

# Weekly Morning Meditations

## “The Charge of the Church”

### Monday

## PERFECTION

*For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Ephes. 4:12*

### the PURPOSE (v13)

- unity of the faith (e.g. v5)
- knowledge of the Son of God

**the PROCESS** (“to ascend, you must descend - v9”) *(Matthew 19:21, Luke 6:40, 2 Cor. 12:9, Hebrews 2:10, James 1:4)*

*And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and **he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.** Matthew 23:12  
Luke 14:11, 18:14*

*Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: James 1:9 [KJV]*

### **the PRIZE** (the fulness of Christ - v13)

what is the PRIZE..... **FREEDOM**

- spiritual FREEDOM (not deceived)
- mental FREEDOM (not confused)
- emotional FREEDOM (not troubled)
- financial FREEDOM (not bound)
- physical FREEDOM (not limited)

*Then we will no longer be like children, forever changing our minds about what we believe because someone has told us something different or because someone has cleverly lied to us and made the lie sound like the truth. Ephes. 4:14 [NLT]*

### Wednesday

## WORK

*For the perfecting of the saints, **for the work of the ministry**, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Ephes. 4:12*

### **WHAT IS THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY???**

*And there was delivered unto him the **book of the prophet Esaias**. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to*

1. proclaim the gospel to the poor
2. heal the brokenhearted
3. proclaim deliverance to the captives
4. recovery of sight to the blind
5. set at liberty them that are bruised
6. proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord - Luke 4:17-19

### **BUT IT DIDN'T STOP THERE.....WHAT ELSE DID ISAIAH SAY???**

7. proclaim the day of vengeance of our God
8. comfort all that mourn
9. appoint unto them **that mourn in Zion (Israel)**
  - a. to give unto them beauty for ashes
  - b. the oil of joy for mourning
  - c. the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness

*that they might be called trees of righteousness the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. Isaiah 61:1-3*

### **FOR MEDITATION - WHO IS ZION(ISAEL)?**

2 Kings 17:34; 1 Chron. 16:13; Romans 9:13

*Now the **sons of Jacob** were twelve: [23] The sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun: [24] The sons of Rachel; Joseph, and Benjamin: [25] And the **sons of Bilhah**, Rachel's handmaid; Dan, and Naphtali: [26] And the **sons of Zilpah**, Leah's handmaid; Gad, and Asher: these are the sons of Jacob, which were born to him in Padan-aram. Genesis 35:22-26 [KJV]*

### Friday

## EDIFICATION

*For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, **for the edifying of the body of Christ**: Ephes. 4:12*

EDIFY build up, improve morally, intellectually, <or spiritually>

### **EDIFYING THE BODY OF CHRIST**

*Under <GOD's> direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Ephes. 4:16 [NLT]*

### **THE BURDEN** (the responsibility of each part)

- ACCEPTING IT (Matthew 16:24)
- CARRYING YOURS (Galatians 6:5)
- BEARING OTHERS (Galatians 6:2)

### **THE BLESSING** (the benefit to each part)

- CONTENTMENT (of accepting your 'part')
- SATISFACTION (of doing your 'part')
- REVELATION (understanding how your 'part' affects other parts, and the body as a whole)
- RESPECT (for the burden of other 'parts')
- COMPASSION (when other 'parts' fail)
- FELLOWSHIP (the 'parts' working together)
- REJOICING (that the body has been edified)

### **THE BODY** (the result of synchronizing every part)

- HEALTHY
- GROWING
- FULL OF LOVE

*So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up. Romans 14:19 [NLT]*

*So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. 1 Thes. 5:11 [NLT]*