

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 – December 20, 2020

“My future is in your hands.” Psalm 31:15(a) (NLT)

“We’re ALL in this TOGETHER.” During this Christmas season—perhaps more than ever—the world needs hope! We need hope that comes from knowing we are safe. We need hope that comes from being confident the future will be okay. We need hope that comes from knowing there is hope. **Good news!** There is indeed abundant hope because Jesus is Lord over all! He didn’t only come into the world to save us from our sins. He came to put all things under His authority and right every wrong. What a comfort when times are difficult, uncertain, and the ground beneath our feet feels shaky.

When so many voices want us to believe they have the ultimate power to guide our lives, decide for our lives, or ruin our lives, Jesus proclaims, *“All authority belongs to Me and all that concerns you is in My Hands. It may not seem like it now, but one day My Power will be fully revealed. In the future, when I bring all things in Heaven and Earth together under My Authority and Rule, you will clearly behold My Power. But for now, you must trust. You must trust I Am working all things out to My desired end, for your good, for the good of humanity, and for My Glory. All things are in My Control and I love you. As you trust Me, you will experience the hope that comes from being firmly planted in Me.”* (Matthew 28:18; 1 John 5:13-14; 1 Peter 1:3-6; Ephesians 2:8-10)

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Jesus has ultimate Rule over all that live. He is never surprised by anything that happens in our lives or in the nations. He is seated far above all rule and authority, all power and dominion, and every title that can be given now, and in the age to come. (Ephesians 1:21) There is no king, no president, no ruler, or judge who has ultimate power. All powers are subjected to Christ. (1 Peter 3:22). Now He has all Authority. In the future, we will fully know and see that Authority in action.

He is the King and the King over all! During uncertain and difficult times, we must keep our eyes firmly fixed on Him, (Hebrews 12:2) as we wait for His good, beautiful, and redemptive plan to unfold.

This is our certain hope: He alone is God! *“For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God?”* (Psalm 18:31)

“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: Take a few minutes and imagine what it will be like when Jesus brings all things together, in Heaven and Earth, under His Authority. What will that kind of blessed existence be like? Just imagine!

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Dear Lord, thank you that You have all Authority in Heaven and on Earth. Thank you that You are loving, kind and merciful! All power belongs to You and all things are working out to Your desired—and good—end. My life and my future are in Your Hands! This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate Name of Jesus, Amen!”

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