

Rummaging in the Week for God

A midweek bible study from Northwest Anglican



This midweek bible study is designed to help you 'rummage' in the week for God. Much like a drawer of random bits and pieces, so we will rummage to find God in our week, knowing that the drawer always reveals something useful, something treasured and more often than not, something unexpected.

Opening Prayer

Thank you Lord God that you care for this universe, this planet earth and us your created creatures. We praise you for "the work of your fingers" (Psalm 8: 3), for the heavens and the earth and that you Lord, care for us and crown us with glory and honour. Help us to grow in trust and reliance on you. Teach us to be wise in your sight, to know, without any doubt, that you are our faithful provider, our strong protector and Father. Amen.

Song

The splendour of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice
All the Earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWSKtoURGAg>
How Great is our God

Scripture

Job 28: 12-28



Reflection: Pauline

What, I wonder can God be thinking when he allows such frightening events to engulf the whole planet? We have all grasped some of the benefits, the surprising joys that have come about during the period of lockdown and its apparent restrictions. But what is the purpose of all the dreadful loss and misery? I cannot understand why God has allowed these events to occur.

This passage from Job has encouraged me as I reflect on and search for understanding. It is a fact, says the author that wisdom cannot be found either above or below the earth, nor by humans or any creature. Instead we are told that God alone has access to it and that wisdom is something possible only for God. He alone has absolute wisdom.

Therefore, the final verse 28 says that what is appropriate for us humans, is simply to “fear of the Lord”. This is the wisdom that is appropriate for us created beings. What does this “fear” look like...well, not fear as in terror, rather this is reverence, an affection like that of a child, something which is joyful, innocent and courageous. This is godly “fear” a gift from God and he is both the object and author of it.

And if this is the case, then all that is required from me is to focus on my right response to God. “Understanding” should become for me, simply my righteous behaviour - the outcome, ‘fruit’ as it were, of my fear of the Lord, So, I will have a hatred of sin and be careful not to commit it. This is the only understanding that God requires of me. Apart from this – I am to trust in Him.

Questions for Reflection

- In what ways have you not fully trusted in God? What was the outcome?
- When you have deliberately placed your trust in God, what has He shown you?
- Think of an occasion when you have been surprised by God’s provision/deliverance – what did you discover about His heart for you?

Closing Prayer

Eternal Spirit, living God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you,
to the very secret of our hearts
and all that rises to trouble us.
Living flame burn into us,
cleansing wind, blow through us,
fountain of water, well up within us,
that we may love and praise in deed and in truth. Amen.

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