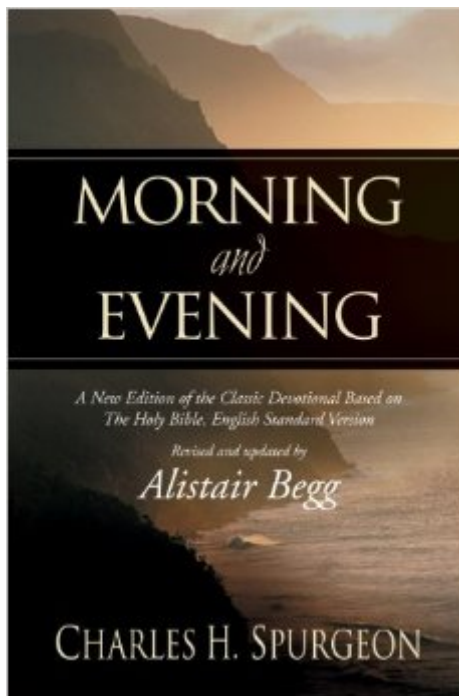


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Morning And Evening: A New Edition Of The Classic Devotional Based On The Holy Bible, English Standard Version



Synopsis

For over one hundred years, Christians have gotten up and gone to bed with Charles Spurgeon's devotional Morning and Evening as a companion. With a reading to begin and end each day throughout the year, you will come to appreciate Spurgeon's emphasis on the importance of abiding in Christ and meditating on God's Word. His wisdom and counsel provide a timeless guide through the trials and triumphs of the year. The richness of his biblical understanding offers readers a look into the heart of one of England's foremost pastors and enduring Christian authors. His lasting message is even more accessible with Alistair Begg's careful modernizing of Spurgeon's English. Begg, who has a deep love for Spurgeon's preaching and especially for this work, has maintained Spurgeon's clear passion and commitment to Christ. Using the English Standard Version as the scriptural text provides an accurate, understandable accompaniment to Spurgeon's lessons. This updated version of a devotional classic is a timely and much-needed encouragement for today's Christian.

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Customer Reviews

Alistair Begg, pastor (Parkside Church in Cleveland, Ohio), author, and speaker, has done a magnificent job in updating this devotional classic. Begg's updates enable a wider audience to enjoy and be nourished by Spurgeon's timeless writing. Although this devotional (in its unrevised version) can be accessed daily on multiple websites, I have found myself to be more consistent in my reading when I hold a hard copy in my hands. Spurgeon's pastoral warmth and thirst for evangelism

come through strongly in these short devotionals. His focus on all three members of the Trinity is excellent as he beckons us further in serving Christ. I have also found his connection with the individual reader to be outstanding as he instructs and motivates toward change and action. Granted, some of Spurgeon's interpretation may be dated (for instance, he interprets Song of Solomon as an allegory between Christ and the Church). However, this clearly is the minority, and the timeless nature of his topics far outweigh any problem this poses. I have used this devotional off and on for many months now, and have many friends who have also been encouraged by their reading of it. This 2003 edition is based on the English Standard Version (ESV), a recent translation respected for its readability and faithfulness to the text. Among the many Christian leaders who endorse the ESV are J.I. Packer (Regent College), Chuck Colson (Prison Fellowship Ministries), John Piper (Bethlehem Baptist Church), and R.C. Sproul (Ligonier Ministries).

I've demoted my other devotionals. This is clearly #1. It's like a lifetime supply of Godiva chocolates. I've read the same material twice now without a notice. I've wondered about this. Is my memory going that bad? Am I paying more attention today than last May 8th? After 2 full years, I've decided that I'm OK. This devotional has an almost supernatural ability to appropriately align Spurgeon's theology and scripture with the ups and downs of my life. We perceive Christ in subtly different ways at different times. Spurgeon's genius is that he knew about this effect. Spurgeon demonstrably and differently challenges my perceptions of Christ in good times and bad. Those times are every morning and evening, day after day. Spurgeon captures, elucidates and brings to human understanding this precise, temporal understanding of the message. I venture to guess that 20 years of use will be a new read every day. It's a great value ... a devotional that never ends, that reveals Christ's operation in life everyday and that becomes the AM & PM must read event. It will work its 'magic' on any Christian.

For years I've read 'Streams in the Desert' until a friend suggested "Morning and Evening" to me. I read Spurgeon's daily readings online in the classic version, but really struggled with the poetic language: thine, thus, hast, thy, art, thou wilt, thou drest etc. After seeing this updated version, I decided I needed the book, rather than the website. In updating this classic, Alistair Begg removed those archaic terms without sacrificing the message Spurgeon was teaching or even watering it down. One reviewer I read said that there was very little difference between this and the classic version so save the cost of the royalty and buy the original. The difference really comes in the elimination of those terms and revising the sentence structure accordingly, but not at all in the

examples or messages. I highly recommend this devotional as a great way to start and end your day with your focus on the Lord.

This is a wonderful resource. The Original is a masterpiece. The problem is that the type size in the hardbound edition is Very Small. Not suitable for anyone with less than perfect vision and a lot of light. I am Very disappointed. This publisher, Crosswayd doesn't seem to pay attention to these details.

Off the bat, I must say that I am not recommending Begg's version of this book in particular. I think he did a good job, and you would do well with it, but the original was written using KJV. The ESV is a great translation. If you've never used it, this devotional is a good introduction. You can get the original text online for free. I am not the kind of person, though, who enjoys reading from a computer. I prefer having a book because I can write in the margins, underline, dog-ear the pages, et cetera. As for the material in the text, it is outstanding. Spurgeon has a wonderful ability to convict, encourage and teach. His devotional is better than any I've ever read, to include Daily with the King, My Utmost for His Highest and Devotional Classics. The others are good, but if I had to choose just one to use or give as a gift, this is it. I highly encourage anyone even faintly interested to give Spurgeon a go for at least a month. You'll be hooked for a lifetime.

I have yet to read one of these morning or evening devotionals that has not blessed me in some way. Spurgeon urges the Christian to consider his foundation. Is it Christ? Is it nothing but the crucified savior? If so, then glory and praise be to God. Now press on in faith, brothers and sisters! Trust that he who began a good work will see it through to completion. Fight the good fight of faith! Love this guy. He is a wordsmith. Every devotion is very illustrative. He paints a picture with words that makes God look like the awesome treasure that he is. Buy this, and enjoy it. Gift it to friends and family. This devotion is not YOU centered. And you will grow to love that. Instead, he urges us to behold and cherish and value Christ above all. This book helps me fight to believe that everyday. Because he is a glorious God, isn't he?

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