

The Wednesday Word, November 21, 2018: Pleasures for Evermore

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. Psalm 16:11

Psalm 16 is prophetic of Christ and since all believers are 'in Him,' it applies to us. When the eternal Word arrived, His path was from the manger to the cross, from the cross to the grave and from the grave to Glory.

As believers we also have a path to follow. Consider the following from our verse.

Thou wilt show me the path of life. What I'm about to say may seem like a broad sweeping statement. That's because it is.

"Jesus is the path of life."
That's why he said "Follow Me." ...

"ME"

No new Gurus requested or required. Follow Christ.

All life is in Christ. He is the word of life, the well of life (John 4:14), and the tree of life. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. May we see Jesus moment by moment. To know Him is eternal and abundant life. In Him is the favour of the Almighty and in His favour is life. Jesus alone is the way of life. He is our path of life.

We are entirely dependent on Him. Had Jesus not died there would have been no life. In fact, His death is our life. Because of the cross, we have life in Christ ... life through Christ, and life with Christ:

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Presence

Here again, we see Jesus. He is the presence of Yahweh. As He said to Moses, "My presence shall be with you and I will give you rest" (Exodus 33 14-15). We cannot but feel measures of His joy when we are in his presence. That's why, dear pastor, I urge you to proclaim Jesus to your flock. What a wonderful Saviour. In Him (Jesus) the fulness of the Godhead dwells bodily (Colossians 2:9).

Preach the Gospel to the saints. It brings His presence. Pause and consider this scripture, "Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord" (John 20:20).

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Fulness of Joy

Not partial joy; but full, satisfying, unalloyed, unclouded, unmingled with anything that would diminish its fulness or its brightness; joy that will not be diminished, as all earthly joys must be, by the feeling that it must soon come to an end' (Barnes).

Knowing our salvation brings joy. Therefore, we read, "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness" (Isaiah 61:10).

There is fullness of joy in the Gospel.

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The Right Hand

Who can be at the right hand but God? The term right hand is not talking about a physical right hand. The right hand represents ultimate authority. Therefore, we read, "The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly (Ps 118:16). The right hand shows Christ's exaltation, strength and power. It verifies His dominion, might, victory and triumph. He saves with His right hand and His right hand is full of righteousness (Psalm 48:10).

Jesus is the Path of life as our Prophet;
He is the Presence of Yahweh as our Priest;
He is the Power of the right hand as our Potentate (our King).

In Him are pleasures forevermore.

And that's the Gospel Truth!