossible to please GOD, for he who comes to GOD, must believe that HE is, and that HE is a rewarder of those who diligently seek HIM.</i>					Hebrews 11: 6
Illustration	JESUS answers the question.					
1	YES!	<i>But when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut the door, pray to your FATHER, who is in a secret place, and your FATHER, who sees in secret will reward you openly</i>				Mt 6: 5
2	to Cornelius, the Centurian, JESUS says the following:					Acts 10: 4
	<i>Your prayers and your alms have come up as a memorial before GOD Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea He will tell you what you must do.</i>					
	of interest: the answer has a lot of detailed information, to give Cornelius Peace! meanwhile, THE LORD , is working on Peter's heart and the end result: THE HOLY SPIRIT falls on the gentiles!!!!					Trinity
	is there profit in prayer?					
	yes	yes	yes	yes & yes	yes	yes!
	yes	yes	yes	yes & yes	yes	yes
	yes	yes	yes	yes & yes	yes	yes
	JESUS made PEACE through the blood of HIS CROSS.					Colossians 1: 20