

when i talk to God

"when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place." matt 6:6

what do you talk about when you talk to God. our God knows all things, even before we do. so what do you talk about when you talk to God. believe it or not, i often talk about you - each of you - each and every one who reads these dailies that i aspire to write - trying first to point everyone to our Lord and Savior, and also to encourage those who might be downtrodden by life and the encroaching darkness.

i also pray that the words i write are not my own but God's, for they are truly the only ones that matter. also that my words and thoughts never get mingled with His, thereby diluting His truth on matters - eternal matters. i pray for His anointing upon them that they might have the desired effect.

so once again i come to each of you, as though i were there in your very presence, seeking once more to lift your spirits to the heights i know it can reach. there is One who loves us as none other can. the shame and suffering He endured so He might lavish you with His love throughout eternity cannot now be know by any.

YOU - "who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. in this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much

more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ." 1 pet 1:5-7

a while back i talked about the goodness of God, and it is so, so true. that's not to say everything has always been a bed of roses and without life struggles. it is to say He was always there with me through it all. i think again of the story of the footprints in the sand and how often, when looking back, there was only one set walking alone. these were indeed the times when the Lord carried me. He carries us when we are too weak to carry ourselves.

there's a star in the darkest night
just to give a little light
it will guide us through the night when hope is gone
soon the darkness fades away
and there breaks a golden day
just remember darkness comes before the dawn

like a shepherd kind and true
Jesus cares for me and you
tho at times it seems we just cannot go on
He says child come unto me
so not worry - do not fear
just remember darkness comes before the dawn

He makes a way when there is no way
turns the night to golden day
o'er life's rugged road, He'll give a happy song
when you walk in darkest night
and you see a ray of light
just remember darkness comes before the dawn

"i would have lost heart, unless i had believed that i would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." psalms 27:13 the darkness we see now is only a prelude to the "golden day" approaching. and golden it is, full of glory and gifts - gifts the Lord long to lavish upon those who love His name. "'they shall be Mine,' says the Lord of hosts, 'on the day that I make them My jewels. and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.'" malachi 3:17

we may not be spared from the wrath of man or the torments of the devil, but what is that, knowing we shall be spared from the wrath of Almighty God? "for i consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." romans 8:18 remember - God on the mountain is still God in the valley.

"do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." luke 12:32