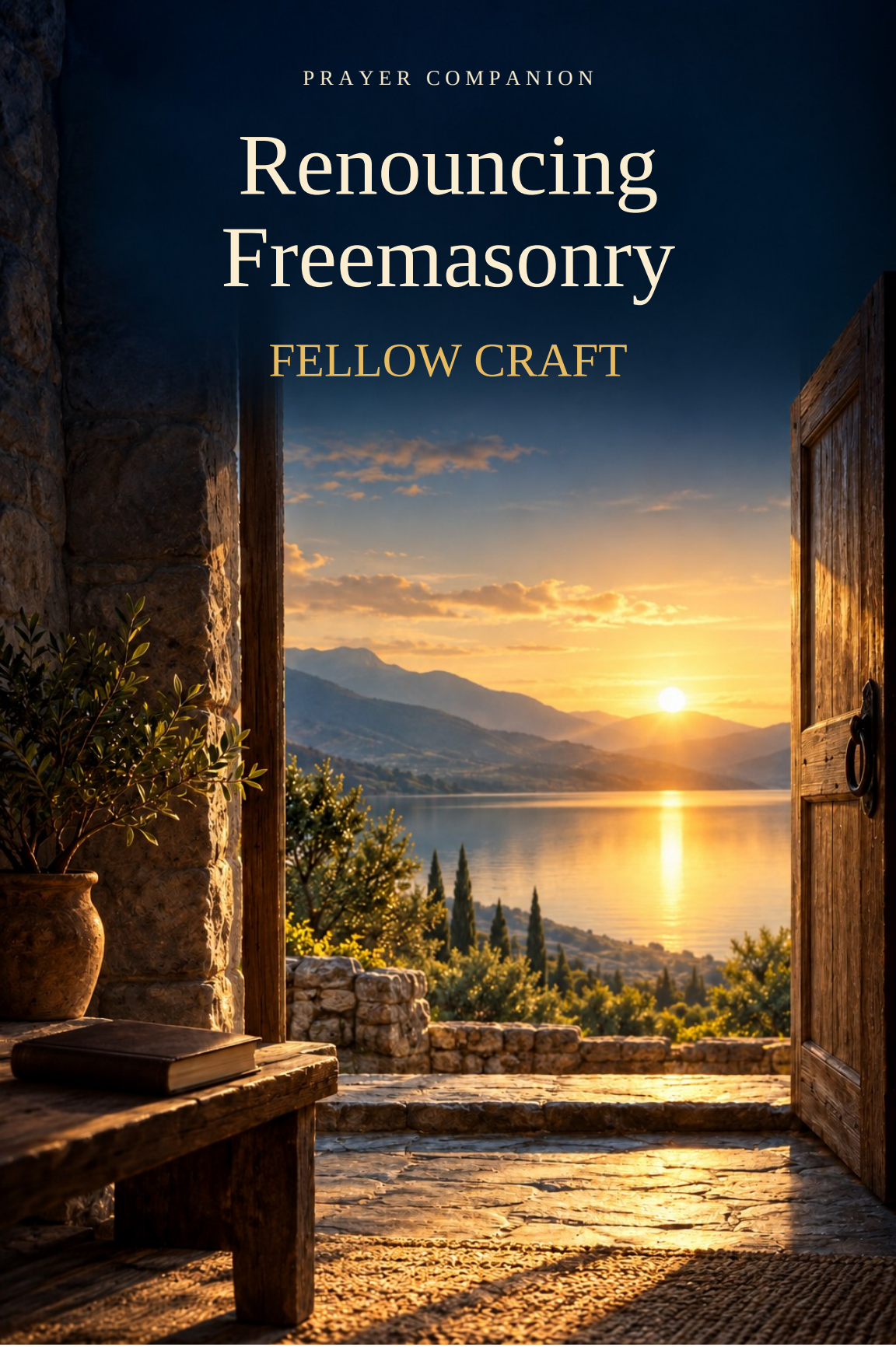
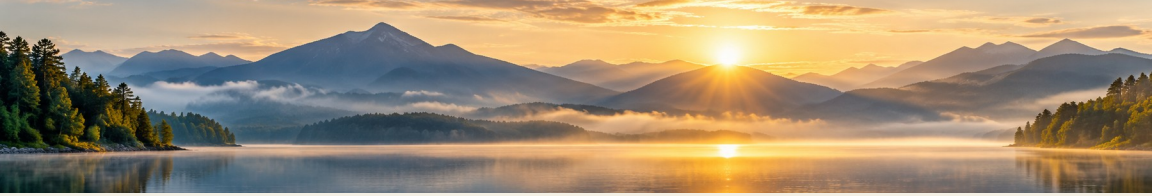


