

EQUIP

PRAY

**GEAR
UP**

REACH

BELONG

FOUNDED

PRAYED

GEAR
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REACHED

BELONG

Connection

The background features a pattern of interlocking gears in various shades of grey, brown, and olive green. Several circular logos are scattered throughout, each containing a gear icon and text: 'FLOUR' in the top left, 'PRAY' in the top right, 'GEAR UP' in the center, 'REACH' in the bottom left, and 'BELONG' in the bottom right. The word 'Connection' is written in a white, hand-drawn, cursive font across the middle of the image.



FOUR



PRAY



GEAR
UP



REACH



BELONG

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Dependence

REACH

BELONG

The background features a pattern of interlocking gears in shades of teal, orange, and grey. In the upper right, the word "PRAY" is written in a stylized, blocky font inside a white circle. The main text is centered within a white oval on a dark background.

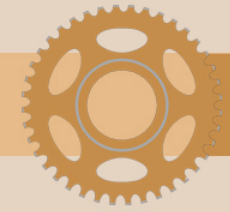
...encourage an
intentional dependence on God

in prayer in every dimension of Quest...

for our individual lives...

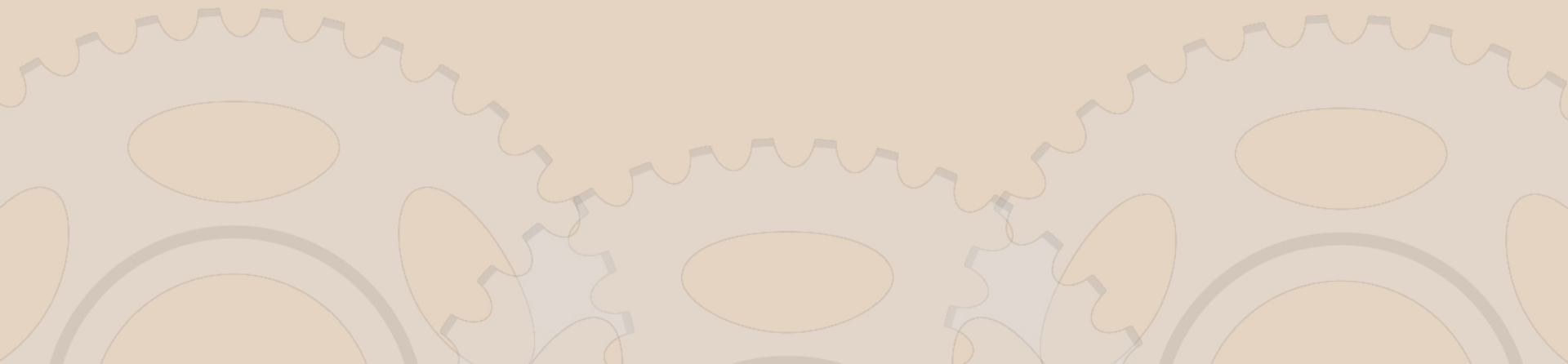
for our church as a whole...

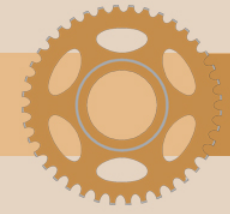
and for our neighbors here and around the world.



PRAY

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Prayer is: our response to seeing
the inadequacies of
life without God in the
picture



PRAY

Life is adequate...



PRAY

no god

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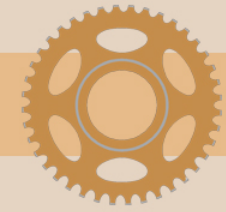
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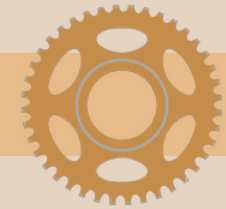
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“I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had no where else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day.”

— Abraham Lincoln

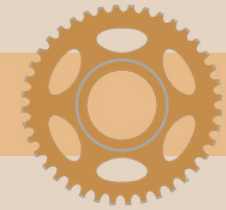


A Psalm of Asaph...#50 in our English arrangement



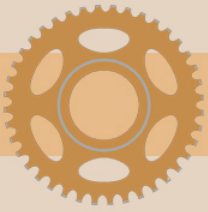
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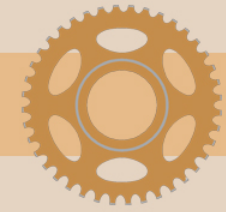
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- 1 The Mighty One, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.



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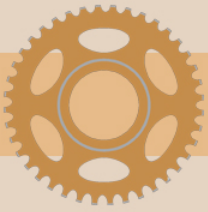
- 3 Our God comes, He does not keep silence;
before Him is a devouring fire,
around Him is a mighty tempest.
- 4 He calls to the heavens above and to the earth,
that He may judge His people;
- 5 *“Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”*
- 6 The heavens declare His righteousness,
for God Himself is judge!



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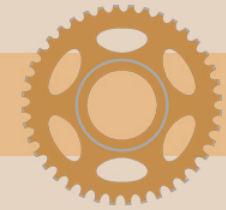
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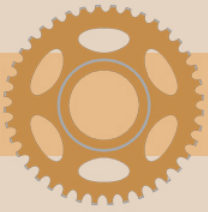
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- 7 *“Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.*
- 8 *Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.*
- 9 *I will not accept a bull from your house or goats
from your folds.*
- 10 *For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.*



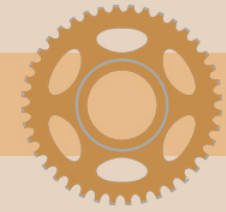
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- 11 *I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is mine.*
- 12 *If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and its fullness are mine.*
- 13 *Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?*
- 14 *Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
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- 15 *and call upon me in the day of trouble;
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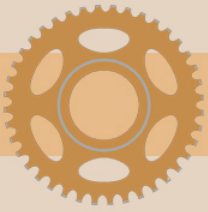


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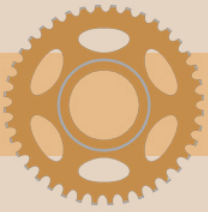
16 But to the wicked God says:

*“What right have you to recite my statutes or take
my covenant on your lips?”*

17 *For you hate discipline, and you cast my words
behind you.*

18 *If you see a thief, you are pleased with him,
and you keep company with adulterers.*

19 *You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your
tongue frames deceit.*

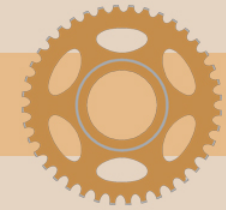


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20 *You sit and speak against your brother,
you slander your own mother's son.*

21 *These things you have done, and I have been silent;
you thought that I was one like yourself.
But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before
you.*

22 *Mark this, then, you who forget God,
lest I tear you apart, and there be none to
deliver!*



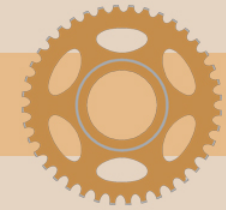
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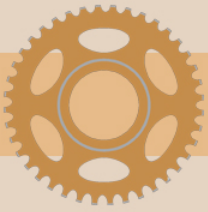
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*Acknowledge that He needs nothing from you
but He desires a heart of thanksgiving
and a sincere surrender of your life .*

So.....therefore.....what now?

What are you willing to bring to the table
today that you can offer to Him as a
sacrifice of
'thanksgiving'
that does not come cheep?



