



Monthly Memory Verse April 2012

Psa 48:1-2 A Song. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

Publisher & Author Message

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Message from the publisher and author

Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes

Dale's Notes are provided to be used 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:

Thank you Lord Jesus, for carrying me these last several months: I could not make without your wonderful grace. There is great joy in finding out my weakness but you are truly strong. Thank you my Holy Lord for holding me to your holy standard that I may find your forgiveness through a life of grace.

Prayer request:

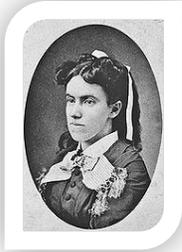
I ask your help again in the grammar and the proofing of the monthly publication. Please continue to pray with me in asking God for help to provide a consistent format for the Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes. I ask your continued prayers to serve in this way and remember my family as we walk to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you,
Dale

Quick Bio-glance

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Charlotte Digges "Lottie" Moon

(December 12, 1840 – December 24, 1912), was a [Southern Baptist missionary](#) to [China](#) with the [Foreign Mission Board](#) who spent nearly forty years (1873–1912) living and working in China. As a teacher and evangelist she laid a foundation for traditionally solid support for missions among Baptists in America.

Virginia plantation roots: Moon was born to affluent parents who were staunch Baptists, Anna Maria Barclay and Edward Harris Moon. She grew up (to her full height of 4 feet 3 inches (1.30 m), Lottie was fourth in a family of five girls and two boys. Lottie was only thirteen when her father died in a riverboat accident. Lottie at age fourteen went to school at the Baptist-affiliated Virginia Female Seminary (high school, later Hollins Institute) and Albemarle Female Institute in [Charlottesville](#), Virginia. In

1861 Moon received one of the first Master of Arts degrees awarded to a woman by a southern institution. She spoke numerous languages: [Latin](#), [Greek](#), [French](#), [Italian](#) and [Spanish](#). She was also fluent in reading [Hebrew](#). Later, she would become expert at [Chinese](#).

Early years in China (1873-1885): Lottie joined her sister Edmonia at the North China Mission Station in the treaty port of [Dengzhou](#), and began her ministry by teaching in a boys school. (Edmonia had to return home a short time later for health reasons.) While accompanying some of the seasoned missionary wives on "country visits" to outlying villages, Lottie discovered her passion: direct evangelism. Most mission work at that time was done by married men, but the wives of China missionaries [Tarleton Perry Crawford](#) and Landrum Holmes had discovered an important reality: Only women could reach Chinese women.

Expanded work (1885-1894): In 1885, at the age of 45, Moon moved into the interior to evangelize full-time in the areas of P'ingtu and Hwangshien. Her converts numbered in the hundreds. Moon's letters and articles poignantly described the life of a missionary and pleaded the "desperate need" for more missionaries. She encouraged Southern Baptist women to organize mission societies to help support additional missionary candidates. In 1887, Moon wrote to the *Foreign Mission Journal* and proposed the week before Christmas be a time of giving to foreign missions

War, conflict and scarcity (1894-1912): Moon faced plague, famine, revolution, and war. The [First Sino-Japanese War](#) (1894), the [Boxer Rebellion](#) (1900) and the [Chinese Nationalist](#) uprising (which overthrew the [Qing Dynasty](#) in 1911) Moon returned from her second furlough in 1904, and was deeply struck by the suffering of the people who were starving to death. She pleaded for money and resources but the mission board was in debt and could send nothing. Mission salaries were voluntarily cut. Moon shared her personal finances and food with all in need, severely affecting her physical and mental health. In 1912, she weighed 50 pounds and fellow missionaries arranged for her to be sent back to the United States with a companion. However, Moon died in route, at the age of 72, on December 24, 1912, in the harbor of [Kobe](#), [Japan](#).

