Monday, 21 July 2014

Psalm 103:19

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

I have trouble grasping the enormity of that little three letter word 'all'; that 'all' really means all.. Oh, I have no trouble consigning the operation of the Creation to Him, of agreeing that the course of someones life is in His hands. No, the problem is releasing my life, my will, my control to Him. Will I ever learn and concede my will to His?

Tuesday, 22 July 2014

Psalm 103:20-22a

Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

All creation is commanded to obey and bless You, even Your works. All creation declares the handiwork of the LORD God the Almighty. Sometimes I have great difficulty in seeing that declaration or hearing the angelic choir announcing His Supremacy. But the problem is mine, my sin dimmed eyes and impaired hearing. Heal me, Lord

Wednesday, 23 July 2014 Psalm 103:22b

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Every breath, every instance of my life should be, must be an expression of praise. No thought should proceed without blessing the Lord at beginning and end. I know what should and could be; guide me, Holy Spirit, into that glorious reality.

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

What catches my eye, Lord, is that second phrase. I carry your family name. Hallelujah! Just as my earthly name identifies me with a certain heritage and related to a particular set of people; those characteristics and other clues indicate to others that I will live my life according to a certain pattern. In the same fashion, my family name, Christian, identifies me with a particular set of people and should tell others that I will live my life according to a certain pattern. Here is where the power that is at work within me enters in. To You be the glory through all generations.

Friday, 25 July 2014 Psalm 104:1-2

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

What will it be like, Lord, to finally see You in all Your splendor?. Modern man lives a life of vicarious pleasure, our experience of the awesome is defined by a public spectacle on TV, we live lives shielded from the elements by our snug little houses. Lord, open my eyes that I may see, experience and anticipate Your beauty and splendor.

Psalm 104:3-4

He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind; he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire.

The picture begins to take shape and substance as the Psalmist leads me into an appreciation of the royal spectacle. You whose garments are light, whose residence is the heavens with its foundation upon the clouds, whose royal carriage is the clouds powered by the wind, whose royal attendants are winds and fire. No earthly head of state can be so described—no petty tyrant or the most powerful individual alive today.

O, that I would have the eyes of my heart opened to truly see You as You are.

Lord's Day, 27 July 2014 Psalm 119:81

My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word.

My soul savors and treasures Your salvation; it expects and anticipates the fulfillment through Your word. "It is well, it is well with my soul"

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