

His Useful Goodness and Guidance

Some days are better than others but no day is better than today... to welcome and receive what you need to flourish. Psalm 96

Mercy and truth...

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth. Psalm 25:10

MERCY (God's Useful Goodness)

why and how you are here and on the path. Because of the unfailing mercy of God. In spite of us — it's of Him, through Him and for Him.

TRUTH (God's Useful Guidance)

what you're on the path for and the direction you go on the path. Prove and demonstrate what is that... perfect will of God.

Psalm 25:10

Psalm 143:7-8

Romans 12:1-2 (by the mercies of God you are here, this is of Him, through Him and for Him.

Now be transformed through the truth to prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

You cannot remove neither element from the path or you'll be of no effect and useless as a dead man.

"O Lord, be gracious to us... we have waited for You. Be our arm (our strength and help and stability and guidance) every morning, our salvation (our defense, deliverance and direction) also in the time of trouble" (Isaiah 33:2).

Yes Lord, extend Your grace to us?

Be our saving strength this morning — for today's journey and joy — and when troubles come, for we know they will come, our confidence rest in You. And, as sure as we will have to face more trouble with each passing day, we're believing You're more faithful and reliable than the reality of all our future problems. Problems come and go... but Your presence and promises are steadfast and sure.

I love this prayer found in Isaiah 33:2. It reminds me so much of David's prayer in Psalm 143:6-8.

David asked:

"ANSWER me quickly, O Lord; My spirit needs to hear from You! For I am dry and I have found myself in a dry and thirsty land. Please do not hide Your face from me — I desperately need You to water me, Father — if You don't speak to me, I will remain weak and utterly useless. We both know I'll be as useless as a dead man and no different than those who are already in the grave, and of no value to You or the people I cross paths with upon this earth, without having a word of life from You. I desire to be a useable vessel, that You can fill and refill, over and over again, so I can encourage and equip others. So CAUSE me to hear Your lovingkindness this morning, I need more than anything to know Your ways, for I place my trust in You; and CAUSE me to know the way in which I should walk, for my life is in Your hands" (Psalm 143:6-8).

Prayers like this are game changers. Think about it? A game changer — in the hands of a difference maker — becomes a day changer — with the favor and blessings of our Difference Maker.

Now, Isaiah goes on to teach us what he means when he pleaded with God to be their "arm every morning" or we can say their stability and strength. This wasn't some mystical request for God to be something for them without any accountability and responsibility on their part. In verse 6 Isaiah explains how the strong and stable arm of God is extended to us that He will become a part of our everyday life. He says: "Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your days and the strength of His redeeming work... the fear of the Lord is His treasure" (Isaiah 33:6).

The fear of the Lord is the ABC's and the 123's of kingdom life.

What fundamental learning tools, like the very basics of reading, writing and arithmetic, are to the foundation of our education so is the fear of the Lord to wisdom and knowledge in the kingdom of God. [It's] an irreplaceable treasure that comes with learning the ropes of His language, His life, His lead and His love that always teaches us to give place, priority and purpose to the King and His righteousness.

Yes, the fear of the Lord is the ABC's and the 123's of kingdom life. It's the beginning or foundation of what His wisdom and knowledge will continue to establish, again and again. And like the basic principles of phonics that are reiterated with every word we pronounce, and the basics of addition and subtraction... principles that we apply every time we use numbers, spend cash or pay our bills, the fear of the Lord will be a part of all that is done and said by faith in God's kingdom.

Isaiah tells us that kingdom wisdom and knowledge will be our stability, security and strength throughout all the ages, and the fear of the Lord is God's precious treasure... So I must remind

myself, and encourage you, don't miss out (Isaiah 33:6 ; Proverbs 1:7 ; Proverbs 9:10 ; Psalm 33:18 ; Psalm 147:11).

Blessings... I pray these reflections bless you.

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#singanewsongtoday #isaiah33 #isaiah33and2 #isaiah33and6 #psalm143and7thru8
#proverbs1and7 #proverbs9and10 #psalm33and18 #psalm147and11 #fearoftheLordisHistreasure
#abcsofGodskingdom #123softhekingdomofGod #wisdomandknowledge #stabilitysecuritystrength
#readingwritingarithmetic