



“Sing to the LORD! You saints, who belong to Him, give Him thanks at every remembrance of His awesome character. His anger is but for a moment; while His favour will last a lifetime! Your weeping through the night will surely break forth into joy as the morning breaks!” Psalm 30:4 – 5 Spencer paraphrase.

Now this is something to sing about! God is no longer mad at you. To be found in Christ, to be found trusting His Son Jesus Christ, positions us to enjoy God’s favour and blessing. God is not mad at you! And yet, if I pause to meditate upon these truths I will always face this issue – God is holy and I am not. With the knowledge that my sin displeases God and is an affront to Him – how can I then, upon remembrance of His holiness (which by the way reminds me of my sinfulness) offer thanks?

Exactly! Now we begin to understand the marvelous truth of the Gospel message. We have sinned before a holy God. Payment must be made – “the wages of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23). But how can we pay such an immense price to appease such an infinite and righteous Being? The answer is clear now, isn’t it? We can’t! We own too much.

However, God has made a way available. There is Another One Who has paid the price for our rebellion, for our sin, for our debt! Jesus Christ – Emmanuel, God with us – has suffered the shame, the pain, and the price of our sin upon the Tree of Calvary. It is in Jesus’ substitutionary sacrifice alone that God is satisfied and we – as we place our trust in Jesus’ goodness and not our own – are now accepted by Him! “For His righteous anger” – placed upon Jesus in our stead – “was but for a moment” that His favour – revealed in His Son Jesus – is now freely given to those who believe! Such favour will last for an eternity!

“Yes, dear son, weep and repent over your sins, but arise from the mourning of sin’s night to the joy that breaks forth in the morning – a joy that can only come from knowing and walking in the Saviour’s love and forgiveness!”

To walk in the New Creation is to walk as a son or daughter of the Most High; free of the consciousness of sin, guilt and condemnation! Alleluia!

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