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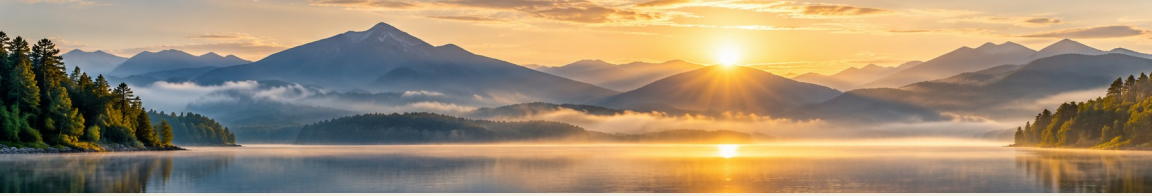
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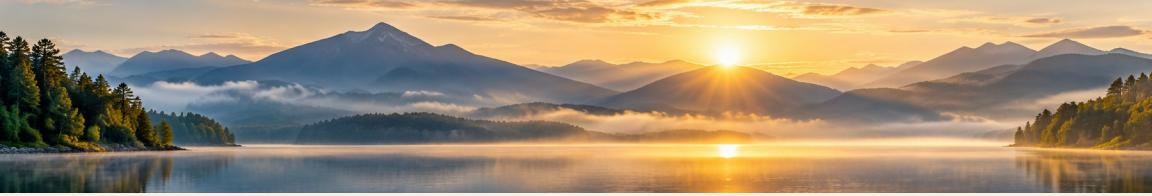
Before you pray

Read or listen to the whole prayer before choosing to repeat it. Use only words you understand and can honestly affirm. You may listen without repeating, pause at your own pace, or speak to God in your own words.

Keep this guide open during a later repeat-along reading. Take as much time as you need after each paragraph. The blank spaces are for your private notes; you do not need to share them.

Reflection before beginning

What choice is mine to address? What is troubling my conscience? What help would be useful?

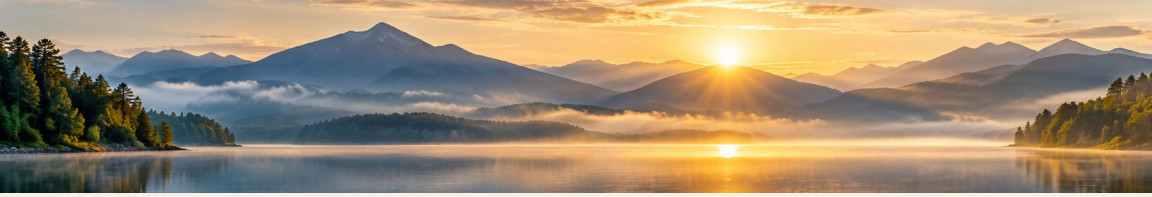


Guided teaching

Welcome. This teaching and prayer focuses on the Fellow Craft, the second of the three Craft degrees. It is for someone who has participated and has decided to leave that involvement as an act of Christian conviction.

We will consider learning, ambition, and the kind of wisdom that shapes our daily conduct. Then we will pray and choose a practical step. Listen to the whole prayer before repeating it. Use only words that truthfully describe your own decisions.

Our historical reference is Malcolm C. Duncan's account of Masonic ritual. His Fellow Craft chapter describes a symbolic journey involving a winding stair and the liberal arts and sciences. That account gives context for this teaching. It does not establish what every lodge teaches or what happened in your own ceremony.

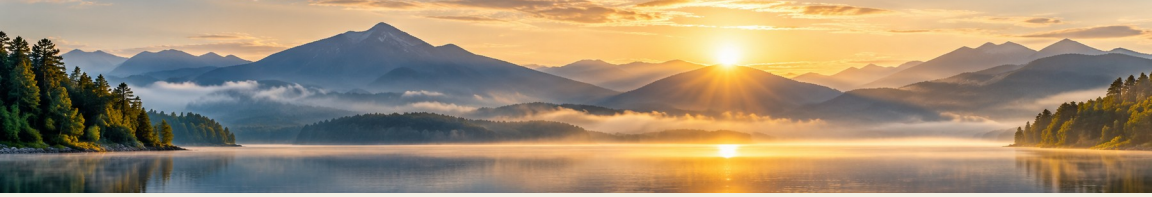


Guided teaching continued

Learning and skill are good things to cultivate. The Christian question is how we receive them and what authority we give them. Has learning made me more willing to serve? Have I treated advancement or special knowledge as proof that I am worth more than someone else? Have I allowed a human system to become the measure of my standing before God?

