

This is the first in a series of “Letters to God,” written by a dear friend who wishes to remain anonymous.

LETTERS TO GOD
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Morning Prayer and Bible study©

Good morning, dear Heavenly Father,

Bible study this morning took a little different turn. Yesterday, I did not read the balance of my lessons for the past week, because I wanted to get a hot bath before going to church. The way my life goes . . . if I don't get that hot bath on Sunday, I have to wait another week for it because my weekday schedule will not permit it. And although I have a bird bath every day, the hot soaking, Epsom salts, bubble bath on Sunday seems to provide just the right source of relaxation for my week.

Because my schedule permitted, I was able to sleep in on Sunday also, so I sacrificed my weekly review in lieu of the hot bath!!

Anyway, today the only deadline I have is a fun one. I'm meeting a friend for lunch at 12:00 noon and then at 6 pm. I have in-home fellowship with church members. So, I'm just enjoying “slowness!”

Father, I was thinking about something in prayer after reading last week's journals. I was thinking that you have a world of people that you tolerate through Christ Jesus as we learn our original purpose, and learn our way back to the joy of your heart! The thought made me realize how much you are love.

You put up with my darkness until I heard your voice on December 26, 1988, and now you bear my whining as I learn . . . it's not about me! It blows me away to think about who and how you are.

This morning in prayer, I thought it would be nice to be the source of your joy for a change! I know you have always been with me, always bearing the burden of my wrongness in your love and at some point . . . I desire to be *your* joy!!

I pray that you not give up on me, but even as the words come out of my heart, I know you won't. You created me to love you, and this is what my life's journey is about.

You sent your only begotten son that it might be so. You never stop loving us . . . but we have to return ourselves to you, in love. Dear Father God, may it be so with me. In Jesus' name; Amen and Amen.

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“A Steward of Grace! I Cor. 15:1-11; 1 Peter 4:10

This morning, I felt the need to define the word “Steward.” It means, “One who acts administratively on behalf of another.”

Okay, Jesus was a steward of God’s grace. There’s a scripture about this. Let me look it up. It is at Matt. 24:45-47:

Who then is the faithful and wise servant whom his master has
Set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time?
Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he
comes. Truly I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions.

Jesus is our steward of God’s grace, and because we who believe have received, we too should become stewards of God’s grace!

Listen to what Jesus says about his stewardship:

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.
In my Father’s house are many rooms, if it were not so would I have
told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare
a place for you, I will come again and take you to Myself, that where
I am you may be also. (John 14:1-3)

And this is what Jesus says to us concerning the Master’s house:

It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his
servants in charge, each with his work and commands the doorkeeper to
stay awake. Therefore, stay awake – for you do not know when the Master
of the house will come (Mk 13:34-35)

Finally, Paul says:

I therefore, a prisoner of the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy
of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness,
with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of
the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Eph 4:1-3)

I don’t know how God does this . . . but, I see that I have just received the confirmation and instruction from God’s word in regards to my morning prayer. “Bearing with one another in love.”

He does it for us, so that we can learn how to do it for each other, and I am blown away because I know when we learn the lesson, we will be vessels of his joy in the service of His Holy will.

May it be so with me, Father God, I pray thee, in Jesus’ name, Amen.

Now, I'll read the Bible study. Oh my . . . I haven't yet read today's scripture. I'll do that first, and then the study.

I went the long way to confirm what today's readings of scripture also confirms. Listen to this: Paul says in I Cor. 15:3:

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scripture. (I Cor 15:3)

And I Peter 4:10-11:

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies, in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord! It truly is not about me! It's not even about us. It's about God's glory! This also confirms what the pastor spoke about yesterday in service.

Now for the study . . . the study closed with these words:

When you know God's grace, you'll want to show God's grace.

I add, may it be only for his glory and not our own, because our glory will be found only in Him!

Praise the Lord!

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