

# Monthly Memory Verse - August 2010

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# Publisher & Author Message

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**August 2010**

**Message from the publisher and author**

## *Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes*

Dale's Notes are provided as an encouragement to study the context from where the monthly memory verse was selected. It's my desire to provide some background information and practical understanding of some things, which I see within my own study of God's word. It's my hope through reading the notes; you will desire to study God's word in more detail.

Dale's Notes are only a layman's attempt to share the good news of our savior Jesus Christ through a monthly memory verse and the study of God's word in our daily walk with the Lord.

Brother in Jesus Christ,

Dale ☺

Dale A. Kaye

## *Message:*

I'm truly grateful for my brother Bill Ragle, He has brought joy to my face with his response to help me with names of Christian men for our Bio –Glance. God does send help and he brings it with joy. Here is my Joy, when I read these words.

>Dale,

>A modern day puritan and preacher was Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. Have you done John Bunyan or John Gill or Benjamin Keech?

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>In Christ,

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>Bill Ragle

Well, you don't get that in your email everyday and upon my response he return another list of five more modern, godly men of faith! Now that Rocks!!!!

## *Prayer request:*

**Continue to pray** with me in asking God for help to provide a consistent format for the Men's Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes. I continue to ask your prayers and encouragement to serve in this way through email and site hosting. Please, remember my family as we truly make changes to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you,

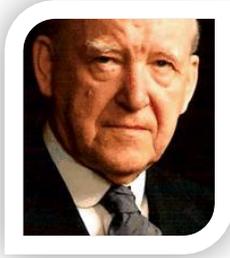
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# Quick Bio-glance

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## August

### *Quick Bio-glance:*



#### **Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones**

20 December 1899 – 1 March 1981

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martyn\\_Lloyd-Jones](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martyn_Lloyd-Jones)

“**David Martyn Lloyd-Jones** (20 December 1899 – 1 March 1981) was a Welsh Protestant minister and preacher who was influential in the Reformed wing of the British evangelical movement in the 20th century. For almost 30 years, he was the minister of Westminster Chapel in London. Lloyd-Jones was strongly opposed to the liberal theology that had become a part of many Christian denominations, regarding it as aberrant. He disagreed with the broad church approach and encouraged evangelical Christians (particularly Anglicans) to leave their existing denominations, taking the view that true Christian fellowship was only possible amongst those who shared common convictions regarding the nature of the faith.”

#### **Early life and ministry**

Lloyd-Jones was born in Cardiff and raised in Llangeitho, Ceredigion. Llangeitho is associated with the Welsh Methodist revival, as it was the location of Daniel Rowland's ministry. Attending a London grammar school between 1914 and 1917 and then St Bartholomew's Hospital as a medical student, in 1921 he started work as assistant to the Royal Physician, Sir Thomas Horder. After struggling for two years over what he sensed was a calling to preach, in 1927 Lloyd-Jones returned to Wales, having married Bethan Phillips (with whom he later had two children, Elizabeth and Ann), accepting an invitation to minister at a church in Aberavon (Port Talbot).

#### **Sir Fred Catherwood writes concerning Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones**

<http://www.mlj.org.uk/mlj.nsf/pg/mljbio?opendocument>

“In his approach to the work of the pulpit Dr. Lloyd-Jones did not follow Spurgeon. He believed in working steadily through a book of the Bible, taking a verse or part of a verse at a time, showing what it taught, how that fitted into teaching on the subject elsewhere in the Bible, how the whole teaching was relevant to the problems of our own day and how the Christian position contrasted with currently fashionable views.”

### *Theology term:*

#### **Presuppositionalism**

Presuppositionalism is a method defense of the gospel which mandates that we first presuppose or assume that Christianity is true. This doctrine is that Christianity must be presupposed as true first, or man cannot discover it's riches or understand the meaning of Life

<http://www.mountainretreatorg.net/faq/glossary.html#presuppositionalism>

**Memory verse for the month: August 2010 (ESV)**

Dale's Notes

Read: John 8:7 (ESV)

**August - Part I**

*John 8:7 And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her."*

***"And as they continued to ask him..."***

We start our study by introducing events which occurred in chapter 7. The enemies of Jesus Christ [Religious rulers] pursued him from one day to the next. After their attacks failed a day earlier in Chapter 7 all went to their homes (ESV John 7:53 "They went each to his own house,"). But they went to their homes to conspire, plot against the Christ, the Lord's anointed. It reminds me of Psalms 2.

