



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Romans 2	Title:	Search me Oh God
Author	Ps Kenny		
Introduction/ Summary of Chapter	The chapter deals with the Jews' failure to live as God's holy and righteous people even though they were given God's Law, And God 's judgement is impartial for the Jews or Gentile according to their righteous hearts' motives.		

Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?
No, a true Jew is one whose heart is right with God. And true circumcision is not merely obeying the letter of the law; rather, it is a change of heart produced by the Spirit. And a person with a changed heart seeks praise ^l from God, not from people. <i>Romans 2:29</i>	Apostle Paul was admonishing the Jews who believed that they would be counted as righteous just because they were God's chosen people and had taught them His ways through the giving of the Law. However what was happening was that they obeyed the Law only outwardly, and in so doing pleased only themselves and others. God was left out. Their inward motives were not that of pleasing and obeying the Lord. In the end their own selfish outward works including the practice of idolatry were not enough to save them. The lesson for us today is that it's not just the performance that matters but whole-hearted obeying and pleasing God, that leads to works that honours Him and bring commendation from God to us. I remember a wonderful deed done by one GMG last year that brought joy to our Lord. We were trying to get the online GMGs restarted via ZOOM meetings. There was a GMG made up of seniors and not tech savvy who had a challenge or two. A couple of members (seniors themselves) took upon themselves to learn and consult others on how to start and manage online ZOOM meetings, and eventually got the group stated on it, overcoming many hurdles. One hurdle was for the one of the group leaders to be present at a member's house during each meeting because that senior member didn't even have a mobile phone to connect online. That member was so joyful that she was able to "connect" again with other Gracians and the church after a long while. This went on for the best part of last year and continuing. Indeed, such internally right motives would lead to right outward actions and they will be counted as righteousness in God's eyes and be pleasing to Him.

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	Let us examine the motivation of our own actions. Let us not worry about the outcome of your works or performances. Would you pause and allow the Holy Spirit to examine and speak to you on the motives of your heart?
Youth:	Allow the Lord to speak to you on something kind and good to someone, with the only reason to please God. Commit it to the Lord and act on it this week.
Child:	Have you been rude or mean to someone this week? Apologize to the person and think of 1 way to make up to him/her.

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Father God, we ask that you will search us, and know our hearts today. Try us O Saviour, know our thoughts we pray. See if there be some wicked way in us, cleanse us from every evil thought and set us free to love you and serve you righteously. Amen.
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.