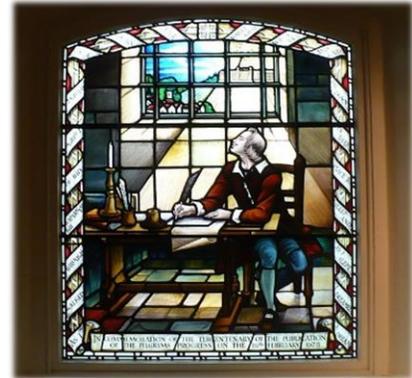


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Good afternoon, Everybody.

By the time you receive this, it may already be evening. Another week is behind us. And we're just that much closer to the heavenly city and the Lord's presence.



My mother has begun reading some of Samuel Rutherford's *Letters*, and it's prompted me to want to start back through them again. This morning was number two. Rutherford is attempting to comfort a dear Christian woman who has lost a daughter in her teens, and who has evidently lost other children even before her. He writes,

What is next, but that Your Lord cut down the stock after
He hath cut the branches? Prepare yourself; you are
nearer your daughter this day than you were yesterday.
While ye prodigally spend time in mourning for her, ye are
speedily posting after her. Run your race with patience.

Nearer this day . . . than you were yesterday.

A Testimony.

Janice Davis (Ben Davis' mother) sent me a testimony about memorizing Psalm 91 that was so inspiring that I asked if she'd mind my including it for everyone. Get ready to be blessed (smile).

When you requested the church to memorize this psalm because you knew that it would be a help in this time of trouble, I thought, *I have a hard time just memorizing one verse.*

I told the Lord that I wanted to memorize this and asked Him for His help. I requested prayer from my family and Sunday school class. Week before last I was able to say Psalm 91 word perfect, which was a return of prayer. I give God all the glory.

How the Lord enabled me to memorize this.

Todd and I read scripture and pray together in the morning. We would work on memorizing the verses on our own, but in the morning we would each say the verse or verses and then read the entire Psalm.

I bought a small dry-erase board at the dollar store and would write the verse and repeat it over and over. Then I would erase one word each time I said the verse. Todd helped and encouraged me.

I would try to repeat this scripture to myself, and I am very thankful for friends and family who would let me recite it to them.

The ways the Lord blessed me as a result of memorizing Psalm 91.

It helped me to be able to meditate with a deeper understanding.

When reading through Psalms, I would see words like I had memorized in 91 and would give them more consideration. The overall result is a deeper understanding of scripture.

When listening to the news or other people, I can be discouraged, but thankfully the Holy Spirit brings to mind Psalm 91.

Wonderful! Soooo good to hear. And what a great idea about using the dry-erase board.

Tomorrow

Tomorrow is our all-week-long-anticipated day. And it's unusually special tomorrow because we'll be having a baptismal service for the first time since the virus crisis began.

When you hear the testimonies of those being baptized, take them to heart. If right now your own life-situation is similar to what you're hearing, the Lord would want you to take it as His encouraging and His prompting for you to come to Him and to follow and to obey Him. You'll experience the peace and clear conscience that these folks being baptized are now enjoying. It can be yours! It *should* be.

Praying for You This Evening,

Pastor Minnick