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lottie_Moon

Theology Term

Theonomy

Theonomy is from the Greek [*theos*] meaning God, and [*nomos*] meaning law. It simply means, God's law. The term is often thought of as difficult to define because it means so many different things to so many people. However, in general, it is understood as taking on a narrower connotation. It is basically understood today as holding that God's moral Laws of the Old Testament have a continuity, and are thus still binding today. As such, it is thus presumed to be authoritative over all areas of life, including politics

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

Dale's Notes

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Part II

Read Psalms 48:1-2: (KJV)

A Song and Psalm for the sons of Korah. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

Looking forward in hope

I'm excited to hear some of you were thinking ahead. You cannot read this psalm without thoughts of our future destination, our new heavenly home (*John 14:1-3 – Which Christ is preparing*)! The heavenly city New Jerusalem (*“Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven...”*); such as we find in the letter to the Hebrews saying, *“Heb 12:22 But you have drawn near Mount Zion, even the city of the living God, to a heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, and to a gathering, an assembly of the first-born ones having been enrolled in Heaven; and to God the Judge of all, and to spirits of just ones who have been perfected;”*!

Nor can we just park on that thought alone but the verse [Heb. 12:22] also point us forward to a time when the Lord Jesus Christ himself will gather those who belong to him, at the sound of the trumpet and the voice of the archangel. We have a picture of this that shadows the future event to come, when the dead in Christ will rise first and we who are alive shall be caught up unto the Lord and ever be!

“1Th 4:16-18 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

Also, I'm speaking of the comparison of Mount Sinai (*Heb 12:18-24; Exo 19:12; Exo 19:18; Psa 68:8*), for there too was the sound of the trumpet at the Lord's presence but then it was a sound of great fear and trembling and fearful expectation on the people! But not so here, as we can see the writer of the psalms and the writer of the letter to Hebrews denote the city of Great Joy (*“the joy of all the earth” you see we have not come to the mount of fearful dread but to the mount of great joy with the gathering of its heavenly citizens and their glorious God!*)

The Comparison

These two passages [Psa 48:1-2 and Heb 12:22] ride alone as a bicycle built for two; the front-seat leading the way, proclaiming the glorious truth of God and the other calling out in confirmation with further revelation of the truth, already declared from old! They call out “the heavenly city of God” and explain its existence to be the place of God's dwelling but not only His but the dwelling place of myriads of angels, some translations say “innumerable” in count. But the verse doesn't stop there: it builds the platform for those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, to the Judge of all, and the spirits of just ones made perfected before God!

John Gill's

Exposition of the Entire Bible to a great and high mountain; to such an one was Ezekiel brought in the visions of God, when the frame of a city and temple was shown him, with their dimensions, [Eze 40:2](#) as here a city is shown to John, with its wall, gates, foundations, and their measures: and he was brought to such a place, partly that he might have the more plain and full view of it; and partly to suggest unto him, that now the church of Christ was established upon the top of the mountains, and exalted above the hills, and was a city on a hill, which could not be hid, [Isa 2:2](#).

John Gill's

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 Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city,....
 The same with the beloved city in Rev 20:9 the church of God: sometimes the church militant is called a city, of which the saints are now fellow citizens, governed by wholesome laws, and enjoying many privileges; but here the general assembly and church of the firstborn, or all the elect of God, are intended, the whole body and society of them, being as a city, compact together; called holy, not only because set apart to holiness by God the Father, and their sins expiated by the blood of Christ, or because he is made sanctification to them, or because internally sanctified by the Spirit of God, which now is but in part; but because they will be perfectly holy in themselves, without the being of sin in them, or any spot of it on them: and John, for the more strong ascertaining the truth of this vision, expresses his name, who saw it, to whom God sent his angel, and signified to him by these Apocalyptic visions what should be hereafter; ...

Comparing the two passages

When we sandwich Psa 48:1-2 and Heb 12:22 together and compare the agreements of these two passages we find similar qualities and harmonies between the two writers. Let's make two lists, which the writers have put together like a word picture, helping us to grab hold of the truths of God. Our goal here is not to translate but see the similarities between the two passages. Thus by comparing the two we learn something about God, the people of God and the Holy City of God. *No homework I promise.*

Two Lists**Psa 48:1-2 - the Psalmist**

- 1.) The city of our God
- 2.) In the mountain of his holiness
- 3.) Beautiful for situation
- 4.) The joy of the whole earth,
- 5.) Is Mount Zion, on the side of the north
- 6.) The city of the Great King

Heb 12:22 - the Writer

- 1.) You have drawn near to "Mount Zion"
- 2.) the city of the living God
- 3.) to a heavenly Jerusalem
- 4.) to myriads of angels,
- 5.) and to a gathering,
- 6.) an assembly of the first-born ones having been enrolled in Heaven;
- 7.) and to God the Judge of all,
- 8.) and to spirits of just ones who have been perfected;

A quick look at the two lists tells us something of this city and to whom it belongs! It belongs to God himself and His [God's] people! His [God's] citizens in which He has called unto Himself!

