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Isaiah 30:18

“Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; how blessed are all those who long for Him.” Isaiah 30:18

Who hasn't longed to give a special gift to someone they love? Much thought, effort, and expense goes into finding the perfect gift. Not only is the gift important for the one who is planning such a special present, but there may be a painstaking plan to surprise them with the gift as well. So it is with the Lord. He longs to be gracious to the peoples of the world. And you, specifically, are in the center of His thoughts and plans. You are vital to His purposes!

His painstaking efforts to bless you culminated at Calvary's Cross where Jesus willingly offered Himself as the sacrifice and substitute for your sin. Such love! Such wondrous love! His offer to you is then backed by His overwhelming victory over that death – the resurrection of Jesus Christ is His means of demonstrating that not only does He have good intentions but that He is capable of fulfilling His every promise! Period!

Alleluia!

How tragic it would be for these most gracious plans and gifts to go unnoticed or worse, unreceived! Before any gift can be fully appreciated it must first be accepted. “How blessed are all those who long for Him.” Sadly, unless we respond to His gracious gift we will fail to realize His compassionate offer!

“Father, thank You for the gracious plan You have made for my life! Spirit of God help me to hunger and thirst for the things of God. Thank You for enabling me to possess those good things which You long to do in my life. In the name of Him, Who is the perfect Gift! Jesus Christ, Amen!”

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