

**QUIET TIME GUIDE**  
**FOR Tuesday 7/8/08**  
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**Greeting:**

For many years I made an annual trip to the Holy Lands. I would take a group of people from the churches that I pastured as well as others to see the sites where Jesus walked and ministered during his earthly ministry. I have started doing that again having just gone again recently and am in the planning phases of a trip for next year. It is an unforgettable, once in a lifetime, experience for a believer to walk where Jesus walked. If you have not done so I urge you to make long term plans to make that journey. It is worth the effort and the money. The Bible literally comes alive right before your very eyes. For many years we offered an option to extend the ten day Holy Land trip for an additional three days. Some, not all, would add a three day trip to a different place while we were already halfway around the world. We would take a three day excursion to places like Rome, Athens, Jordan, London, etc. One of the first three day excursions we took was to Egypt. So much of the history and the story of the Bible takes place or is connected to Egypt that I was anxious to travel there and see those sites. We went to places like the Nile River, the Pyramids, etc. One of the most unforgettable places we visited was the Cairo Museum. The Cairo Museum is one of the most amazing places in the world. You and I may go into a museum and see artifacts that are several hundreds of years old in America. In Cairo you are seeing artifacts that are thousands of years old. One of the most unforgettable things I saw there on this first trip was the exhibit of the young Pharaoh Tutankhamen. Many have come to know him simply as King Tut. King Tut was actually a young and most likely insignificant Pharaoh in ancient Egypt. Most likely he had very little power in his reign. He died before he really became famous or rich. You would not think it if you saw his exhibit. They uncovered his tomb and discovered riches beyond your imagination. His coffin is made of solid gold and is 74" long, 20" wide and 20" high. His funeral mask is probably the most famous discovery of the tomb. It is also solid gold and inlaid with turquoise, colored glass and others colors that make it as dazzling display. The discovery of his tomb was one of the greatest archeological finds ever. The museum is filled with his riches and artifacts. However, there was one piece of furniture that caught my attention the most. It was his throne. It is filled with gold. It has pictures of him on his throne and people serving him. His has sculptures on it. It is truly an amazing piece of furniture. More specifically however, what caught my attention was at the base of the throne chair was a piece of furniture called his "footstool." It was basically a step or stool that he stood on to sit on his highly exalted chair. On that footstool were drawn the enemies that he had conquered in his short tenure as King. It was a sign that his enemies had become a footstool for this great King. All this and he was still a young King who had not had enough time to amass as much wealth as his predecessors. Oh to be so poor! I thought of that footstool today and yesterday as I read Psalm 110. Note the reference to the footstool.

**Scripture for today:**

***Psalm 110: "The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."***

**Life Application:**

What a beautiful picture. Did you know that when Jesus Christ was crucified and buried his enemies became his footstool? The Bible says that when Jesus was raised from the dead he was ***"declared to be the Son of God with power?"*** Before, they had mocked him and persecuted him. They drug him through the streets, beat him, pierced his side. They nailed him to a cross and hung him until he was dead. They thought they had heard the last of the Jewish trouble maker. But not so! On the third day God raised him and ***"gave him a name that was above every name."*** God declared that ***"every knee would bow and every tongue would confess that he is Lord."*** God had the final word. The Psalmist had been given a glimpse of the glory ahead for his Lord. He recorded in this Psalm that one day ***"the LORD,"*** Yahweh –God the Father- would say to David's lord, Jesus, ***"sit at my right hand."*** He recorded that one day Christ's enemies would be a ***"footstool"*** for his feet. As I stood in the Cairo Museum and saw this ancient footstool of King Tut, I was reminded of a truth. Just as those conquered enemies who once fought against this Pharaoh had succumbed to his office and role as the leader of Egypt, and were now nothing more than a step to his throne, so to was the destiny of the enemies of Christ. Satan, who fought and opposed every step of Christ on Earth, was conquered at the cross and the tomb. Those who nailed him physically on the cross became tools in the hand of God to bring redemption to fallen mankind. Those who mocked him would one day bow before him. Today no one knows or cares who those were that lined the streets and cried ***"crucify him."*** Yet today millions around the world meet daily and weekly to sing songs of praise and worship to the name of Jesus!

**Spiritual exercise:**

Did you also know that the Scriptures say that ***"we are seated with Christ in heavenly places?"*** As a believer we have Jesus Christ living in our hearts. We have been made ***"joint heirs"*** of Christ. All that is his - is ours. We are now called ***"children of God."*** The Bible says he is now ***"seated at the right hand of God"*** the Father and that he lives ***"to make intercession"*** or to pray for us. I know there are many days that you and I feel discouraged and defeated. There are days that you and I feel the weight of life pressing in on every side. Just remember who you are. You are a child of God! You are ***"joint heirs"*** of Christ! God has promised to live in your heart. He has promised to prepare a place for you. Your enemies too will become a ***"footstool"*** of sorts for you. You see, God has promised to take every single event that comes into your life and use it for good. He has promised to take mistakes, tragedies, victories, and every single moment of your life and use it to conform you into the image of Christ himself. Those things that seem to force you down will be a part of what God conquers and uses to bless you. They are stepping stones, building blocks, ***"footstools"*** in your development of Christ likeness. One day, when all that is around you has passed into oblivion, what is of God will still be there. What God has built will never be destroyed. One day we will enjoy all of eternity with God in his place. As rich as this young Pharaoh was, it is all in a museum now. He has nothing. Yet, we are of all men most blessed. We are rich indeed if we have Christ in our lives. We have a future that can not be destroyed. ***"Moth and rust can not destroy it."***

*“Thieves can not steal it.”* Live on the level that you belong today. We are not paupers!  
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**Thought for the day.**

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