James chapter three, verses thirteen through eighteen distinguishes wisdom expressed in meekness and good conduct from bitter envy and selfish ambition. James describes wisdom from above as pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason, merciful, and fruitful in goodness. He is addressing the life of a community. The test concerns the way people live together, not their possession of an impressive title.

Bring that test to your own life. You may have studied diligently and served others generously. You can acknowledge those things without treating every commitment you made as right. Where pride or the desire for acceptance shaped your choices, confess that honestly. Where you learned something useful, put it to work in truthful service.



Guided teaching continued

First Corinthians chapter eight opens a discussion about food offered to idols. Paul warns that knowledge can puff people up while love builds them up. His concern includes the effect of a person's conduct on another person's conscience. We should not turn that verse into an attack on education. It invites us to ask whether what we know is being governed by love.

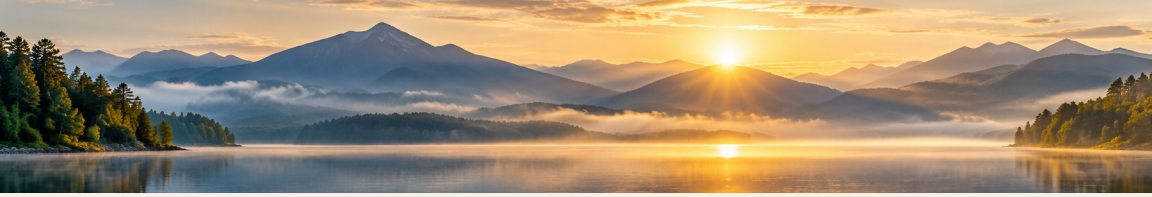
Jesus calls His disciples to learn from Him in Matthew chapter eleven, verses twenty-eight through thirty. He speaks of rest for the weary and describes Himself as meek and lowly in heart. Christian discipleship begins with receiving His teaching. It continues in a willingness to be corrected, to carry responsibility faithfully, and to care for people who cannot improve our standing.

You may have doubts about some explanations you were given. You do not need to fill those gaps with guesses. Write down what you remember, distinguish it from what you have heard since, and discuss your concerns with a trusted Christian pastor. You can make a clear decision about your participation without claiming knowledge you do not have.

As you prepare to pray, consider one ordinary setting in which humility could become visible. Perhaps you need to admit a mistake, listen without defending yourself, or serve without seeking recognition. Let the decision you make before God take shape there.

Optional personal pause

You may pause here. What did advancement mean to you? Which commitments do you now believe conflicted with following Christ? Name only what you personally know. You do not need to recall or repeat ceremonial words. Continue when you are ready.



Prayer

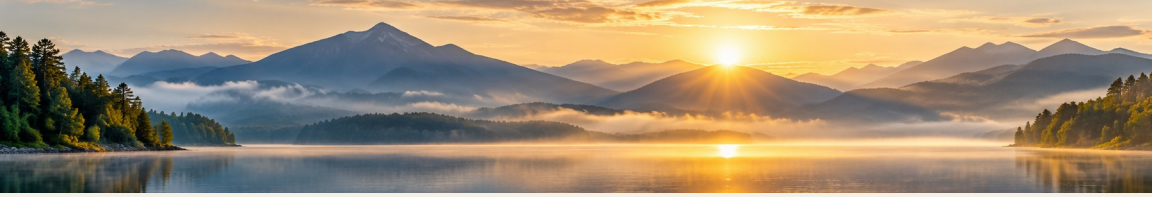
Father in heaven, I come to You through Jesus Christ. Thank You for receiving me with mercy. Teach me to learn with humility and to live by the truth You give.

Lord Jesus, I place my confidence in You. Make me willing to receive Your correction. Help me follow You in ordinary choices as well as in the decisions I make today.

I bring before You my participation in the Fellow Craft degree. I have decided to leave this involvement behind. Give me clarity and integrity as I carry out that decision.

