

what shall we discuss today? how can we each make our actions and even our words lift up Jesus? He has said "and I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." john 12:32 we just need to keep lifting Him up. He will do the drawing. His is the work; not ours. He allows us to participate in this marvelous work of God. as i have often hear it put, "we are His ambassadors".

it is not difficult to deliver good news. it would be difficult to deliver a proclamation of war. an ambassador has to be ready to deliver either. "and if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve." joshua 24:15 we will all be servants, whether to sin or to God.

just a brief side note here. years ago a dear friend came by my house one night in distress. she had children and could not meet her financial obligations. we visited for awhile and at some point i was led to get up. i went and got a pan of water and proceeded to wash her feet. her feet were not dirty. just as the act of Jesus washing the disciples feet wasn't a matter of physical cleanliness.

i tell you in truth now. it was not i who instigated this act. just as Jesus remarked that peter did not proclaim Him the son of God by his own knowledge. i think it was one of the top few spiritual moments of my life. it was a cleansing and healing of her spirit in a time of need. and yes, i did help her financially before she left. "if you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?" james 2:16 and "do not withhold good from those to

whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so." prov 3:27

"for as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God." rom 8:14 i do not claim this honor. God proclaims it. yes, too often we still let our flesh do the leading. hopefully that is less and less. "little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and you inherit the land." exo 23:30

i have always loved poetry. the word of God is the ultimate poetry. when one gets the symmetry of its' flow and lines their life up with it, the result is a beauty to be experienced rather than read. that being said, i would now like to share with you a poem that has always touched my heart and fed my spirit.

Eternal Power, whose high abode  
Becomes the grandeur of a God:  
Infinite lengths beyond the bounds  
Where stars revolve their little rounds:

Thee while the first archangel sings,  
He hides his face behind his wings:  
And ranks of shining thrones around  
Fall worshipping, and spread the ground.

Lord, what shall earth and ashes do?  
We would adore our Maker too;  
From sin and dust to Thee we cry,  
The Great, the Holy, and the High.

Earth, from afar, hath heard Thy fame,

And worms have learn'd to lisp Thy Name;  
But O! the glories of Thy mind  
Leave all our soaring thoughts behind.

God is in heaven, and men below:  
Be short our tunes; our words be few:  
A solemn reverence checks our songs,  
And praise sits silent on our tongues.

-- Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

our God fills the expanse of all that is. it is in Him  
"we live and move and have our being." acts 17:28  
there is nothing that escapes the glances of our God;  
and no depth beyond His mercy to reach a soul lost in  
sin. the only real question is: are you sorry because  
you were caught, or are you truly sorry for what you  
have done? human nature is to get by with something if  
they think they can. even if it goes unnoticed by man,  
it is noticed by God.

the word says there are books being recorded in heaven  
and the day is coming when they will be opened and  
judgment will commence. those who are not redeemed  
from the law will be judged by the law. "under the Law  
almost everything is purified by means of blood, and  
without the shedding of blood there is neither release  
from sin and its guilt nor the remission of the due and  
merited punishment for sins." heb 9:22 amp ver

i repeat again: "and if it seems evil to you to serve  
the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will  
serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that  
were on the other side of the river, or the gods of the

amorites, in whose land you dwell. but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” jos 24:15 in other words, where you were, where you are, or where you want to be. our actions will make the decision.

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