**Psa 2:1** Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

**Psa 2:2** The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

**Psa 2:3** "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

**Psa 2:4** He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

**Psa 2:5** Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

**Psa 2:6** "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

**Psa 2:7** I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Well, how do we know they went home to plot, conspire, and to entrap our savior? We must look at the way the events are unfolding. When reading the two chapters together you see and feel the pressure of the events as to what was said and done by our Lord's accusers. You become fully aware of the vicious nature of His accusers and the character assassination, to discredit, malign, entrap and destroy our wonderful Savior!

At the beginning of chapter 7, Apostle John lets us know the heat was on Jesus, in-so-much, he could not walk about Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill him. It's not a small thing to hunt someone down to kill him but GOD, the Messiah!

**John tells us of the rulers actions to seek the death of the Lord's Anoint, the Christ:**

**Joh 7:1** After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him.

**And then John tells us of some of the people's consideration of Jesus Christ at the feast:**

**Joh 7:25** Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill?"

**Joh 7:26** And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ?

**And finally, John tells us of the Pharisees and rulers sending officers to arrest him but they could not.**

**Joh 7:32** The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.

## John Gill's Exposition of the entire Bible

“**and the Pharisees, and the chief priests, sent officers to take him:** and bring him before the Sanhedrim, by them to be condemned, and so a stop be put to the people's receiving him, and believing in him as the Messiah; fearing, that should things go on at this rate, their principles and practices would be rejected, and their persons and authority be brought into contempt.”

You see, there was an argument in silence [privacy] that broke out throughout the feast, regarding Jesus with who he said he was and whom men believed him to be. When men don't know what to believe they fear and when men know the truth they fear to stand alone! [They lack faith to obey God!] People were afraid of their religious rulers because their leadership was though oppression, not in the love of God being demonstrated right before their eyes in the Messiah.

The words our Savior spoke had such power and grace it was irrefutable, it demolished the current religious status. Jesus Christ smashed their current understanding of Moses and the keeping of the law. He blasted their mind with the living word of God and gave evident through miraculous works as to who he is. It was undeniable, it could not be hid, and it was a fire from Heaven that could not be put out by the hands of men. He [Jesus Christ] is the consuming fire of God, either unto men's hearts made righteous to the glory of God or wicked men plunged into the fire of judgment by the Justice of God!

### Hear the word of the Lord from John the Baptist!

**Mat 3:8** Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

**Mat 3:9** And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

**Mat 3:10** Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

**Mat 3:11** "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is **mightier** than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

**Mat 3:12** His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

They could do nothing! John tells us; His [Jesus Christ] time had not yet come, so at the end of the day they went home with contempt in their hearts being unable to arrest Him.

**Joh 7:30** So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.

### *Appointed once to die*

Look at the control of the situation, the scriptures teach they could do nothing because they were on God's time table, not men's. Oh, you may think to yourself today, you are on your own time, as Christ said to his own brothers in chapter 7 (*but your time is always here*) but be fully assured every man will give an account to Him [Jesus Christ], who judges righteously, at his appointed time!

**Heb 9:27** And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

### *Robertson's Word Picture*

**Heb 9:27**

**It is appointed** (*apokeitai*). Present middle (or passive) of *apokeimai*, "is laid away" for men. Cf. same verb in [Luk 19:20](#); [Col 1:5](#); [2Ti 4:8](#) (Paul's crown).

**Once to die** (*hapax apothanein*). Once for all to die, as once for all to live here. No reincarnation here.

**After this cometh judgment** (*meta touto krisis*). Death is not all. Man has to meet Christ as Judge as Jesus himself graphically pictures (Matt 25:31-46; [Joh 5:25-29](#)).

### *Contempt for our Savior*

What you find coming into chapter 8 is Jesus returning to mount Olivet for a night's rests, before setting out again to the temple in the morning. Between the two chapters we are in the middle of a great feast for the Jews; so the temple is load, filled with people from all over!

It's this scene, under this pressure; our savior put forth His argument as to who sent him and who he is. But before we dive off into the conflict; the feasts of Booths was a symbol, memorial given by God to Moses as a reminder of the great salvation and redemption He [God] had accomplished for them [Israel]! They [Israel] knew their wondering and the living in tents with God, before the LORD brought them into the land of promise, so they rejoiced each year in the month of September with gratefulness to Him.

It's the next day, chapter 8 and Jesus is teaching, yep! In the temple, right in their face, and why not! Did he not say it was His Father's House and he must be about His Father's business, at the age of twelve? Yes. After all who's house is it anyway, so the people came to the temple [God's House] to be taught by the Son of GOD!

