

Hello everyone

Welcome to online Wednesday Brak worship from the East

Happy are those who hear the word of God and keep it, Luke tells us

I've always loved reading. I read a lot of theology, but I also read a lot of stories true ones and fiction.

There is something about reading these books that often makes me stop as I read and think, just why do I feel like that sometimes.

And often as I've got older it has been passages of description of scenery, attitudes and feelings that have made me think. Oh yes, I can see that now. After years of thinking about it, I now see something a little differently.

For the next few weeks as we all go on our rather different types of holidays over the Summer months our midweek reflection will be a little different. I hope it will be a time not just to tick off some time spent with God, but it will offer us time to reflect slowly on the

story that runs through our Bible from the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation.

Over the next few weeks, we will look at the story in three parts.

The Old Testament Story

The gospels

And then how the different ways we find the Bible stories being lived out by the early church.

After that we will have a look at six ways that Christians throughout the centuries have lived the word of God they have received, ways that continue today and highlight the breadth in the way that God and his people interact each way.

This is not just about familiarising ourselves with a summary of the story like we might do by reading a synopsis on a book cover or a review of Television programme.

This is a time for us to reflect in how God, the bible and our world interact

We do this by remembering the broad stories that make us ask questions. Questions most of which will

have been asked since before the Bible was written down.

So take things slowly with these reflections. Return to them more than once over the time. There maybe is mor than you want to listen to at one go. That's Ok listen to one talk and come back and listen to the others. Together they will string over the week into a summary of the bible and the way the work of the church has developed.

So, listen, read, reflect and maybe discuss with others the story of God in the bible and let the word sink into your life and reflect on how you first felt the God and the church in your life and how you continue to feel God's presence with you just as he promised Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Andrew, Nathaniel and so many more down through the centuries.

When you search the Bible, you find that Christians use over 100 names for God and Jesus taken from the bible.

How many do you know?

Watch this morning short video and see how many you recognise.

Remember you can pause the video and go an look up any of the Bible references to see how they fit with what you maybe thought.

God has promised we can be confident he is with us always.

He has promised never to destroy the earth again.

After you reflect on the summary story, what questions about God, yourself and his words would you want God to answer?

Has he already given an answer through the lives, actions and people who have followed him?

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Let us worship God

Let us pray

Send out your light and your truth to be our Guide Lord

Let us go to your holy hill,

To your dwelling place.

We come to praise you
God of joy and delight.
Lord Jesus Christ by the power of your presence
Open the mind of God to us
That in you light we may see light, and in your strength
be strong
Amen