Monday, 16 November 2015

Genesis 1:31

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

Your goodness, LORD, God the Almighty, is the totality of all that You are. For You are the definition of perfection in all Your characteristics. You saw all that Your Word had spoken into being and all met your standards of perfection--absolute flawlessness in all aspects.

Tuesday, 17 November 2015 Psalms 119:68

You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

Lord, I am continuously in awe of Your great kindness for You did not withhold anything that I need to know of Your goodness. You provided Your Law, the Word and the Spirit to give me the understanding needed to apply good to my life. Carry me deeper into that goodness.

Wednesday, 18 November 2015

Psalms 145:9

The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Your mercy, the withholding of the punishment I deserve, is the most important display of Your goodness. Without your mercy, all other displays of your character would be terrifying and/or meaningless. But because of that mercy, I can accept that I am Your child, redeemed and restored to Your presence.

Thursday, 19 November 2015 Mark 10:18 And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You and You alone, LORD, God the Almighty, are good. You are the exemplar, the *sine qua non,* the absolute standard, the nonpareil. There is no other.

Friday, 20 November 2015

<u>Psa_86:15</u>

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

If I believe, that God is abounding in faithfulness, what does that mean? Or is it just one of those

"Christianese" phrases that I just casually sprinkle in my conversation to make it sound pious? First it is a statement that is foundational to my faith and as such, I must do my best to understand it and its implications. Then if I claim to believe it, I must diligently seek to structure my life accordingly. Furthermore, I cannot praise God for His faithfulness if I have not striven to understand and apply it.

The bedrock from which I start is that when I state that God abounds in faithfulness, I must understand that He can only be faithful to Himself. **I AM WHO I AM** brooks no superior being.

<u>Psalm_89:8</u> O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O LORD, with your faithfulness all around you?

Another point to keep in mind is that when I praise God for his faithfulness, I am recognizing that He is true to Himself, i. e. He is true to all His characteristics. That implies that I need to start my prayers of praise by recognizing His faithfulness and then upon His characteristics.

Saturday, 21 November 2015

Deuteronomy 7:9

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

This speaks to me of the overwhelming relationship that exists between me and the LORD, God the Almighty. That One who is faithful beyond human comprehension. I am at a loss for words to explain the sense of awe that fills my soul as I contemplate that the great I AM desires to be in a covenantal relationship with me.

Lord's Day, 22 November 2015 Psalm 119:130

The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

The Light, the Presence, the outworking of the Holy Spirit. Root out those sins and evil affections of the spirit of the flesh, cleanse me and make me an acceptable dwelling place, a pure temple for You.



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