WE SEE JESUS! Sunday, December 8th, 2024 Audie Clairmont

Hebrews 2:6-8-AMP

6 It has been solemnly *and* earnestly said in a certain place, What is man that You are mindful of him, or the son of man that You graciously *and* helpfully care for *and* visit *and* look after him?

7 For some little time You have ranked him lower than *and* inferior to the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor *and set him over the works of Your hands,* [Psalm 8:4-6]

8 For You have put everything in subjection under his feet. Now in putting everything in subjection to man, He left nothing outside [of man's] control. But at present we do not yet see all things subjected to him [man].

WE FOCUS NOT ON THE CHAOS AROUND US, BUT ON JESUS!

Hebrews 2:9-AMP

<u>But we are able to see Jesus</u>, who was ranked lower than the angels for a little while, crowned with glory and honor because of His having suffered death, in order that by the grace (unmerited favor) of God [to us sinners] He might experience death for every individual person.

Hebrews 12:2-Passion

<u>We look away from the natural realm</u> and <u>we fasten our gaze onto Jesus</u> who birthed faith within us and who leads us forward into faith's perfection...

Revelation 1:17-18-Passion

When I saw him, I fell down at his feet as good as dead, <u>but he laid his</u> <u>right hand on me and I heard his reassuring voice saying: Don't vield to fear.</u> I am the Beginning and I am the End,

18 the Living One! I was dead, but now look—I am alive forever and ever. And I hold the keys that unlock death and the unseen world.

FOCUSING ON JESUS KEEPS US FROM BEING DISTRACTED.

"Do not be entangled in the affairs of this life.

2Timothy 2:4-Passion

For every soldier called to active duty <u>must divorce himself from the</u> <u>distractions of this world</u> so that <u>he may fully satisfy the one who chose</u> <u>him</u>.

FOCUSING ON JESUS BRINGS US <u>ANSWERED PRAYER</u> IN THE MIDST OF THE <u>BATTLE</u>.

Psalm 143 - Verse 3-4-Passion

3 My enemies have chased and caught me and crushed my life into dust. Now I'm living in the darkness of death's shadow. 4 My inner being is in depression and my heart is heavy, dazed with despair.

But then, the psalmist cries out,

Verse 7 ...Lord, come quickly and answer me, for my depression deepens and I'm about to give up. Don't leave me now or I'll die!

David continues.

Verse 8 ...Let the dawning day bring me revelation of your tender, unfailing love.

Verse 8b....Give me light for my path and teach me, for I trust in you.

Verse 9...Save me from all my enemies, for I hide myself in you.

Verse 1 ...Lord, you must hear my prayer, for you are faithful to your promises. Answer my cry, O righteous God!

"Lord, I believe what you said about yourself. I am coming on the merits of nothing I have done—no righteousness of my own—but on the promises you told me. You are who you said you are, and from this day on, I will vail myself in you. I will cut myself off from all confidence in my flesh or in people. I will throw myself at your mercy, your grace, your power, your glory. I am veiling myself in you, Christ, shutting my eyes to the foolish controversies of man."