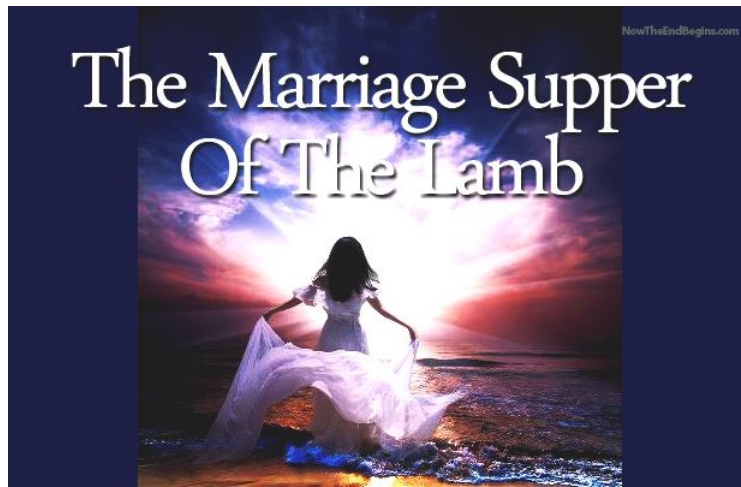


## September Week #1 Devotionals & Consideration



### "Come Unto Me [Jesus]" Taken from an article by Vim Horn

Down through the ages the invitation, "Come Unto Me," has been extended to any and all who desire to hear and respond. Our Lord patiently calls us, sometimes softly and sometimes with thunderous effect, to deny ourselves of all ungodliness and to love Him with all our might that we might avail ourselves of His grace. His grace, while extended freely, does exact a response from us. It is this response that we as individuals, and we as a people, need to embrace as we prepare for the coming times.

Coming unto Him entails repenting of our sins. It means that all of us need to look closely at ourselves and evaluate our current condition. We need to be honest with ourselves. We need to understand how we are rebelling against God and His holy purposes and repent of that rebellion. Each of us is guilty and we all stand in need of His saving grace.

**1 John 1:8-9 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Coming unto Him requires a broken heart and a contrite spirit. It requires us to humble ourselves and to become as a little child before Christ.

**Matthew 5:5 Yea, blessed are the poor in spirit, who come unto Me; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Not only must we humble ourselves before Christ, but we must humble ourselves before each other. We need to reconcile with our Brother [Sister], if at all possible, if we are to come unto Christ.

**3 Nephi 5:71-72 Therefore, if ye shall come unto Me, or shall desire to come unto Me, and rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, Go thy way unto thy brother, and first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come unto Me with full purpose of heart, and I will receive you.**

Coming unto Him requires doing God's will. We must acknowledge this daily. We must be willing to sell all that we have for His sake, for His work, for His people.

**D&C 22:23b For this is My work and My glory, to bring to pass the immortality, and eternal life of man.**

If we come unto Him, under His conditions, we will see His face and know with a surety that He is the Christ, the true light of the world.

**D&C 85:18b Therefore, sanctify yourselves that your minds become single to God, and the days will come that you shall see Him: for He will unveil His face unto you, and it shall be in His own time, and in His own way, and according to His own will.**

Armed with the knowledge that Christ lives, we are compelled to deny ourselves, to take up our cross daily and to follow Him. We

have the ability to go where many fear to tread and to do works of wonder that many say are impossible. Armed with the companionship of the Holy Ghost, we will bring forth works of righteousness and He will make us participants in this great and marvelous work. He will make us fishers of men.

If we come unto Him, he promises us that when we are heavy laden from our labor that He will give us rest. If we come unto Christ, we will be perfected in Him, we will be sanctified in Him and we will become holy and without spot through the shedding of His blood.

**Moroni 10:29-30** Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in Him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is His grace sufficient for you, that by His grace ye may be perfect in Christ; and if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ, ye can in no wise deny the power of God. And again, if ye, by the grace of God, are perfect in Christ, and deny not His power, then are ye sanctified in Christ by the grace of God, through the shedding of the blood of Christ, which is in the covenant of the Father, unto the remission of your sins, that ye become holy without spot.

**"Repent, and Come unto Me"  
(3 Nephi 4:52; 2 Nephi 12:41)**

- ◆ **3 Nephi 4:52** Behold, for such I have laid down My life, and have taken it up again; therefore repent, and come unto Me ye ends of the earth, and be saved.
- ◆ **2 Nephi 12:41** Nevertheless, I will be merciful unto them, saith the Lord God, if they will repent and come unto Me; for Mine arm is lengthened out all the day long, saith the Lord God of hosts.

**"With a Broken Heart and Contrite Spirit"  
(3 Nephi 5:66; 5:50; Matthew 5:5)**

- ◆ **3 Nephi 5:66** And behold I have given you the law and the commandments of My Father, that ye shall believe in Me, and that ye shall repent of your sins, and come unto Me with a broken heart and a contrite spirit.
- ◆ **3 Nephi 5:50** Yea, blessed are the poor in spirit who come unto Me, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- ◆ **Matthew 5:5** Yea, blessed are the poor in spirit, who come unto Me; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**"And Ye Shall See My Face"  
(D&C 90:1a; John 12:21)**

- ◆ **D&C 90:1a** Verily, thus saith the Lord, It shall come to pass that every soul who forsaketh his sins and cometh unto Me, and calleth on My name, and obeyeth My voice, and keepeth My commandments, shall see My face, and know that I am, and that I am the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
- ◆ **John 12:21** The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

**"And Bring Forth Works of Righteousness"  
(Alma 3:59)**

- ◆ **Alma 3:59** Yea, come unto Me and bring forth works of righteousness, and ye shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire.

**"Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me"  
(Mark 8:36; Matthew 16:25-26;  
Luke 9:23; D&C 105:6a)**

- ◆ **Mark 8:36** And when He had called the people, with His disciples also, He said unto them, Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.
- ◆ **Matthew 16:25-26** Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. And now for a man to take up his cross, is to deny himself all ungodliness, and every worldly lust, and keep My commandments.
- ◆ **Luke 9:23** And He said unto them all, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.