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# Comfort Food for the Soul

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## Monthly Devotional July 2025

### God's Invitation to the Nations

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 66:18 (NASB95)

"For I know their works and their thoughts; the time is coming to gather all the nations and tongues. And they shall come and see My glory."

**Devotion:** God's plan has always been global in scope. In Isaiah 66:18, we see a glimpse of His heart for all people—every nation, tribe, and tongue. This passage captures a future moment when God's glory will be fully revealed, and He will gather people from every corner of the earth to come and see His splendor. It is both an invitation and a promise: an invitation to draw near to Him and a promise that all will one day recognize His greatness.

- ◆ **God Knows Us Completely:** The verse begins with a reminder that God sees our works and knows our thoughts. His knowledge of humanity is complete. Yet, despite knowing the full extent of our brokenness, He still extends an invitation to come and see His glory. His love and grace are available to all who seek Him, regardless of their past.
- ◆ **A Global Gathering:** Isaiah speaks of a time when God will gather people from every nation and language to Himself. This reflects God's universal purpose of redemption. His plan is not limited to a specific group but encompasses the whole world. This truth reminds us that God's kingdom is diverse and inclusive, welcoming everyone who responds to His call.
- ◆ **Beholding God's Glory:** To "come and see" God's glory is to experience His presence, majesty, and holiness. It is an invitation to encounter Him personally and be transformed by that encounter. When we see His glory, we are reminded of His sovereignty, power, and unfailing love. It moves us to worship and to live in awe of who He is.
- ◆ **Our Role in the Invitation:** As followers of Christ, we are called to extend this invitation to others. Jesus echoed this in the New Testament when He said, "Come and see" (John 1:39). We are to share the good news of God's glory and His desire to gather all people to Himself.

#### Reflection Questions:

1. How can you respond to God's invitation to "come and see" His glory in your daily life?
2. Are there people in your life who need to hear this invitation? How can you share God's love with them?
3. What does it mean to you that God's plan includes all nations and tongues?

**Prayer:** *Lord, thank You for inviting me to come and see Your glory. I stand in awe of Your love, mercy, and holiness. Help me to respond to Your invitation daily by drawing closer to You through prayer, worship, and obedience. Give me boldness to share Your invitation with others so they, too, can experience Your glory. Thank You for Your heart for all people and for including me in Your plan. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

**Challenge:** This month, reflect on God's glory and look for His presence in your life—in nature, His Word, worship, or answered prayers. Then, share His goodness with someone who needs encouragement or hope. Remind them that God's invitation is open to all and that He desires to gather every heart to Himself.

### July 2025 Memory Verses and Prayers

#### Week 1 [Peter 5:8](#)

**(ESV)** Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

**(KJV)** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

**(NLT)** Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

#### Week 2 [Deuteronomy 31:6](#)

**(ESV)** Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

**(KJV)** Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

**(NLT)** So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you."

#### Week 3 [James 1:12](#)

**(ESV)** Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

**(KJV)** Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

**(NLT)** God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

#### Week 4 [Lamentations 3:22-23](#)

**(ESV)** **(22)**The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; **(23)**they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

**(KJV)** **(22)**It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. **(23)**They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

**(NLT)** **(22)**The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. **(23)**Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.