

the "living" God

"o daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee - dan 6:20 kjv

how many times we find this expression in the scriptures, and yet it is just this very thing that we are so prone to lose sight of. we know it is written "the living God;" but in our daily life there is scarcely anything we lose sight of as the fact that God is the living God. that He is now whatever He was three or four thousand years since. that He has the same sovereign power, the same saving love towards those who love and serve Him as ever He had. that He will do for them now what He did for others two, three, four thousand years ago, simply because He is the living God, the unchanging One.

therefore how should we should confide in Him, and in our darkest moments never lose sight of the fact that He is still and ever will be the living God!

"be assured, if you walk with Him and look to Him and expect help from Him, He will never fail you. an older brother who has known the Lord for forty-four years, who writes this, says to you for your encouragement that He has never failed him. in the greatest difficulties, in the heaviest trials, in the deepest poverty and necessities, He has never failed me; but because i was enabled by His grace to trust Him He has always appeared for my help. i delight in speaking well of His name. - george mueller

luther was once found at a moment of peril and fear, when he had need to grasp unseen strength, sitting in an abstracted mood tracing on the table with his finger the words, "vivit! vivit!" ("He lives! He lives!"). it is our hope for ourselves, and for His truth, and for mankind. men come and go; leaders, teachers, thinkers speak and work for a season, and then fall silent and impotent. He abides. they die, but He lives. they are lights kindled, and, therefore, sooner or later quenched; but He is the true light from which they draw all their brightness, and He shines for evermore. – alexander maclaren

the living God is the God who exists, lives, and rewards his people. He is not like the idols of the nations, who are dead and cannot save. He is the God who speaks from the fire, dwells with his people, and has a Son and a Spirit. He is the God who saves his people from the nations and their enemies.

He is not merely some idol carved from wood or stone or even forged from silver or gold. these are vain and useless. "they have mouths, but they do not speak; eyes they have, but they do not see; they have ears, but they do not hear; noses they have, but they do not smell." psa 115:5-6

it is not so with the living God. it is not because He is impotent that His power is withheld, it is our faith in Him that is sterile. "he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." heb 11:6 He stands ready to reveal His self to all that open their eyes and heart to Him. "lest they should see with their eyes and hear

with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them." acts 28:27

no, it is not some useless idol we serve, but the "living God." "and this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." john 17:3 because He lives i can face tomorrow.