



THINK ON THESE THINGS.....

Reading: Psalm 92: 4 - 8

For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord;
I sing for joy at what your hands have done.
5 How great are your works, Lord,
how profound your thoughts!
6 Senseless people do not know,
fools do not understand,
7 that though the wicked spring up like grass
and all evildoers flourish,
they will be destroyed forever.
8 But you, Lord, are forever exalted.

Reflection:

The Psalms are for many of us the “go to” biblical verses in a time of crisis, or when we feel the need for inspiration and upliftment. Today’s reading describes the Psalmist’s experience of God’s work on his behalf. God has strengthened the writer, rescued him from trouble and brought him to a place of joy and abundance. And this is not just his experience. You and I are familiar with this as well, as we have noted God’s presence and use of us to be part of growing in and living out his kingdom purposes. For the Psalmist, it is amazing that there is anyone who cannot see the value in trusting God.

It is tempting to make our faith all about what we receive from God. We like to feel that placing our trust in God “works” for us, ensuring that we are comfortable and secure. But, while the Psalmist does celebrate the benefits that faith brings to God’s people, he is more concerned for how God’s people continue to make a difference in the world because of their faith.

Flourishing is less about being healthy, wealthy and happy, than it is about being able to contribute to the well-being of others, and to society in general. Whatever goodness we receive is simply a resource to enable us to bear more fruit.

When we have opened our lives to the power of God’s word working in and through us, we automatically become those who bring grace, life, justice and love to those around us.

What is important to understand is that as we worship God today, that we allow that worship to be the inspiration for contributing to the world around us.

Breath-Prayer for Today: Lord God, I praise you for your goodness to me, and endeavour to share it with those around me.

