

THE DAY OF SMALL THINGS - ZECHARIAH 4:10

God delivered a nation from 400 years of bondage with a shepherd's staff. He slew a giant and saved that nation with a sling and a stone. He turned the world upside down with eleven simple, plain men – and the illustrations that “Little is great when God is in it” are numberless, but we must not just apply this truth to the instrument God uses, but should apply it also to the task. It is true that God uses humble men to perform great works for His glory – but God also uses His servants to teach the little children, to pastor the small assembly, to witness to one Ethiopian, to offer a prayer, to provide an unrecognized and often an unknown service! Most of us are willing to be “humble men” doing great works, but how many of us “great men” are willing to do humble work?

It is most doubtful that our Lord will trust us with any great responsibility until it has been proven that we are faithful in few things! It has been my understanding from the Scriptures that those whom God trusted with great responsibility were content with where they were and with what they were doing. Examples: Moses, David and Joseph. It would be refreshing, instead of hearing what one used to do or what one plans to do and be, to see one dedicated to being what he is and doing with joy and zeal what is at hand! Christ may come today and I could die today, but I'm not sure that He would accept my explanation that I was preparing myself for great things and would have been a teacher if there had been an opening, or a pastor if there had been a church available, or a martyr if men had still been dying, a deacon, an elder, or a church leader after I had aged a bit. Would He? Or would He ask, “What servant chooses his own task? His own place of labour? His own time of service?” Does not the faithful servant ask, “Lord, what would you have me to

do?” Everybody wants to take the floor, few care to sweep it. The returning prodigal did not labour as a hired servant, but he was willing. *H T Mahan*

DOES GOD LOVE YOU?

People have been told over and over again that God loves them; I would ask you, what good does the love of God do you? Does it make you desire to live to His glory, or cause you to call on Him daily, or attend a place where the gospel is preached? Do you ever even think about the love of God? Does God enter your thoughts at all? When God loves a sinner, He does something effectual for that sinner; *“In the time of love I passed by thee and said unto thee live, I said live”* (Ezek.16: 5-8). He loved Jacob before he was born; he had not done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand. As with Paul, the same will happen to God's elect, hear his words; *“When it pleased God who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by His grace to reveal His Son in me”* (Gal. 1:15). *“In love having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will”* (Eph.1: 4-5)

The average person absolutely doesn't care at all about the love of God, and to be told over and over again that God loves them is obscene. God loves his elect and he will manifest his love to them in time.

If you would take a close look into God's word you would see that no one told people indiscriminately that God loves them. Those to whom the love of God was manifested were overwhelmed by the truth that God loved them, and had always loved them, with an everlasting love (Jer. 31:30). Men today are not enthralled with the love of God, it is just “ho-hum, so what else is new?” *Donnie Bell*

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Acts 13:38,39

Reading Isaiah 51:11-16

1022 to 239

I Watts

1 There is a land of pure delight,
Where saints immortal reign;
Infinite day excludes the night,
And pleasures banish pain.

2 There everlasting spring abides,
And never-withering flowers;
Death, like a narrow sea, divides
This heavenly land from ours.

3 O could we make our doubts remove,
These gloomy doubts that rise,
And see the Canaan that we love
With unclouded eyes;

4 Could we but climb where Moses stood,
And view the landscape o'er,
Not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood,
Should fright us from the shore.

Prayer

Reading Hebrews 11:23-40

Prayer

616 to 478

W Gadsby

1 Precious Jesus! must it be,
Is it thy all-wise decree,
That afflictions must attend
Zion to her journey's end?

4 Pains and sorrows, sins and woes,
Will the Christian's way oppose;
Every day brings something new,
Zion's troubles to renew.

6 Living faith will still esteem
The reproaches of the Lamb,
Greater riches than this earth
Can afford the sons of mirth.

7 O for faith this choice to make,
And endure, for Jesus' sake,
The reproaches of his cross,
Counting all things else but dross!

Sermon

605 to 66

W Gadsby

1 The just by faith shall live,
Nor fear the powers of hell;
All blessings that a God can give
In Christ most richly dwell.

2 By faith in Jesus' blood
The just shall live indeed;
Shall have a settled peace with God,
And from their sins be freed.

4 If providence should frown,
And crosses still increase;
By faith, the just shall live and own
God their salvation is.

5 By faith in Christ, as God,
As Prophet, Priest, and King,
The just shall live, and live to prove,
That death has lost its sting.