

Theme for 2020

I AM WHAT ‘YOU’ SEE!

‘LORD, Open My Eyes, Help Me Believe, I Am What YOU See.’

“Your eyes are windows into your body. If you open your eyes wide in wonder and belief, your body fills up with light... Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother’s womb. I thank you, High God—you’re breathtaking! Body and soul, I am marvelously made! I worship in adoration—what a creation! You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something. Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you. The days of my life all prepared before I’d even lived one day. Your thoughts—how rare, how beautiful! God, I’ll never comprehend them! I couldn’t even begin to count them—any more than I could count the sand of the sea. Oh, let me rise in the morning and live always with you.”

Matthew 6:22 (MSG); Psalm 139:13-18 (MSG)



This Week’s Thought – March 1, 2020

“The trouble they cause recoils on them; their violence comes down on their own heads.” Psalm 7:16 (NIV)

Troublemakers tend to self-destruct. There is no need to get worked up over their acts of deception. They are dishonest when the truth will suffice. The harm they intend to inflict on others comes back to hurt them. Troublemakers attempt to discredit those they are jealous of and in the process discredit themselves. They conceive elaborate plans with evil intent. It is all about them and their agenda. They can easily tell you one thing and do another. In their mind, desired outcomes justify a polluted process.

The warning here is that we should beware of troublemakers, and do not urge them on with too much attention. Keep an eye on them but do not be consumed by them. Stand up to them in the right spirit without crushing their spirit. They are insecure and fearful, but are afraid to admit their insecurities. Because their acceptance is based on performance, they are always looking for ways to impress others. **It is not what we do that keeps us secure it is who we are and whose we are. In Christ we have all we need!**

“As I have observed, those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it.” (Job 4:8)

Trust God with troublemakers. You are not their judge and jury. He can handle them in His timing and in His way. We have our own sins to confess and repent of on a regular basis. We may not sin in as pronounced a manner as a troublemaker, nonetheless we still struggle with dishonesty and deception. It may be on a smaller scale, but we still weigh in as one who struggles with being a troublemaker.

So, let’s contrast the life of a troublemaker by being a blessing maker. Let’s be a blessing instead of a curse. Let’s extend consolation instead of consternation. Let’s focus on giving instead of taking. Let’s be a solace instead of a pain. Let’s serve instead of being served. Let’s encourage instead of discouraging. *“Kill them with kindness”* and watch God turn their hearts toward Him. Give them the respect they never had, and they may begin to respect themselves. God’s grace can change troublemakers into blessing makers. We are proof!

“He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.” (Psalm 40:2)

“I am who You say I am! I am God’s workmanship, created in Christ unto good works. (Ephesians 2:10) I am an ambassador for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20). I am part of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a purchased people (1 Peter 2:9). I am greatly loved by God (Ephesians 2:4; Colossians 3:12). I AM WHAT ‘YOU’SEE!”

Application: How can you become more of a peacemaker? How can you love troublemakers? Turn troublemakers over to the Lord and trust Him to deal with troublemakers in His timing.

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Heavenly Father, give me strength, guidance and protection today to withstand the works of the devil, as he tries to seep into my mind, heart and spirit. Please cancel all negative thoughts and actions that may be directed to me and eliminate the enemy’s power to do any evil against me. Cover me under the precious blood of the Lamb, Oh Lord. Permeate my mind, my body, my heart and my spirit with Your Spirit. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!”

Yours in Christ, Pastor King