The City

How do we know all this? The Psalmist describes the city as "the city of our GOD" and the pronoun here shows belonging, ownership as to who's God and whose city. They belong to GOD and God belong to them. I have to stop and say, it's such a great joy to have belonging with God! Let that set in your mind for a minute! Do you have belonging with the Lord Jesus Christ? It's a two ways street here, God has given himself and His city to them [His people] and they have given themselves to Him (that is regarding their wills, hearts and lives)! This is all they can offer. Why? Because overall He [God] owns them, He is the one who has taken them unto himself through the work of redemption, which is the cause of their great joy and praise of Him! The similarity found in the letter of Hebrews is "the city of the living God". Whose city is it? The city of the living God, He is the God of the living for He himself lives forever. He is the eternal, self-existing one! All other things are created, exist and continue to exist because of Him [The Lord]! So this city belongs to the living [active, breathing, alive, working, laboring and engaged] God and His people (He is the God of the living and not the dead, speaking of the people of God -Mark 12:27)!

Albert Barnes

Notes on the Bible

Habakkuk 1:13

Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil - The prophet repeats his complaint (as troubling thoughts are accustomed to come back, after they have been repelled,) in order to answer it more strongly. All sin is hateful in God's sight, and in His Holy Wisdom He cannot endure to "look toward iniquity." As man turns away from sickening sights, so God's abhorrence of wrong is pictured by His not being able to "look toward it." If He looked toward them, they must perish [Psa 104:32](#). Light cannot co-exist with darkness, fire with water, heat with cold, deformity with beauty, foulness with sweetness, nor is sin compatible with the Presence of God, except as its Judge and punisher. Thou canst not look. There is an entire contradiction between God and unholiness.

The Holy City

Looking at the lists, we already established who owns the city but now we turn to notice another attribute of the City. It's a holy place (*not figuratively but literally, nor are we talking about an intellectual concept of man's mind of true holiness. It's unique and stands alone, for it finds its origin and explanation in God*), a place of righteousness, purity, perfection! This term relates to the inhabitation of the city. It's a holy city because God dwells there, "Hab 1:13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil... *(Side reference)*" We read from the Psalmist "in the mountain of His holiness" which describes God and His city. It's his mountain and His holiness. We also see this is true of the citizens, for the Hebrew writer defines the people of God as "spirits of just ones who have been perfected", thus speaking of the work of Christ to purge them of their sins and to be found standing in holiness received through grace. We must read further on in Hebrews to find the **One** who made them perfected and that is Jesus Christ (*Heb 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.*)!

Conclusion

Well, I'm going to conclude here but joy should be an obvious and self-evident characteristic in your life should you have this hope in you! Jesus brings great joy to those who have come to know him by the promises he has made to those which are his. What greater gift is there then to be washed in blood of our savior and truly cleansed of all our sins? "Rejoice in the Lord and again I say rejoice!"

Come to Jesus; come to Jesus Christ, if you have not given all to Him. Lay down your ways of life in faith and take hold of the eternal life to which he calls you. Repent with soundness of mind and brokenness of heart of all your sins committed, for it says, "For whosoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Rom 10:13)"

Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven holy is your name, blessed Father have mercy on us sinners. Grant sight and wisdom to us that we may apply ourselves to your truth. Give us hearts of flesh and not of stone that we may walk in the love of Jesus Christ. Shine your gracious light upon us so we may experience your greatness to retrieve many out of this dying world. Thank you for your Holy Spirit to empowers for all the tasks to the glory of God our savior. Amen