



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Exodus 25	Title:	The Father's Yearning
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Summary of Chapter	Exodus 25 is a record of instructions that God gave the Israelites so they could make a sanctuary for Him. God told Moses that they had to do this in order for Him to dwell among them.		

Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?
<p>8 <i>"Have the people of Israel build me a holy sanctuary so I can live among them.</i></p> <p>9 <i>You must build this Tabernacle and its furnishings exactly according to the pattern I will show you.</i></p> <p><i>Exodus 25:8-9; NLT</i></p>	<p>We see in this verse God's desire to have a holy sanctuary where he can live among his people. God has always wanted to be close to His people. Today we are the sanctuary of God. God has put his Spirit in us so He can be close to us.</p> <p>Let me now share my experience when I was preparing the script for this devotional. As I was preparing this devotional, the Holy Spirit touched my heart and brought me to tears as He gave me a glimpse of the Father Heart of God. The Holy Spirit reminded me of my late mum's yearning for her sons. Due to their busy schedule, my brothers did not visit my mum very much when she was alive. As I was the one staying with my mum, she would always complain to me that her sons did not visit her often enough. I could almost hear her cry to me: "Ah Ngor ah, when are your brothers coming to see me? Can you call them and ask them to come and visit me?" Such is the yearning heart of a parent for her children. Day after day, she waited longingly for her sons to come and visit her. Surely God's yearning for His children to be near Him is far greater than that of my mum's. God no longer needs someone like Moses to build him a sanctuary for Him to be with His people. We are the sanctuary of God now. His Spirit lives within us. God has done all He can to draw Himself closer to us. Now He waits for us to come and draw closer to Him. Will you respond to our Heavenly Father's yearning for you?</p> <p>Dear Gracians, I hope my sharing this morning will stir in your heart a desire to spend time each day with your heavenly Father as you see how much He longs for you!</p>

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	What area(s) of your life do you need to make adjustment so you can have time to be with your Heavenly Father?
Youth:	Write in your journal a love note to our Heavenly Father.
Child:	Write a letter to God to tell Him how much you love Him.

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Dear Heavenly Father, help us know Your heartbeat for Your children. Help us to respond to Your love for us by spending time with You.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.