

Like a Weaned Child
Psalm 131 – John 12:12-19

Review:

1. Instead of lifting up our hearts and eyes in pride, we are called to the humility that David and Jesus displayed
2. Instead of trying to figure everything out, we are called to trust God, especially when things don't make sense.
3. Instead of begging for God's blessings, we are called to rest in the presence of God like a weaned child rests in the presence of its mother, simply content to be in God's presence.

Go Further: Read John 12:20-36

1. The "Greeks" mentioned in verse 20 were probably Gentiles called "God-fearers," people who were interested in the Scriptures but hadn't yet become circumcised and fully embraced the Jewish faith. What did they want from Philip? How does their request foreshadow what happened after Jesus' resurrection?
2. In verse 23, what did Jesus say was getting ready to happen? How would this take place?
3. What does Jesus say happens to grains of wheat in verse 24? How would his own death mimic this natural process?
4. How does Jesus say we should follow His example in verses 25 and 26? What promises does Jesus make to those who follow Him?
5. Why was Jesus' soul troubled in verse 27? What prayer did He say He might have been tempted to pray at that time?
6. What prayer did Jesus eventually decide to pray in verse 28? What did this prayer cost Him?
7. How did the Father respond to Jesus? How did the cross of Christ bring glory to the Father?
8. What did the people standing by think about the Father's answer to Jesus? Why do you think they perceived the voice of God in this way?
9. In verse 30, why did Jesus say the Father answered Him in this way? How might the voice of God have indicated God's judgment on the people?
10. Who did Jesus say would be judged in verse 31?
11. How did Jesus say He would draw people unto Himself in verse 32?
12. Given what Jesus says in verses 30-32, what choice faces all people?
13. What does the question in verse 34 indicate about the people's expectations of the Messiah? Why did Jesus not fulfill these expectations?
14. According to verses 35 and 36, in what two ways does Jesus say we can choose to walk? What is the advantage of walking in the light? What is the disadvantage of walking in the darkness?
15. What does Jesus say is the final result of walking in the light?

Apply:

1. In what ways do you believe God is calling you to give up your life for the good of others?
2. What changes do you think you need to make in order to walk more consistently in the light of God each day?