



“The Del-Haven Vision”

“Without vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18)

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“He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame. He remembers that we are dust.” Ps.103:10-14

This is only a small extract from the wonderful portion of scripture that makes up Ps.103. But, what a great way it is to begin a new year by reflecting upon the particular truths of God’s governing grace that are conveyed from these verses.

He has not dealt with us according to the just penalty that we truly deserve for our sins and iniquities. This is because that particular blow was divinely delivered on Jesus, the Christ -- the eternal Son of God -- on our behalf. And now, as high as the heavens are above the earth so great has His mercy prevailed over sin’s power upon those who fear Him.

God’s word is not finished in describing this glorious grace! There is next declared that, literally, as remote as the east and west are to each other -- so far has the Lord made our transgressions of rebellion to be removed from us. Oh, *wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all our sin! How shall our tongue describe it? Where shall its praise begin?*

Next, our adoption into God’s family of saved ones is alluded to when it says: *“As a father”* has compassion upon his children, even so the Lord has compassion upon those who fear Him. He has compassion upon us even though He knows all too well that we were all conceived in sin; even though He is very familiar with the fact of our sinful frame. He remembers that we are nothing but animated dust before His holy, holy, holy person.

To take a moment to meditate on the reality of these tenets of the gospel can only engender joy within us. And, it is the joy of the Lord’s salvation. It is the joy that is a part of the fruit of the Holy Spirit. It is the joy that is clothed with the fear of God that makes up the garment of our salvation.

The glory of sinful man is as temporal as the flower of the field (see vs.15-16), whereas the glory of the Son of Man is eternal. All those who truly do fear Him have been chosen in Him from before the foundation of this world. Praise His Name!

Verse 17 brings up the mercy of our Lord yet once again and declares that it is from *“everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him”*. It is no wonder that this Psalm ends the same way that it begins with: *“Bless the Lord, O my soul!”* May we realize the inner calm delight of God’s eternal assurance as we think on these good things.

For Christ's glory only!
A. Carpenter

Remembering The Children in Prayer

As 2009 begins to unfold before us, we here at Del-Haven are earnestly desirous of your faithfulness in keeping us in your prayers. Pray for the children that have come to camp -- and those that will come. Were you at the banquet? If you were, then you were asked to take a bookmark with the name of a child on it with you as a reminder to pray for that particular youngster. Please remember the names of these precious souls before the sovereign throne of the Lord, our God.

Lake Progress and Prayer Requests

Winter has made the campgrounds muddy and hard to deal with. The end of the renovations on the grounds has not been reached. While we have yet to finish off the final stage of the lake project (and, therefore, to make the final payment for its completion), we have already been able to pay over \$5000.00 toward the total bill. This is worthy of a hearty Praise the Lord! And, we praise the Lord for all of you who have been used by the Lord to make this a reality. The more that we can keep doing this in advance of the final payout, the more ahead we will be by the time April arrives and we have to face the bank once again as far as an extension is concerned. In these especially difficult financial times, we are not sure how we will be received at that time. Please keep us in your prayers in this regard.



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There is something else that we would ask you to pray about with us where the new lake is concerned. We need two or three flat bottom boats. The ones that we have are full of holes...which is not good. We really do need to replace them. If anyone can give us some direction in this matter, it would be much appreciated.

***“The Lord has established His throne in heaven,
and His kingdom rules over all.” Ps.103:19***