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# MORNING READING

Psalm 99: 1-9 KJV

## The Fairness and Holiness of God

**1** The LORD reigns; Let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; Let the earth be [a]moved!

**2** The LORD is great in Zion, And He is high above all the peoples.

**3** Let them praise Your great and awesome name— [b]He is holy.

**4 The King's strength also loves justice;  
You have established equity;  
You have executed justice and  
righteousness in Jacob.**

**5 Exalt the LORD our God,  
And worship at His footstool—  
He is holy.**

**6 Moses and Aaron were among His  
priests, And Samuel was among those  
who called upon His name; They called  
upon the LORD, and He answered them.**

**7 He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar;  
They kept His testimonies and the  
[c]ordinance He gave them.**

**8 You answered them, O LORD our God;  
You were to them God-Who-Forgives,  
Though You took vengeance on their  
deeds.**

**9 Exalt the LORD our God, And worship at  
His holy hill; For the LORD our God is holy.**

## MAIN READING

**Luke 19: 1-11**

**1** Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. **2** A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. **3** He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd.

**4** So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

**5** When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." **6** So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. **7** All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a `sinner.'" **8** But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything,

**I will pay back four times the amount."**

**(Great Example of a changed heart)**

**9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." 11 While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once.**

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## **Psalm 50:14-15**

**14 Sacrifice a thank offering to God, and fulfill your vows to the Most High.**

**15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor Me.”**

## **Luke 19: 9-10**

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## **James 4:11-12**

**11 Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.**

**12 There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?**

## **Colossians 3:12-13 ISV**

**12** Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness,[a] and patience.

**13** Be tolerant of one another and forgive each other if anyone has a complaint against another. Just as the Lord[b] has forgiven you, you also should forgive.

**1 Samuel 18:14 King James Bible**

**14 And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with him.**

**Luke 15:10 New International Version**

**10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”**

## **II Corinthians 5:17**

**17 “Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”**



## **Luke 3:12-16**

**12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”**

**13 “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.**

**14 Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”**

**He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”**

**15** The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah.

**16** John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.



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