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I believe weather is one of the many things that remind us that God is sovereign. I have no power to change the weather, but He is Lord over it. Every time I hear thunder or see the wind ramp up, I think, "You're in charge." He's been giving us lots of opportunities to remember that, lately... including the squirrel that visited our home last week. I think he was so disoriented from the storm that he thought our door was a tree! Hahaha.

*Blessings,
Jonna*

Psalm 33:12-22

If there's one thing being magnified in my mind more and more about the call to build a godly home, it's that it has to start with my relationship with Jesus... but it can't end there. There is never a time I can say, "I refuse to respect my husband, but Jesus and I are good." There is also never a time I can truly love my husband as God calls me to UNLESS Jesus and I are good.

Lord, please teach me through this passage in Psalm 33:12-22 where my hope comes from and how to honor You first and my husband next... and all others as well.

Vs. 12 ~ "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom He has chosen as his heritage!"

Who is the nation whose God is the LORD? According to 1 Peter 2:9, this is a nation of believers in Jesus Christ... who have confessed Him as Lord. It says we are a "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that we may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called us out darkness into His marvelous light." This is no small call, and this is no ordinary nation.

The LORD Yahweh is my God, my Father, my Savior. Let me never take that for granted. He chose me when I was a weak, ungodly, sinful enemy of His. He made me His own and gave me an inheritance with Him forever. I am blessed. No matter what I face on this earth, I am blessed.

This world is broken and it is the only hell I will ever experience because God has given me an incredible future with Him.

Vs. 13-15 ~ "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."

Whoa... if I ever think that God has forgotten me or abandoned me, let this passage calm my fears. The Lord looks DOWN from heaven where He is seated on His throne. He who formed me in my mother's womb and said I am fearfully and wonderfully made sees me. He sees ALL people at ALL times. He fashioned every single one of us... even those who reject Him and proclaim that He doesn't exist. He sees all that we do. He knows all. He is above all. He is over all. No matter what.

Vs. 16-17 ~ "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."

O Lord, this is so important for me to understand. Your word says in Jeremiah 17:5, "Cursed is the one who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength." And a few verses later, "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust IS the Lord." Why? Because no man, not even an army of men, can save a king or me without YOUR intervention. No warrior can defeat the enemy in his own strength, no matter how much he thinks he can. In the battle, a war horse who is not afraid of any danger cannot rescue and bring salvation to any man if the Lord does not allow it.

God is sovereign. I can complain that He's not doing things as I think He should, but that doesn't change the fact that He will do everything according to His will, according to His plan, according to His wisdom, according to His goodness, according to His love. When He is not doing what I think He should, He is saying, "I KNOW the whole picture, even the things you can't see. I love you too much to give you this thing you want because I know what you truly need. Trust Me." O Lord, faith is walking with my eyes set on You who I can't see, and not by my circumstances that I can see. Only You can give me the strength to look to the eternal. Please help me to do that in ALL circumstances, in every battle.

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."

Behold... check it out... the one who sits above the earth on His throne, who sees everything, who has given me an incredible inheritance, has His eye on those who fear Him... who worship Him... who trust Him. If I thought this about being afraid of Him, this passage proves that it's not. It's about being in awe of Him. It's about putting my hope in Him. And what does He do? Because of His steadfast, covenant loyalty, sacrificial, unconditional, unfailing love for me, He is the one who delivers my SOUL from death and keeps me alive in famine.

No matter what I face on this earth, the Lord is protecting my SOUL and guarding me and keeping me alive. I don't NEED to look to any other deliverer because I have the Deliverer who has delivered me from the domain of darkness and transferred me to the kingdom of His beloved Son. Looking to any other deliverer is looking to less. God may USE an army to do His work. He may USE a war horse to deliver me. But let me never be deceived. Every person or horse or anything else that comes to my rescue comes by the hand of God. Psalm 127:1-2 says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for He gives to his beloved sleep." O Lord, how much anxiety and frustration would I save myself if I trusted Your sweet loving protection??? Please help me to trust You!

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."

So... if I don't need to save myself, what do I need to do?

My SOUL needs to WAIT for the One who delivers my SOUL from death. Eternal death. What does it mean to WAIT for the Lord? Here are a few quotes that help me understand ~

- *Waiting on God requires living by what I know to be true about God when I don't know what's true about my life. ~ Mark Vroegop*
- *To wait on the Lord is not to be idle. It is to refuse to step out of His will to address your situation. ~ Tony Evans*
- *Waiting on God is faith expressed in persevering obedience while trusting God to work all things according to His perfect plan in His perfect time; or put mathematically, waiting on God is trust multiplied by time. ~ Smedley Yates*
- *A holy, joyful expectancy is the very essence of true waiting. ~ Andrew Murray*

O Lord, let me have a holy, joyful expectancy as I wait on You!

Why wait on the Lord? He is my help and my shield. Above all, He gives me "the shield of faith with which I can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one in ALL circumstances" (Ephesians 6:16).

Be glad in Him... why? He's trustworthy. His name is holy... that means that is impossible for Him to lie or sin or have even an impure thought. This is who is my deliverer and salvation!!!

Hope in Him... I can ask for Him to let His love to be upon me with condo because I already have the promise from vs. 18 and countless others in other passages that His steadfast love IS upon me. Psalm 103 says He crown me with His steadfast love, He is abounding in steadfast love, His love for me is as high as the heavens where He sits on His throne, and His love for me is from everlasting to everlasting. Biblical hope is to have confident expectation. I have confident expectation in Your unfailing love, O Lord. Please help that confidence to grow more and more.

So... what am I called to do in this passage?

- *Fear Him... stand in awe of Him... worship Him*
- *Hope in His steadfast love*
- *Wait for Him*
- *Trust in His holy name*

What does He do?

- *He chose me*
- *He sees me*
- *He made me*
- *He keeps His eyes on me*
- *He loves me*
- *He delivers my soul*
- *He keeps me alive regardless of my circumstances*
- *He helps me*
- *He shields me*

O Lord, I am blessed. Praise Your holy name!!!