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I could never understand how God could be so big that He knows every thought of every single person. Wanna know what has changed that for me? The internet. I can ask my computer a question and within seconds I have information from all over the world right in front of me. Where did that kind of ability come from? The LORD!!! I think He just reveals little, tiny pieces of His intelligence at a time... and each time we learn a little more about His ability to think, hear, and communicate. It's amazing. Yes... the internet has helped grow my faith.

*Blessings,
Jonna*

Psalm 33:8-22

After reading in 2 Peter 3 about remembering the prophecies about scoffers and ungodly people trying to distract, discourage, and draw us away from God... it is a wonderful transition to look at this passage and be reminded of our patient God who is "not slow in keeping His promise." He is no pushover! He is not weak! He IS in charge and fully in control. My job is not to fix anything, but to worship Him as I keep my eyes on Him.

This passage starts at vs. 8, but I don't want to miss what comes before it... I'm called to shout for joy, praise, give thanks, make melody, and sing to the LORD... Yahweh. His word is upright. His work is faithful. He loves righteousness and justice. The earth is full of His steadfast love.

Wait a minute. The earth is full of His steadfast love? Really? Even though there are so many who mock Him and deny His existence? Ummm... that's even MORE proof that His steadfast love fills the earth. Even the mockers are still breathing!!! His patience with the ungodly is evidence of His steadfast love. Yes, the earth is full of His steadfast love... even in all the brokenness. Jesus is evidence of His steadfast love. The gospel being spread throughout the world is evidence of His steadfast love.

By His word... just by speaking... He made the heavens and the angels and He gathered the waters... all of them! He is so big!!! So mighty!!! He is My Father, my Lord, my Savior.

So...

Vs. 8-9 ~ "Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of HIM! For HE spoke, and it came to be; HE commanded, and it stood firm."

Let us FEAR Him. Be in reverent AWE of Him. Worship Him. Bow before Him. Who deserves worship more than the LORD? He is the one who SPOKE and what He said happened. I can't even come close to what He can do. If I work with all my strength, I can't do what He can speak. Let me not forget that! He doesn't just speak things into existence. He also makes what He says stand firm. "He holds the universe together by the word of His power" (Hebrews 1:3). Not even a fake superhero can do what God can do.

Vs. 10-12 ~ "The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; HE frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of HIS heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom HE has chosen as HIS heritage!"

Proverbs 19:21 says, "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand." If I don't want God's will, this will frustrate me. But if I recognize that God's will is good, perfect, and pleasing both to Him and to me, this will bring me great peace and security. "God's will is what we would want if we had all the facts" (William Thrasher.) I can even trust that God has all the facts AND He has all the power to accomplish His purpose by His spoken word.

It is a wonderful thing for all who call on Him as LORD to know how powerful and good He is... that HIS counsel and the purpose of HIS heart stands forever. All His purposes are for His glory and my good. I am chosen as His heritage. I can say this even though the psalmist was specifically speaking of the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, because 1 Peter 2:9-10 speaks to ALL who call on Jesus as Lord. Peter says, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a HOLY NATION, a people for HIS own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of HIM who called you out of darkness into HIS marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are GOD's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." This is reason to shout for joy, praise, give thanks, and sing to the LORD!!!

Vs. 13-17 ~ "The LORD looks down from heaven; HE sees all the children of man; from where HE sits enthroned HE looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, HE who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue."

From His throne, the Lord looks. He sees. He knows exactly what's going on. From HIS throne, He observes the kings and warriors on earth who believe that their strong might is what saves them. Even those who forge ahead, ignoring the authority and majesty of the one true King are still His creation. He fashioned them and their hearts. Those who fight battles in their own

strength don't even realize that He is the one who gives the victory.

The king of earth cannot save himself. No warrior can deliver in his own strength. The war horse, though mighty and strong and fearless, is a false hope for salvation if the Lord is not allowing the victory.

How many are the avenues of life that believers try to navigate in their own strength? How many are the ways I try to do things in my own strength??? How many ways do we choose coping skills rather than Jesus? How many are the ways that we choose temporary pleasures and escapes rather than Jesus?

Maybe I have chosen to go my own way at times because I felt the Lord was frustrating my plans... but if He does frustrate them, it's because He loves me and He is doing something in me. O Lord, please forgive me for all the times I fight for MY rights or try to do things in my own strength. Forgive me for all the times You've protected me and I didn't even acknowledge You. Your word speaks in Hosea 11 of how Your people went after false gods, and yet YOU were the one who taught them how to walk, and YOU were the one who healed them when they didn't even know it. O Lord, You have done so much healing in my life when I didn't even know it was You. That is Your steadfast love and Your power. I praise You.

Vs. 18-19 ~ "Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear HIM, on those who hope in HIS steadfast love, that HE may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine."

O Lord, let me not miss that You are keeping Your eye on me... not to scold me or condemn me, but to rescue me. You have delivered my soul from eternal death. And while I'm in this broken world, You sustain me even through famine. Let me never think that famine is evidence of Your absence or Your indifference. You are never absent. You are never indifferent. I'M the one who tries to walk away from YOU. Let me never do that again!!! Instead, I will fear You... not be afraid of You... that would drive me away from You... but fear You... be in awe of You... worship You. You give me countless reasons to worship You. I will know that if I just open my eyes and look! Your steadfast love is my hope. Your love is steadfast, undying, completely loyal, unconditional. My hope is not wishful thinking, but confident expectation that Your love will never fail... even when I'm in the famine. Nothing separates me from Your love... not "tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword" (Romans 8:35). Praise Your name.

Vs. 20-22 ~ "Our soul waits for the LORD; HE is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in HIM, because we trust in HIS holy name. Let YOUR steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in YOU."

Let my soul, my whole being, WAIT for You, Lord. Let me wait for you to supply me with whatever I need to accomplish Your will. Let me wait for You to give me direction for where to go. Let me stop trying to take matters into my own hands. You are the one who sees all and knows all and has the power to do all. Let me wait for You because I trust You.

I can wait for You because You are my help. You sustain me and You deliver. You shield me from things I don't even see! I have no idea how many things You shield me from.

What will make my heart glad? Simply this... trusting You. Anything else will bring frustration, fear, anxiety, despair, distraction, and discouragement. I would like to stop learning that the hard way, O Lord! It's exhausting! And I don't HAVE to learn it the hard way. I can just trust You, and You will be there every single time!!!

O Lord, the whole world is full of Your steadfast love, but to experience it with all its fullness I need to put my hope in You. It's not You that ever withholds Your love from me. I'm the one who misses it by searching for hope from another source. Let me never look to another source. There's no need. Your power is unmatched. Your wisdom is beyond comprehension. Your love is immeasurable. I just need to look in the right direction. I will shout for joy, praise, give thanks, make melody, and sing to You with all my heart. O Lord, may it be so. By Your strength and love, it IS so.