

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 – June 28, 2020

“Just as you do not know the way and path of the wind or how the bones are formed in the womb of a pregnant woman, even so you do not know the activity of God who makes all things. Sow your seed in the morning and do not be idle with your hands in the evening, for you do not know whether morning or evening planting will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both alike will be good. The light is sweet and pleasant, and it is good for the eyes to see the sun. Yes, if a man should live many years, let him rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness, for they will be many. All that is to come will be futility.” **Ecclesiastes 11:5-8 (AMP)**

“We’re ALL in this TOGETHER.” The modern world has given us an explosion in knowledge unlike anything the human race has ever seen. We’ve cured diseases, split atoms, put a man on the moon, and put supercomputers in our pockets. Yet for all of our knowledge and accomplishments, so much of the world is still a mystery and truly unknown.

Mystery can be both deeply painful and profoundly glorious. How is it that a single virus can cripple our global society in a matter of weeks? How is it that we still struggle to accept the dignity and value of every human being? Yet at the same time, how is it that God looks upon us in our fragility and sickness and still shines His light upon us? How can He see our perpetual capacity for hatred and evil and choose to love and sustain our every movement?

The author of Ecclesiastes was not blind to the vanity and darkness that surrounded them. They knew life itself was a mixture of both light and darkness, joy and sorrow, life and death. Yet I love the way they embrace this truth and sit with the weight of reality. All is a gift, and if you are given many years, “*rejoice in them all.*” Rejoice! This is the command given to every follower of Jesus, regardless of situation or circumstance. Our days may be peaceful and calm, yet our days may be filled with injustice, sorrow, and grief. More accurately, our days are always a combination of all the above.

The days of darkness will be many, yet joy is found when we are able to see the light in the midst of the shadows. Though we may not fully understand the times we find ourselves in, we are still invited to seek the good and pursue the light of Christ daily. Or, to speak more faithfully, you and I must be transformed by the grace of God so that we are made able to see the light that exists in the midst of the darkness.

Growth in the life of God requires that we embrace our limitations. God is God, we are not. As such, we are liberated from the burden of having to know the answer to every question, from having the solution to every problem. Instead, we cultivate attentiveness as we walk through the shadowlands, for “*The light is sweet and pleasant, and it is good for the eyes to see the sun.*”

“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 cultivate attentiveness to God and a greater awareness that He is at work, right now shining His light into the darkness of this world? Ask God to give you eyes of faith to see the sweetness of His light, even here in the midst of great darkness.

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Father God, I come before You today and I know that You love me and that You have a plan for my future. As I wait expectantly upon you, may I never be jealous of how you are blessing others around me because I know that my time is coming! I will continue to walk in a worshipful fear of You daily. Even though things may not look the way that I want them to in the natural, I believe that You have a beautiful future and reward for me. May my hope and expectation grow more and more each day as I look to Your salvation and deliverance. Continue to direct my mind, heart and soul into the things that please You. I love You Lord and I wait in expectation on the fulfillment of Your promises and ALL the prayers that I have prayed. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!”

Yours in Christ, Pastor King