Monday, 1 February 2016

1 Kings 8:39

then hear in heaven your dwelling place and forgive and act and render to each whose heart you know, according to all his ways (for you, you only, know the hearts of all the children of mankind),

The LORD, God the Almighty knows the heart of every human being who existed, does exist and will exist. He knows the heart of the most degenerate tyrant and the most devout saint. He knows every thought and emotion that I have ever had and ever will have. A concept I know to be true but I still attempt to run from God--change my name to Jonah.

Tuesday, 2 February 2016 Psalms 139:1-6, 23-24

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it....Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

David begins and ends with total acceptance of God's omniscience, but there is a sense of comfort throughout the Psalm. It is acknowledgment that the all-knowing God is on all sides of him, temporally, spiritually, and physically, with his ultimate good as the goal.

I love the last two verses--David's complete capitulation to the LORD's supremacy; asking Him to run a complete systems check.

Wednesday, 3 February 2016

Proverbs 3:19-20

The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens; by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew.

Yes, I can accept that the LORD, God the Almighty is the source of all understanding regarding the physical creation but do I really know this? I'm afraid the answer is no for if I did, I would immediately and continuously see all Creation as a revelation of God's omniscience. Furthermore, I would be driven to search out the deepest evidence of Him.

This awareness is ever so slowly moving from my head to my heart.

Thursday, 4 February 2016

1 Corinthians 2:10, 16

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God...."For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Think about this, my personal Rosetta Stone to lead me into all that my Lord said to His disciples, John 14:26 and 16:13. Hallelujah, I do have the mind of Christ being poured into me; the very depths of God. Now to learn to constantly turn to Him in all circumstances.

Friday, 5 February 2016

Genesis 18:14

Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

I am awe-struck every time I read this story and the incomprehensible miracle of the conception of Issac. Another instance of "God said and it was." The arm of the LORD is **not** too short. He is omnipotent.

Saturday, 6 February 2016

1 Samuel 2:6-7

The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts.

There is no aspect of the Creation over which the LORD's power is not complete--from the existence of life to the ordering of a culture. Yes, sometimes He allows us to follow our own willful desires and suffer the consequences, but sometimes he chooses to provide a Samuel. Oh, that He would provide a Godly individual to lead this nation but it will not happen so long as we insist on defying His Word.

Lord's Day, 7 February 2016 Psalm 119:48

I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes.

This is the key, Lord, to learn to meditate on Your Word continuously; always asking how the situation I am dealing with is covered by the Word. Help me, Lord, I am powerless without You.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



February 1-7, 2016

I was dealing with a very difficult and perplexing problem in the spring of 1989 and tackling it by trying to learn everything I could on the subject. One evening, as I continued my studies, God told me very clearly that the root of the problem was that I did not know Him. I put down the book I was reading and picked up a Bible figuring that was where I was going to find Him. That began what has been a 27-year search to know, really know in a John 17:3 way, the Lord, God the Almighty.

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