

nov 11

the excellent ones

"as for the saints who are on the earth, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight." psalms 16:3

have you ever thought of yourself as being an "excellent" anything? well you are excellent in the Lord's eyes and to all those who love His appearing. we are all His body and He will knit us together as He sees fit.

i often think of those who read these dailies of mine. to some, they are eagerly awaited while a nuisance to others. but they are all have access to them for a reason. i can't say that i know that reason but i trust God in His purposes.

many judge themselves and think they are not good enough for God. that they are not worthy enough. and you know - we aren't. none of us are. but i remember the scripture that tells me when i am weak, He is strong. in fact - that His strength is made perfect in weakness.

"not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God." 2 cor 3:5 who of us would think that Christ is not enough? do you not remember how galatians tells us that it is no longer we who live but Christ lives in us?

"for we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus

for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." eph 2:10 o Lord, we praise You for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. when You created man from the dirt of the earth You breathed into Him an eternal, powerful, excellent spirit. that was lost for millennia but Christ came to restore it again.

i would rather have fellowship with the weakest, poorest, wretched believer than the most powerful and smartest of heathen. you see, "where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." matt 18:20

we are His excellent ones in all the earth. we find fellowship together and in that we find strength. i see those who have dedicated their whole ministry to judging and tearing down others. none of us have it all right. "therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. then each one's praise will come from God." 1 cor 4:5 this flesh is too sinful to judge righteously.

our Lord prayed that we might be one even as He and the Father were One. one day that prayer will be fulfilled and what a glorious day it will be. "behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! it is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. it is like the dew of hermon, descending upon the mountains of zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing - life

forevermore." psalms 133:1-3 that sounds like our final, complete deliverance.

there will be no more schism in the body; no more disputing over trivial things and jealousy between the have's and have not's. with our hands off and our hearts right, we will be truly submitted to the Lord's will. that's what the Lord wants; sons in His image. then we will truly be His excellent ones. Lord, let it begin in the heart of each of us till we all come to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

"that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ." 1 john 1:3 if we are not fellowshiping together we are missing on one of our greatest strengths and our greatest joy.