

Making Sense Out of The Mess

Going Over Our Mental / Spiritual Checklist

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God's Love and Mercy

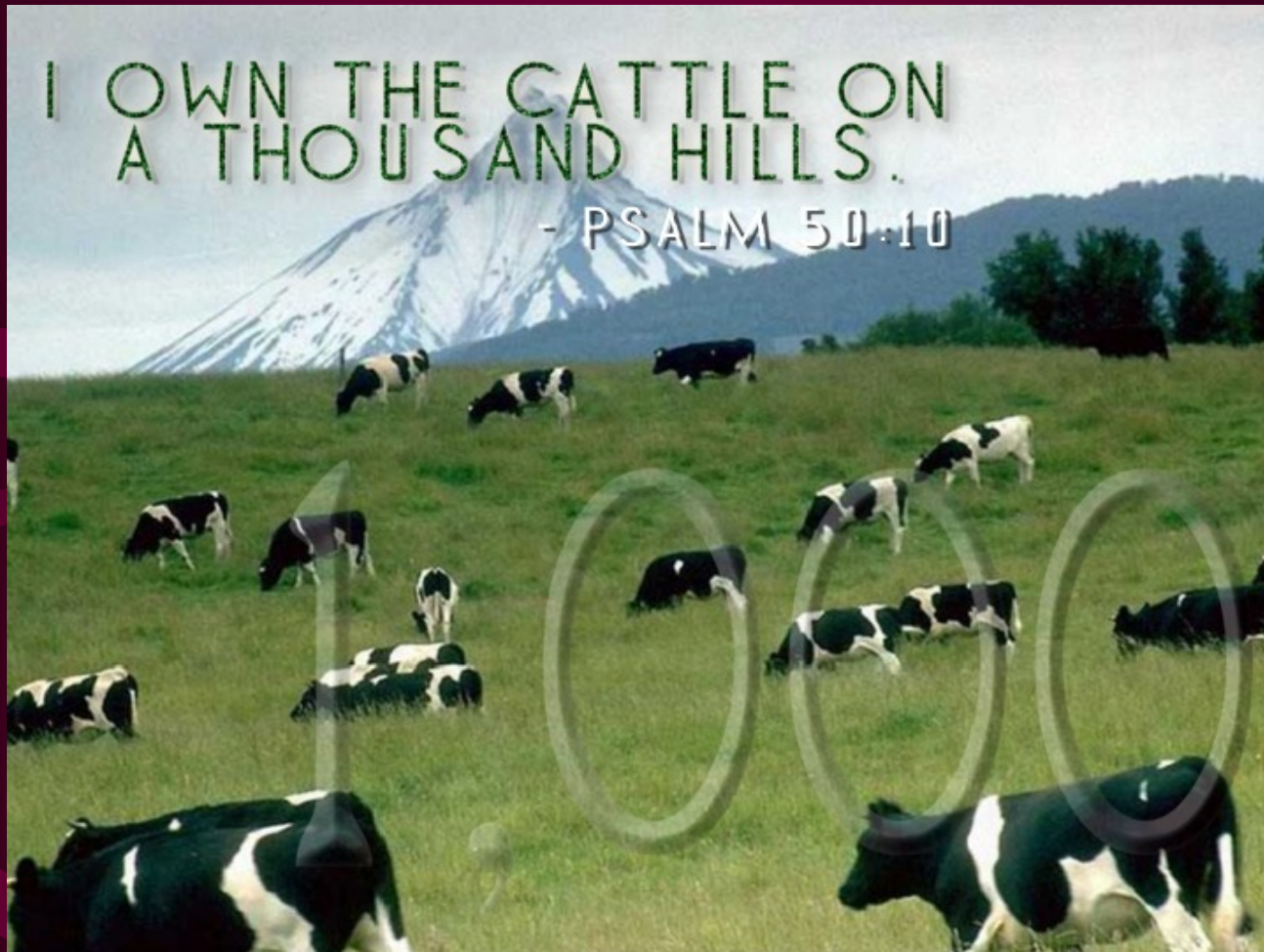
Lamentations 3:22-23 "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; "they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." ESV



"We have seen His glory..."

