Responsive Reading: Psalm 8

Intro: Jer 1:5-10

- I. For thou shalt go to all that I send thee...Jer 1:7
 - A. Matt 28:19-20
 - B. Rom 10:8-15

Challenge: How regularly do you pray for God's direction? How often do you read the scriptures and quiet yourself to listen to God's voice? If you don't listen, how can you expect to hear? If you can't hear, how can you expect to speak God's voice into others?

- II. Be not afraid of their faces... Jer 1:8
 - A. Rom 1:16
 - B. Deut 31:6
 - C. Fear of man is actually idolatry.
 - 1. Ps 112:1
 - 2. Matt 10:28
 - 3. Prov 29:25
 - 4. Rom 6:16
 - 5. Acts 5:29

Challenge: Eph 4:14-15 Hebrews 13:6

- III. What seest thou?... Jer 1:11
 - A. 2 Kings 6:15-17
 - B. Luke 21:36
 - C. 1 Pet 5:8

Final Challenge:Eph 6:12

Close: John 15:14-17

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Intro: We live in a world where people regularly habitually overlook God's sovereign influence. We tend to believe that we are forward thinkers, but we are actually quite short sighted. Jer 1:5-10 gives us a perfect picture of God's vision of our lives.

I. For thou shalt go to all that I send thee...

- A. Not to beat a dead horse, (I know I've been talking about this quite a bit recently) but God sent us to all nations and all people (Matt 28:19-20)
- B. Rom 10:8-15, The gospel of peace empowers both us and those to whom we go

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II. Be not afraid of their faces... Jer 1:8

- A. Rom 1:16, we need not be ashamed this is not a personal opinion issue, the gospel is full of power. It is an observable repeatable fact that it changes lives.
- B. God is with us! We have no reason to fear. Deut 31:6
- C. Fear of man is actually idolatry.
 - 1. Love and Fear are connected, when you fear God, you begin to love His law Ps 112:1
 - 2. Christ admonished us to lay aside our fear of man in favor of fear of God -Matt 10:28
 - 3. When we fear Man, we begin to love Man, and we begin to therefore obey Man. Fear leads to trust Prov 29:25
 - 4. Rom 6:16, choose to fear and therefore serve God, Acts 5:29

Challenge: Don't forget to speak the truth with love (Eph 4:14-15). But before you can speak the truth with love, you must first be speaking the truth. Sometimes it helps to remind yourself of the truth of God's word, and to quote to yourself scripture. A useful one in this regard is Hebrews 13:6. I challenge you to memorize it and use it to remind yourself that God is in charge.

III. What seest thou?... Jer 1:11

- A. 2 Kings 6:15-17, There are more with us than with them
- B. Luke 21:36, Stay awake! You cannot see when your eyes are closed in spiritual slumber. Nothing quite keeps a man awake like abject terror. Nothing makes a man as observant as knowing that failing to see will result in pain. We can be tired and about to fall asleep, but when a spider lands on our face, we wake up!
- C. 1 Pet 5:8, we MUST be sober minded (not only in regards to alcohol, but also to any substance or abuse; be it food, drugs, or other more 'benign' pleasures.

Final Challenge: We see what we expect to see, not what is really there. We are at war! Eph 6:12. Pray that the Lord opens your eyes and empowers you to boldly bring the fight to the enemy. John 15:14-17

Close: The Lord knew your mission before He formed you in the womb, and He is more than willing to share with you His vision for your life.

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