



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

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| Scripture: | Exodus 30 | Title: | "A Sweet Conversation" |
| Author | Sis Len Baysantos | | |
| Summary of Chapter | Exodus chapter 30 talks about God's instruction to Moses regarding the altar of incense and the priests' role on its maintenance in the Tabernacle. | | |

| Key Verse(s) NLT | How does it speak to me? |
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| <p><i>7-8 Every morning when Aaron maintains the lamp, he must burn fragrant incense on the altar. And each evening when he lights the lamp, he must again burn incense in the Lord's presence. This must be done from generation to generation.</i></p> | <p>Aaron and his sons were responsible for offering "a perpetual incense" upon it the altar in the morning and in the evening. In the Scripture, incense often symbolizes prayer and communion with God the Father. The continual burning is an example of the necessity for continuous and persistent prayer.</p> <p>God longs to always have a sweet conversation with His people. Today, we can be assured that our prayers are pleasing to God the Father because they are offered by in the name of our great high priest, Jesus Christ. Just as the incense carried a perfumed fragrance, our prayers are scented with the righteousness of the Saviour.</p> <p>As I am working from home during this COVID-19 crisis, I have an opportunity to talk to my kids longer. There was once I was having a conversation with my daughter while we were having lunch and she told me that she was very happy to have a sweet conversation with me and looked forward to it every day. She even wished me to work from home forever to have a longer conversation with me.</p> <p>God is longing for the same sweet conversation from His people daily. The fragrant incense that Aaron burned day and night symbolizes prayer. God wants to meet with us every day. It is a precious time; a time well spent with Him. A time that we can linger on in His presence and hear from Him. A time that we can experience the peace, joy and love as we talk to Him. Despite our busy-ness, there is nothing more special than experiencing the presence of the Lord before our day starts and before it ends. Let us not take for granted this sweet conversation with Him but treasure it as a privilege that you and I have. A time spent with God in the morning and in the evening is time well-spent.</p> |

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

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| Adult: | What is one thing you can do to ensure time is set aside to have a sweet conversion with God each day and night? |
| Youth: | What are the things that you can do to remind you to spend time with the Lord? |
| Child: | How was your day? Was there anything that made you happy or sad? Spend 5 minutes to talk to God about them today. |

PRAYER

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| Praying Scripture: | Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for the privilege to commune with You day and night. Thank You for reminding us that the sweetest time of our day is the time that we will converse with You . Help us to always have the desire to experience You in our prayer every day. |
| 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. |