

Bless the Lord o My Soul

Bless the Lord o my soul, oh my soul, worship His Holy Name. As He has blessed me abundantly in this life, my meager blessing pales in comparison. To see and consider the glory and majesty of Almighty God, Maker of Heaven and Earth, is to realize my smallness before Him. O what a great chasm lies between Him and I, a chasm that only He can transcend.

A Song of Ascents.

Behold, bless the LORD, All you servants of the LORD, Who by night stand in the house of the LORD! Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD. The LORD who made heaven and earth Bless you from Zion! (Psalms 134:1-3 NKJV)

Mr. Spurgeon says this and this morning I concur; ***“Bless ye the Lord.” Think well of Jehovah, and speak well of him. Adore him with reverence, draw near to him with love, delight in him with exultation. Be not content with praise, such as all his works render to him; but, as his saints, see that ye “bless” him. He blesses you; therefore, be zealous to bless him.*** The word “bless” is the characteristic word of the Psalm. The first two verses stir us up to bless Jehovah, and in the last verse Jehovah’s blessing is invoked upon the people. Oh to abound in blessing! ***May blessed and blessing be the two words which describe our lives. Let others flatter their fellows, or bless their stars, or praise themselves; as for us, we will bless Jehovah, from whom all blessings flow. “All ye servants of the Lord.”*** it is your office to bless him; take care that you lead the way therein. Servants should speak well of their masters. Not one of you should serve him as of compulsion, but all should bless him while you serve him; yea, bless him for permitting you to serve him, fitting you to serve him, and accepting your service. ***To be a servant of Jehovah is an incalculable honor, a blessing beyond all estimate.***¹

Spurgeon, C. H. (2009). *The treasury of David, Volume 6: Psalms 120-150* (176). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

This morning as I awoke burdened by the concerns of ministry, family and everything else that will occur in the day ahead, I literally fled back into His presence. My wakeup call began when I picked up the devotional “Jesus Calling,” and I read these words;

STAY CALMLY CONSCIOUS OF ME TODAY, no matter what. Remember that I go before you as well as with you into the day. Nothing takes Me by surprise. I will not allow circumstances to overwhelm you so long as you look to Me. I will help you cope with whatever the moment presents. ***Collaborating with Me brings blessings that far outweigh all your troubles. Awareness of My Presence contains Joy that can endure all eventualities.***

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The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

PSALM 23: 1– 4 NKJV

Young, Sarah (2012-10-09). *Jesus Calling: Enjoy Peace in His Presence* (p. 185). Thomas Nelson. Kindle Edition.

So I am reminded when I come to Him, the Great Shepherd of my Soul, before the break of dawn that my intent and determination is not to accomplish great things for the Kingdom (ha ha) but **to offer my life as a spiritual sacrifice of praise.**

“You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but He was chosen by God for great honor. And you are living stones that God is building into His spiritual temple. What's more, you are His holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.” (1 Peter 2:4-5 NLT)

What a privilege it is to serve such an awesome God. ***“Oh, praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,*** and how grateful I am that He will lead me today down the path of righteousness for His Name's sake!