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“Cause me to hear Thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in Thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto Thee” (Psalm 143:8). The children of Israel gathered manna in the morning. If they waited, they would lose out because the sun would get hot and the manna would melt (Exodus 16:21). The Psalmist prayed every morning, as well as at noon and at night (Psalm 55:17). Our Lord’s example is noteworthy: “And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed” (Mark 1:35). ***If our Lord, in His perfect humanity, needed quality time with God in the early morning, how much more do we!***



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