

March 9, 2014  
"God's Mind-boggling Mindfulness"  
Psalm 8; Luke 12:6-7

I. God's mind-boggling mindfulness is part of what  
is worthy in God of our praise –

O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens! (Psalm 8:1 NKJ)

<sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth! (Psalm 8:9 NKJ)

We are told here in Psalm 8:1 two wonderful things about our God:

1. His Name is excellent in all the earth –
  - A. The beauty, the perfection which is seen in God's creation
  - B. God's providence which is displayed in His care and provision for His creatures
2. His glory is above the heavens, the magnitude, the vastness of our universe is an argument for the GREATNESS of our God
  - Both of these things are obvious even when we observe our world in its fallen state

Yet, magnifying the WONDER of verses :1 & :9 the wonder bread portion of this particular Psalm; is MEAT of God's Mindfulness which is in the middle of this sweet spiritual sandwich –<sup>3</sup> When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, <sup>4</sup> What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? (Psalm 8:3-4 NKJ)

- A. Mixed up, Muslim, Lion-Beetle religion misses this point!  
Question: What is mixed up, Muslim, Lion-Beetle religion?  
Answer: Religion that believes God is too BIG, too great to notice us!  
The beetle is so small the Lion (the King of Beasts) has to bend and bow, to see if the beetle himself is bowing and when the lion himself bows, he falls on his face in the mud!

B. Yet, this religion is a denial of God's omniscience, it is a denial that God knows about and even cares about, even the smallest things!  
<sup>6</sup> "Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. (Luke 12:6 NKJ)

This is surely a PRAISE-WORTHY attribute of God –

(1) He notices even the fifth sparrow that is thrown in for nothing –  
<sup>29</sup> "Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. (Matthew 10:29 NKJ)

Compare Matthew 10:29 with Luke 12:6 and you realize Jesus knew about the bulk deals of his day! One penny gets you two sparrows, but two will get you FIVE! Sparrows were sold cheap!

(2) He notices our hair –  
<sup>7</sup> "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. (Luke 12:7 NKJ)

"It has been computed that a blond person has about 145,000 hairs, a dark-haired person 120,000, and a redhead 90,000." William Barclay

Yet God knows the exact number on each person's head at any given time in their lives.

I keep on listing those things which show us God's praise-worthy mindfulness, but before I do I want to introduce my second main point ...

II. God's mind-boggling mindfulness is not only praise worthy because it shows us God's omniscience but it is COMFORTING because it shows us God's CARE –  
Luke 12:6-7 fit in the context of persecution!

God's is mindful, not only of our hairs, but also our tears –

(3) Tears –  
<sup>8</sup> You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book? <sup>9</sup> When I cry out to You, Then my enemies will turn back; this I know, because God is for me. (Psalm 56:8-9 NKJ)

He knows not only our collects our tears but He knows our

(4) NAMES –

(4 a) God view of us, He knows each of us intimately, He knows how many will trust Christ; we are sealed, marked ...

<sup>4</sup> And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed: <sup>5</sup> of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed; ... (Revelation 7:4-5 NKJ)

(4 b) Our own view of each other ...

<sup>9</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Revelation 7:9-10 NKJ)

*This mind-boggling mindfulness is particularly comforting to God's people, because He is "for us"-*

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31 NKJ)

<sup>NKJ</sup> Psalm 23:1 <A Psalm of David.> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. (Psalm 23:1 NKJ) see the rest of Psalm 23

(5) His mindfulness / knowledge includes our "way"-

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish. (Psalms 1:6 NKJ)

III. *Yet, also comforting is His MINDFULNESS toward His promises, which are ultimately fulfilled in Christ –* <sup>5</sup> He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant. (Psalm 111:5 NKJ)

*Ultimately, God's covenant with us is summed up in this –*

<sup>33</sup> "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. (Jeremiah 31:33 NKJ)

*In order to fulfill this promise God had to be mindful of our NEED(s) especially our need for salvation and restoration to a relationship with God, which was caused by our sin!*

1. *We were created to rule –*

<sup>5</sup> For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup> You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, <sup>7</sup> All sheep and oxen-- Even the beasts of the field, <sup>8</sup> The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas. (Psalm 8:5-8 NKJ)

2. *But we played the fool –*

<sup>21</sup> because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man-- and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. (Romans 1:21-23 NKJ)

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6 NKJ)

*God's ultimate mindfulness toward us is shown in the Person of our Lord Jesus Christ – Hebrews 2:6-18*

But one testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him..."

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted. (Hebrews 2:6-18 NKJ)

3. *The goal being, more and better mindfulness, closeness to God –*

<sup>NKJ</sup> Revelation 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. <sup>2</sup> Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." (Revelation 21:1-5 NKJ)

<sup>20</sup> For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. (2 Corinthians 1:20 NKJ)

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