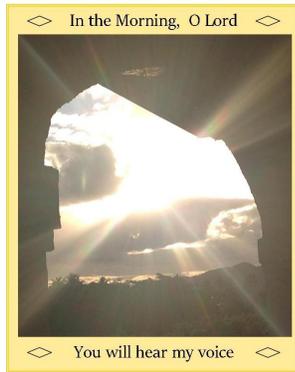


In The Morning



***"In the morning, O Lord,
You will hear my voice;
In the morning I will order my prayer to You
and eagerly watch."
Psalm 5:3 (nasb)***

How do you start your days? I know that may vary, depending on your stage of life, or how dependent you are upon caffeine. I think of the times I drug myself out of bed to get to school, moving sleepily into the morning hours as I was always more of a "night person". Of course, I would end up marrying a "morning person" and so habits had to change, for both of us. Then came the young mommy days. Oh goodness, morning, noon and night I felt I needed to sleep, but little was had, for a time. (Young moms, it does get better!!!) Mornings were filled with jumping out of bed (ok, crawling out of bed) and getting on with the "have to's" of the morning. Feeding little ones, getting lunches made, seeing all of them off to their day.

At various stages I have done really well at having my morning quiet times with the Lord, even if it was sometimes a quick prayer to get me out of bed. On one of those quiet mornings I read this passage, and I wondered when I pray, do I eagerly watch to see what the Lord is going to do with my praise, with my requests, with my concerns? I recognized that I wasn't always so aware of when or how He was responding because I tossed the prayer up and never watched to see what came back down. It was a convicting moment. It was a learning moment.

First point the passage makes is that: The Lord will hear my voice in the morning. He is there. Waiting for us to acknowledge Him, and our need for Him in our day. Take the time and let Him hear our voice in the morning.

Secondly, I must order my prayer to Him. I must mindfully think of Him when I wake, and present my day to Him. Its intentionally giving the day and all it holds to Him. The agenda of the day must be setting Him and His ways as a priority for my life. Giving His Spirit control of it all.

Thirdly, I'm going to watch! I'm not going to just toss the words up to the ceiling, and wander off, instead I am going to watch to see what the Lord will do. Not just passively watch as if He's a show to be seen, but rather, it says, "eagerly watch" meaning I'm going to be head stretched out, eyes open wide, attentively waiting to see what He will do, that means keeping Him in focus all day long. He desires to be in relationship with us, to be our life, not just part of our day.

Lord, may each day begin with conversation with You, continue with You all the day through, until I lay back down at night. May every waking moment be a constant discussion and fellowship with You. Then, may I eagerly wait for Your answer to my requests, knowing that You are God Almighty, able to do all things, confident You will do what is best, even when it makes no earthly sense."