**Luk 2:49** And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

### *The event*

It was at God's House our event takes place, right in the middle of a church session. Jesus had sat down and was teaching the people which came to him that morning. Then a woman ripped from her bed of adultery, was singled out and thrown into the conflict between Jesus and the rulers [scribes and the Pharisees] to be used as a weapon for entrapment to accuse our savior. Just when you think they [Scribes and Pharisees] couldn't sink any lower, you find the sinfulness of man has no bounds within a wicked heart. Brace yourselves, it's Sunday morning and church is in session and the preacher is teaching and bam!!! There it is!!! Leadership at its finest, moves in with the scribes of the law and the Pharisees continue what they left off yesterday! They're loud, they were demanding [*insistent*], they were condemning, and no one had better stand in their way! It was this type of attitude and behavior that brandished itself in the house of God that morning. It is amazing to me; our savior said very little to put everything back in order but what he said slays the hearts of men, women and children to this very day, from the oldest to the youngest!

They pressed Him [Christ] in the presence of all for an answer to their questioning. You pick up a sense of anger from their speech coupled with the women undone in her sin seeming to be their line of questioning but silence comes from Son of God as though he heard them not, as He stoops down to write on the ground.

You see they [Scribes and Pharisees] came to God about a legal matter with regards to someone else's sin and used her sin to try and entrap the Savior to speak against Moses and the authorities of His day. They came with legal jargon of men's understanding and hatred for the work of Christ "to save that which is lost".

Luk. 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Joh. 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

They [Scribes and Pharisees] already had their prey, their bate dangling from the lion's mouth, exposing their self righteousness by the woman, taken from the bed of adultery. The line of questioning was meant to bring about a rash, foolish answer with either the throwing of stones unto the death penalty which would condemn that person's answer to the Roman authorities or the refusal to adhere to the standard put forth by Moses to stone (*it seems stoning was the preferred method at the time of Christ to put to death the two people caught in adultery*). What they didn't understand was the issue was never about this woman's sin, of whom they [Scribes and Pharisees] already condemned, so out of quietness Jesus arose to the challenge and answered His accusers and they were convicted. They were condemned of themselves, within themselves, for their own sin, for their own wickedness. They were all exposed as sinners, naked, undone, just like this woman whom they dragged into the temple [the House of God]. They went away in silence with their guilt and shame from the oldest to the youngest, knowing God was displeased with them!

*"Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her."*

O' they never thought they were to be condemned (*of themselves -convicted*), put to silence and humiliated as sinners. They were so much better, above and beyond; after all, by men's standards they were righteous, blameless. Listen to Paul, as he wrote about his religious perception before his conversion on the road to Damascus.

He [Paul] was:

**Php 3:5** circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;

**Php 3:6** as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Wow, Paul said he was blameless, no sin, in perfect standing before God, righteous under the law of God but if you read the rest of Philippians, Paul counted all this as refuse, rubbish, waste, as nothing to have Jesus Christ. He [Paul] did not want his own righteousness according to the law but wanted the righteousness of Jesus Christ which came by faith (*Php 3:5-9*). After Paul received Christ, he calls himself the chief of sinners (*1Ti 1:15*), what a change in one's self perception!

So, they [The Accusers of Christ] did what every dog does when beat down, they went away licking their wounded conscience from the revealing word of God.

*Praise God for His mercy, for His mercy endures forever!*

Jesus ripped the lamb right out of the mouths of lions, He set the captive free and what was set for cords of judgment was let loose to go and sin no more.

So wonderful, so amazing, so powerful, so revealing, such great mercy is the wisdom and the power of God. Jesus did not leave this woman's judgment to sinful men but squarely place it upon himself.

Joh. 8:10 Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" 11.) She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "**Neither do I condemn you;** go, and from now on sin no more

When it comes to the final judgment of all things it doesn't matter what others say about you but GOD! Be careful with the importance you give men and not give attention to what God has already said regarding you and your sin. She wasn't free to do as she pleased even though judgment wasn't pronounced [*in that matter*] but the command came "Go and sin no more".

Has God set you free from His mighty judgment through his only son but yet, you pursue sin? Why? The command is Go and Sin No More, in light of the great mercy He has shown today! Reject not the message [the gospel] of His Son to pardon you of your sin but pursue him [Jesus Christ] in righteousness in all of life. Unless you find yourself like those who walked away from the grace of God, in their own guilt of sin and failed to repent.

### *Prayer*

O' Lord, have mercy on us sinners and grant grace for us to see our weakness in light of your holy child Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us to lay aside our hypocrisy and forgive us; so we may go and sin no more. Bring your truth to our minds and quicken us in your Spirit to be light in our generation, while there is time for us to walk. Refresh us in honesty and remove our lying lips even our wicked thoughts so we can speak your truth.

