Monday, 11 January 2015

Continuing to examine the characteristics of the LORD, God the Almighty and as I learn to praise Him by acknowledging His worth, I have come to His utter incomprehensibility, His transcendence. A good jumping off point is to acknowledge what I can comprehend.

Psalms 19:1-4a

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

LORD, I thought that this passage from the Psalms would be something which delineated my understanding. What hubris! I confess that I cannot begin to comprehend Your glory as revealed by the Creation. But it is sufficient to know that the Creation reveals You and as I search to understand it, I am coming infinitesimally closer to a full comprehension of Your glory and who You are.

Exodus 33:20-23

Tuesday, 12 January 2015

Job 37:23-24

The Almighty—we cannot find him; he is great in power; justice and abundant righteousness he will not violate. Therefore, men fear him; he does not regard any who are wise in their own conceit.

LORD, the incomprehensibility that underlies the Creation that I can comprehend is a powerful indicator of Your existence. Each step that I take to gain understanding reveals to me a little more of the vastness of my lack of understanding.

Psalm 104:1-4

Wednesday, 13 January 2015

Exodus 33:20-23

But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

What a blessing for I am unable to see Your holiness and live. Not so long as even a tinge of the old man still resides within me. Not until I am ushered into your presence covered by the Blood of the Lamb. Then to be in the Presence. Oh, what a glory that will be.

Thursday, 14 January 2015

Psalms 104:1-4

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. 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.

LORD, another passage of Scripture where human language is totally incapable of conveying Your greatness. The Psalmist uses those similes that are at the very furthest reaches of his mind to attempt the task but fails. And so it is, weak, fallen man struggles and You, my God and Father, revel as a father revels watching a toddler assay his first steps. Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great.

Friday, 15 January 2015 Isaiah 40:21-26

Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the

greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.

Isaiah directs us to not only apply our senses to the task of comprehending the incomprehensible but to use our Creator given reason as well. He calls us to study the stars, to focus individually on each and to slowly let it soak in that there is not a single, solitary star missing and that He has named each.

Will I, when I get to glory, also see that vast, infinite display of stars and finally understand?

Saturday, 16 January 2015

1 Timothy 6:15-16

which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

LORD, is this not another test of my willingness to trust? Your Son, the Lord Jesus the Christ tells me in John 14:6-11 that He is the full revelation of You. As I draw near to Him, I draw near to You, LORD, God the Almighty. And, John14:16-17 promises the Holy Spirit as the Helper to lead me into all truth.

Lord's Day, 17 January 2015

Psalm 119:21

You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones, who wander from your commandments.

Lord, forgive me for I am often one of those insolent ones, wandering away from Your righteous Law. Sometimes through thoughtlessness but more often through willful disobedience. Lord, discipline me and teach me that I might become more fully a man of God.

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