John 1:14

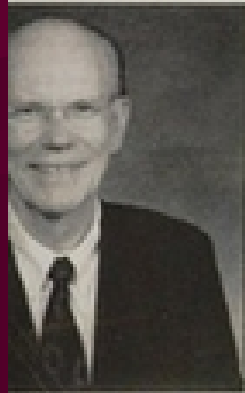
God never runs out of anything.



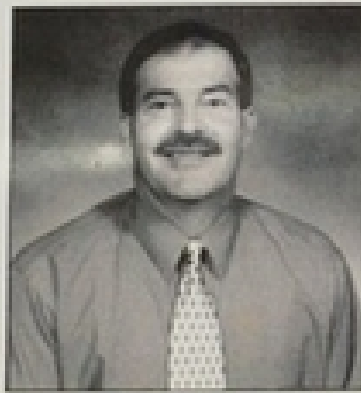




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I. Who's Who In Our Story?

A. Our view of God

- **Isaiah 46:4-5** "even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save. "“To whom will you liken me and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be alike?" ESV
- **Isaiah 46:9-11** "I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, "declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand...I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it." ESV

A. Our view of God

- **Deuteronomy 31:8** "It is the Lord who goes ahead of you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." ESV
- **Romans 8:28** "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." ESV

A. Our view of God

- **Isaiah 40:11, 25-27** "He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young..."

To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. "Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. "Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"?" ESV

A. Our View of God

- **Isaiah 9:6** "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." ESV
- **2 Corinthians 1:3-4** "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, "who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." ESV

A. Our View of God

- **2 Corinthians 7:5-7** "For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were afflicted at every turn—fighting without and fear within. "But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, "and not only by his coming but also by the comfort with which he was comforted by you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more." ESV

B. Our View of the Enemy

- **John 8:44** "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies." ESV

B. Our View of the Enemy

- **Hebrews 2:14-18** "Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, "and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. "For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps (people) "For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted." ESV

B. Our View of the Enemy

- **Ephesians 6:10-13** "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."

B. Our View of the Enemy

- **1 Peter 4:12** "Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery (painful) trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed." ESV

C. Our View of Humankind

- **John 2:24** "But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people" ESV
- **Romans 3:10-18** "as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; "no one understands; no one seeks for God. "All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." "“Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” "“Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” "“Their feet are swift to shed blood; "in their paths are ruin and misery, "and the way of peace they have not known.” "“There is no fear of God before their eyes.””"

C. Our View of Humankind

- **Romans 7:24-25** "Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin." ESV

Being Forgiven

- **1 John 1:9** "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." ESV

II. Where Hope Begins

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- **Matthew 11:27-29** "All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

II. Where Hope Begins

- **John 4:10** "Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.'" ESV
- **John 4:13-14** "Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, "but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'" ESV

II. Where Hope Begins

- **John 8:12** "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.""
- **John 10:7-10** "So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. "All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

II. Where Hope Begins

- **John 1:12** "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God," ESV
- **Revelation 3:20** "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." ESV

III. Real Hope for Real People

Dealing With Fear

- **Psalm 56:3-6** "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. "In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me? "All day long they injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for evil. "They stir up strife, they lurk; they watch my steps, as they have waited for my life." ESV
- **Psalm 56:9-13** "Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me. "In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise, "in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me? "I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you. "For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life." ESV

Dealing With Fear

- **2 Timothy 1:7** "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (fear), but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." NIV

Seeing Clearly

- **John 8:12** "Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.""

Enabling Grace

- **Hebrews 12:15** "See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;" ESV

Disciples = Learners

- **Matthew 11:29** "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." ESV
- **Matthew 28:20** "and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." NIV