Amen

## August - Part II

*John 8:7 And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her."*

*"Let him who is without sin among you..."*

I'm not going to let you get off that easy and move on from these wonderful words. You remember in part one, the Scribes and the Pharisees pressed Him [Jesus Christ] for answer with regards to the women caught in adultery. Well, they got their answer and once they heard it, their hearts were troubled upon receiving it, and they went away convicted, guilty in their own sin!

Let's examine our Savior's answer. There's no doubt in our minds when hearing these words no one qualifies to throw a stone, because it reads: "Let him who is without sin among you..." Now there's a standard men cannot meet but One, and though He had the right to judge He did not! How can you not be guilty when you hear the power of these words? No man can stand in the wake of them. They flood the conscience of all men everywhere, for all have sinned and all have fallen short of the glory of God, all have sinned, there is none righteous no not one (*Rom 3:10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;"*)! O' be careful how you response to this statement unless you condemn yourself to the One who has the right to throw the stone, the stone of Judgment! I think of another description found in Romans describing our savior's accusers: **Rom 3:14** "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."

Remember, this is not just the answer of a carpenter's son but the answer of God to those who would oppose the Lord to his face! None righteous, no, not one! That says it all with regards to men's standing before Him [God] but it's the mercy of God and the grace of God men need. And it's His Grace and His mercy on display in Jesus Christ to these vipers and those that would be saved. Do you want to see how a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, look here! It only took a word and those who were condemn walked away in the guilt of their sin and the one who was accused of sin was set free to sin no more. Now that blows your mind! Yes, it happened!

Don't be weak in understanding with what just took place; there is not a man born on the planet which can separate the sin from the sinner but Jesus Christ, the Son of God! He knows how to separate the sheep and goats and the sin from sinner.

**Mat 3:12** His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Jesus spoke like no other! Do you remember chapter 7, what was said of those when they came to arrest him and giving their reason for not arresting him?

**Joh 7:45** The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?"

**Joh 7:46** The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!"

Understand this: the word of God is quick (*"living" - some versions*) and powerful (*active, operative, effectual*)!

The idea is God's word is moving, ongoing, always active bring about His [God's] will, to awaken dead men in their conscience from the deepest parts of their makeup, concerning His coming judgment! The sharpness of God's word divides where men could not possibly see or touch; leaving them completely exposed in his presence.

**Heb 4:12** For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**Heb 4:13** Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

If we are going to talk about stone throwing let's talk about the one who is the living stone, the corner stone, the rock of offence. In Matthew 21 and Luke 20 records another account when these accusers wanted to lay their hands on our savior after hearing his words but they could not!

**Luk 20:17** But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?"

**Luk 20:18** Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

**Luk 20:19** The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people.

You see, Jesus speaks directly to his accusers and confronts them with their sin. The words which went out of our savior's mouth were piercing to the whole of man, their whole being; their entire person was guilty, nowhere to hide. Going forward in chapter 8 you will find our savior Jesus Christ tell them [his accusers] His words have no place in them. He further clarifies they cannot hear God because they are not of God.

- Joh 8:37 **I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you.**
- Joh 8:43 **Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word.**
- Joh 8:47 **He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of God.**

John the Apostle tells us the same thing in his admonition in 1John 4.

**1Jn 4:5** They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them.

**1Jn 4:6** We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

I'm going to close with this: have you heard? Can you see? Many times throughout the gospels we read "He that hath an ear, let them hear". Matter of fact 16 times it's said in the New Testament; all the way to the end of the book of Revelation. There is a call for men to hear and flee the coming wrath of God. Our message has not changed from that of Christ's, "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand." We call all men, everywhere to repent and receive the salvation of God through Jesus Christ our Savior. For we know God has appoint a day, a Day of Judgment in which he will judge the world.

**Act 17:30** The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

**Act 17:31** because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Trust Him [Jesus Christ] who set the sinner free to go and sin no more. Trust him, who forgives and separates the sin from the sinner, through His own shed blood. Be not slow to the command of God's gospel to depart from your

sin and come to Christ to forgive your ungodly deeds through repentance in faith, in Him alone. Make no excuse, when you are out of the way and run to Him for his wonderful mercy and grace. Don't reject God with whom he has provided and don't refuse him who can only deliver.

### *Prayer*

O' Jesus, Lord thank you for the freedom you give us both from sin and in service. Forgive us for not taking advantage of the goodness provided each day to glorify your name. How wonderful it is Lord to have your Holy Spirit and your word to obey. Make in us a right heart filled with passion to not depart from your truth. Now Holy Father, refresh us in your grace in these things and lay a cord of restrain upon us to keep us clean. Have mercy O' God, and fill us with your unspeakable joy as we look for your coming.

Amen