

Sunday, 24 June 2007

Psalm 138: 6-8

Ps 138:6-8 The LORD is on high, but cares for the lowly and knows the proud from afar. Though I walk in the midst of dangers, you guard my life when my enemies rage. You stretch out your hand; your right hand saves me. The LORD is with me to the end. LORD, your love endures forever. Never forsake the work of your hands!

God will never forsake you.

The Lord cares for the lowly (Humble) and knows the proud from afar. In this Psalm, King David is giving witness to God's protection and care that was visible in his own life. This psalm is not a witness to David's own works or glory, but a witness to the salvation of God. Earlier in the psalm, David states that all the other kings of this world will have no other choice, put to praise God, should they hear about his wonderful words, and actions. This shows to David's humility and humbleness in relation to his God. David had learned that you can not rely on your own kingdom, or your own riches and armies. Nothing on earth can give you the security you need, except putting your trust completely in God. Thus, he is saying that God will care for you if you are humble, and rely on Him, but should you be proud, and try to take care of yourself to be able to show others to your own abilities, then God will know you from afar. A proud man will not allow God to care for him, for he would regard it as a sign of weakness, not being able to stand on his own two feet. Such a person will be very lonely. But the person who humbles himself and puts all his trust in God will experience how God's own hand will save him. He will be able to give witness that God is with him to the end, and that God's love endures forever.

In the week that passed, I experienced how God's faithfulness not only provided for me, but for all His children, that humbly put their trust in Him alone. I saw with my own eyes how God provided in the needs of people, desperately in need, and trusting in God alone to assist. I have seen eyes fill-up with tears as God answered prayers, and visibly stretched out His hand to save his children in their times of need. I have experienced something about the father heart of God, caring for His children. How excellent is Your Name, O Lord!

Where do you find yourself at this very moment? Do you know what this week may hold? Do you fear what may lay ahead, as it would seem like you are trapped in the midst of danger? Have you been running around, trying your best to find a way to save yourself, and are desperately looking for a way out of your situation? Is now then not the time to humble yourself in the presence of the Lord, and hand your problems all to Him. You have His promise; His love for you will endure forever. He will never forsake the works of His hands. Let us give all our worries to God, and humbly trust Him to help his children, and we will never regret our choice, for God, who loves us, will care for us.

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