Where I sought recognition more than righteousness, forgive me. Where I treated knowledge or advancement as a reason to look down on others, change my heart. Where I acted against my conscience to gain acceptance, help me repent honestly.

I withdraw my consent from any commitment I personally made that conflicts with obedience to You. I will not use an earlier promise to excuse wrongdoing. Show me what needs to change.



Prayer continued

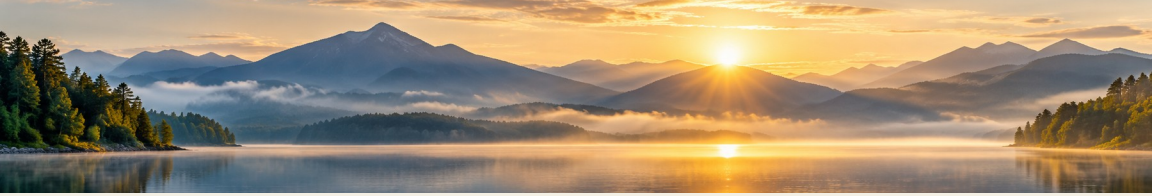
Give me wisdom that is peaceable, gentle, and full of mercy. Make me teachable. Let what I know become useful in loving service rather than a reason for boasting.

Help me distinguish what I remember from what I merely fear. Keep me from repeating claims I cannot support. Give me patience to examine questions carefully and courage to seek wise counsel.

I submit myself to You. Strengthen me to resist deception, temptation, and intimidation. Let Your truth guide my thoughts and Your peace govern my conduct.

Bless those I have known through this part of my life. Help me treat them with dignity while keeping the boundaries my decision requires. Free my speech from contempt and my actions from revenge.

Show me one faithful act of service I can do today. Let the fruit of Your Spirit grow in my relationships. I entrust my learning, my abilities, and my future to You through Jesus Christ. Amen.



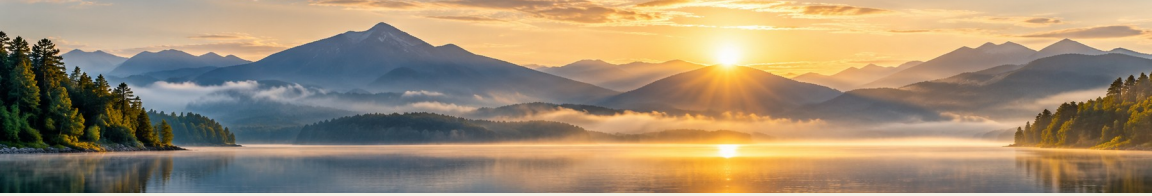
Reflection

1. What part of my own involvement am I choosing to leave, and why?

2. Where has ambition or pride affected the way I treat people?

3. What would wisdom marked by gentleness and mercy look like this week?

4. Which question needs careful study or pastoral counsel rather than speculation?

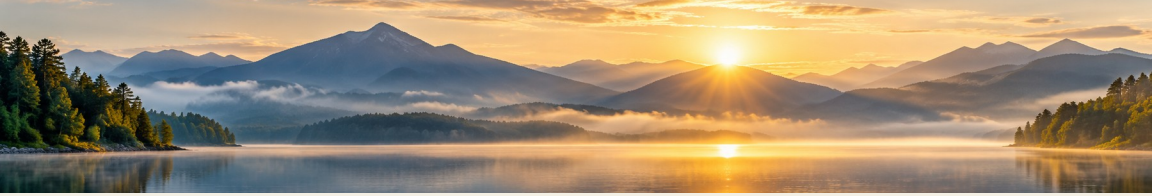


Next steps

Take time to write down a truthful next step. You may need to clarify your membership decision, speak with a trusted pastor, or repair the way you have treated someone. Choose something concrete and manageable.

Read James chapter three in context. Ask how its description of wisdom could shape one conversation today. Our next teaching considers the Master Mason degree, mortality, faithfulness, and the Christian hope of resurrection. Read that prayer before making it your own.

Notes



Reading references

Historical context: Malcolm C. Duncan, *Duncan's Masonic Ritual and Monitor*, third edition (New York: Dick & Fitzgerald, 1866), printed pp. 58–86; selected context pp. 74–75. <https://sacred-texts.com/book/duncan-s-masonic-ritual-and-monitor/fellow-craft-or-second-degree>

Scripture reading: James 3:13–18; 1 Corinthians 8:1–13; Matthew 11:25–30. Scripture is paraphrased, not presented as verbatim quotation.

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