

Devotional From Charles Spurgeon

**“How precious also are thy thoughts unto me,
O God.”**

Psalm 139:17

Divine omniscience affords no comfort to the ungodly mind, but to the child of God it overflows with consolation. God is always thinking upon us, never turns aside his mind from us, has us always before his eyes; and this is precisely as we would have it, for it would be dreadful to exist for a moment beyond the observation of our heavenly Father. His thoughts are always tender, loving, wise, prudent, far-reaching, and they bring to us countless benefits: hence it is a choice delight to remember them. The Lord always did think upon his people: hence their election and the covenant of grace by which their salvation is secured; he always will think upon them: hence their final perseverance by which they shall be brought safely to their final rest. In all our wanderings the watchful glance of the Eternal Watcher is evermore fixed upon us—we never roam beyond the Shepherd’s eye. In our sorrows he observes us incessantly, and not a pang escapes him; in our toils he marks all our weariness, and writes in his book all the struggles of his faithful ones. These thoughts of the Lord encompass us in all our paths, and penetrate the innermost region of our being. Not a nerve or tissue, valve or vessel, of our bodily organization is uncared for; all the littles of our little world are thought upon by the great God. Dear reader, is this precious to you? then hold to it. Never be led astray by those philosophic fools who preach up an impersonal God, and talk of self-existent, self-governing matter. The Lord liveth and thinketh upon us, this is a truth far too precious for us to be lightly robbed of it. The notice of a nobleman is valued so highly that he who has it counts his fortune made; but what is it to be thought of by the King of kings! If the Lord thinketh upon us, all is well, and we may rejoice evermore.

News Bites

Pastor Beaten

Hindu extremists beat a pastor and evangelist unconscious in front of his sons earlier this month in Madhya Pradesh state. Ramesh Devda, 30, from Dhadhniya, Meghnagar district, said he was attacked after leading a prayer meeting in Chikkliya village. He said he was on his way to Bhajidongra, at the border of Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat states, by motorcycle with his two sons, 10-year-old Elias, and 8-year-old Shimon, to lead another prayer meeting.

Riots in Nigeria

Violent protests broke out across Nigeria’s Muslim northern region after an overwhelming election victory by President Goodluck Jonathan, a Christian from the South. Angry crowds burned homes belonging to non-Hausa/Fulani (non-Muslim) residents, as well as cars and churches. The homes of traditional Muslim leaders who supported non-Muslim political candidates were also targeted. More than 500 have been killed and over 150 churches burned.

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Upcoming Things...

National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 5th is the National Day of Prayer. There will be a citywide prayer meeting at the courthouse, or you may join us at the church from 12-1pm.

Quotes

“I’d rather be able to pray than to be a great preacher; Jesus Christ never taught his disciples how to preach, but only how to pray.”

D.L. Moody (1837-1899)

“We must learn to measure ourselves, not by our knowledge about God, not by our gifts and responsibilities in the church, but by how we pray and what goes on in our hearts. Many of us, I suspect, have no idea how impoverished we are at this level. Let us ask the Lord to show us.”

-J.I. Packer (1926-)



God’s original creation was perfect, until it was polluted by man’s sin.