

“SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES ARE NOT INTENDED FOR PRIVATE CONTEMPLATION BUT FOR PREPARATION TO LIVE OUT OUR FAITH IN ACTION WITH COURAGE AND CONVICTION.”

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**I. GOD’S HEART IS OBSERVED
IN WHOM HE DEFENDS**

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**‘GOD HAS TAKEN HIS PLACE IN THE DIVINE COUNCIL;
IN THE MIDST OF THE GODS HE HOLDS JUDGMENT:
²“HOW LONG WILL YOU JUDGE UNJUSTLY AND SHOW
PARTIALITY TO THE WICKED? SELAH ³GIVE JUSTICE TO THE
WEAK AND THE FATHERLESS; MAINTAIN THE RIGHT OF THE
AFFLICTED AND THE DESTITUTE. ⁴RESUCE THE WEAK AND
THE NEEDY; DELIVER THEM FROM THE HAND OF THE WICKED.”
⁵THEY HAVE NEITHER KNOWLEDGE NOR UNDERSTANDING,
THEY WALK ABOUT IN DARKNESS; ALL THE FOUNDATIONS OF
THE EARTH ARE SHAKEN. ⁶I SAID, “YOU ARE GODS, SONS OF THE
MOST HIGH, ALL OF YOU; ⁷NEVERTHELESS, LIKE MEN YOU SHALL
DIE, AND FALL LIKE ANY PRINCE.” ⁸ARISE, O GOD, JUDGE THE
EARTH; FOR YOU SHALL INHERIT ALL THE NATIONS! —PSALM 82**

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**“WE CANNOT SURVIVE AS A FREE NATION WHEN
SOME MEN DECIDE THAT OTHERS ARE NOT FIT
TO LIVE AND SHOULD BE ABANDONED TO ABORTION
OR INFANTICIDE... THERE IS NO CAUSE
MORE IMPORTANT FOR PRESERVING THAT FREEDOM
THAN AFFIRMING THE TRANSCENDENT RIGHT TO LIFE
OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS, THE RIGHT WITHOUT
WHICH NO OTHER RIGHTS HAVE ANY MEANING.”**
—PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

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2. GOD'S WORK IS OBSERVED IN HUMAN FORMATION

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4WHAT IS MAN THAT YOU
ARE MINDFUL OF HIM,
AND THE SON OF MAN
THAT YOU CARE FOR
HIM? 5YET YOU HAVE
MADE HIM A LITTLE
LOWER THAN THE
HEAVENLY BEINGS AND
CROWNED HIM WITH
GLORY AND HONOR.

—PSALM 8:4-5

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¹³FOR YOU FORMED MY INWARD PARTS;
YOU KNITTED ME TOGETHER IN MY MOTHER'S WOMB.
¹⁴I PRAISE YOU, FOR I AM FEARFULLY AND
WONDERFULLY MADE. WONDERFUL ARE YOUR WORKS;
MY SOUL KNOWS IT VERY WELL. ¹⁵MY FRAME WAS
NOT HIDDEN FROM YOU, WHEN I WAS BEING MADE
IN SECRET, INTRICATELY WOVEN IN THE DEPTHS OF THE
EARTH. ¹⁶YOUR EYES SAW MY UNFORMED SUBSTANCE;
IN YOUR BOOK WERE WRITTEN, EVERY ONE OF THEM,
THE DAYS THAT WERE FORMED FOR ME, WHEN AS YET
THERE WAS NONE OF THEM. —PSALM 139:13-16

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“THE DESTRUCTION
OF THE EMBRYO IN THE
MOTHER'S WOMB IS A
VIOLATION OF THE
RIGHT TO LIVE WHICH
GOD HAS BESTOWED
UPON THIS
NASCENT LIFE.”

—DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

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3. GOD'S CALL IS OBSERVED IN THE CHALLENGE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACT

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**8OPEN YOUR MOUTH
FOR THE MUTE,
FOR THE RIGHTS OF ALL
WHO ARE DESTITUTE.
9OPEN YOUR MOUTH,
JUDGE RIGHTEOUSLY,
DEFEND THE RIGHTS
OF THE POOR
AND NEEDY.**
—PROVERBS 31:8-9

**WHOEVER SHEDS THE BLOOD OF MAN, BY MAN
SHALL HIS BLOOD BE SHED, FOR GOD MADE MAN
IN HIS OWN IMAGE. —GENESIS 9:6**

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**“ANY COUNTRY THAT ACCEPTS ABORTION IS NOT
TEACHING ITS PEOPLE TO LOVE, BUT TO USE VIOLENCE
TO GET WHAT THEY WANT.” —MOTHER THERESA**

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“WOE TO THOSE WHO CALL EVIL GOOD AND GOOD EVIL, WHO PUT DARKNESS FOR LIGHT AND LIGHT FOR DARKNESS, WHO PUT BITTER FOR SWEET AND SWEET FOR BITTER!”

—ISAIAH 5:20

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¹⁷REPAY NO ONE EVIL FOR EVIL, BUT GIVE THOUGHT TO DO WHAT IS HONORABLE IN THE SIGHT OF ALL. ¹⁸IF POSSIBLE, SO FAR AS IT DEPENDS ON YOU, LIVE PEACEABLY WITH ALL. ¹⁹BELOVED, NEVER AVENGE YOURSELVES, BUT LEAVE IT TO THE WRATH OF GOD, FOR IT IS WRITTEN, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY, SAYS THE LORD.” ²⁰TO THE CONTRARY, “IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM; IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM SOMETHING TO DRINK; FOR BY SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD.” ²¹DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD. —ROMANS 12:17-21

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