

Wall of Prayer



October 18, 2017

Dear Faithful Prayer Warrior,

I stepped outside today before sunrise and, even through the light pollution from the nearby cities, the Orion constellation was brilliant overhead as were the moon and many other stars. I could only imagine the display seen in rural areas on this clear morning. The heavens were indeed “declaring the glory of the Lord,” as the Psalmist writes. This 19th Psalm describes how the skies proclaim the work of God’s hands, pour forth speech and reveal knowledge. It tells us that there is no sound, “Yet, their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.” A read through Psalm 104 also reminds us of the many ways God created and sustains our world, leading this Psalmist to begin and end the passage with, “Praise the Lord, my soul. Praise the Lord!” Each breath we take, each sunrise and sunset we behold, each thunderstorm from which we take shelter, each wave that crashes on the rocks of the shore, each meal we consume, with each newborn cry we hear—and on and on—our mind should reflect on the glory of the Lord in praise and worship and thanksgiving.

In his letter to the church at Rome, Paul writes that God’s creation is evidence of His eternal power and divine nature. Yet, while natural men and women are surrounded by a world that shouts God’s awesome presence, they shun God and refuse to glorify or thank Him. Man has become “futile in his thinking and his foolish heart is darkened...Claiming to be wise, he has become a fool, exchanging the glory of immortal God for images made to look like mortal beings and birds and animals and reptiles.” (Romans 1:21-23) The act of our Holy God giving the rebellious over to their independence and devices has resulted in the sin that surrounds us and, sadly, our students.

Because natural men and women exchange the truth of God for a lie and worship the creature rather than the Creator, they are given over to the lusts of their hearts, dishonorable passions (every form of sexual activity outside of the God-ordained pattern of one man and one woman within marriage). Ignoring God leads to all forms of evil that have spiraled out of control: covetousness, malice, envy, murder, strife, deceit, gossip, slander, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. (Romans 1:24-31) Promiscuity, trafficking, bullying, substance abuse, crime, etc. are rampant. And we cry, “*Lord, there is no one besides Thee to help in the battle between the powerful and those who have no strength; so help us, O Lord our God, for we trust in Thee, and in Thy name have come against this multitude. O Lord, Thou art our God; let not man prevail against Thee.*” (2 Chr. 14:11)

As they refuse to acknowledge the God of the universe, ignore His majesty and suppress the reverence due His name, our students will be lost forever, flailing around in the chaos of their futile ways. On Sundays, as we pray that they will learn the fear of the Lord, ask the Holy Spirit to hover over your student, opening their eyes to the wonder of our immortal, invisible, wise and holy God, Who was and is and is to come. Pray that they will be struck by His power and beauty and will be drawn to the truth of His Word that gives in detail the love and mercy and sacrificial plan of salvation which the Triune God set forth before the beginning of time. I cannot begin to express my love for you and my gratitude for your faithful prayers on behalf of these students. Never give up!

In Him,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan".

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