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Have you found the Saviour precious?

These are the words of King David. He had gone through many different experiences. David had many difficult experiences in his life. He endured rejection by those he ruled and by his family, illness and bereavement.

He was a spiritual Godly man; a man after God's own heart. He overcame many situations. Throughout all these different experiences his relationship with God was affected. The psalms contain words of comfort and strength.

David's mind was on one thing - that he might experience close fellowship with the Lord. The person who sets his mind on one thing is the person most likely to succeed. God judges us by the desires of our hearts.

The Lord pointed out to Samuel "The Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7); He pointed out to His hearers, "where our treasure is there shall our heart be also" (Matthew 6:21)

David was pursuing his desire. It is one thing to have a desire it is another thing to do something about it. David wanted to know the presence of the Lord and something of the glory. His desire throughout his life was that he would get to know the Lord better. Is it our desire to know the Lord more intimately?

Is it our desire to get to know God in a real way?

It is the desire of the Lord Jesus Christ that His people might be with Him. That we would be saved and have our sins forgiven.

Paul said, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord" (Philippians 3:8). The Lord laid down His life on the cross so that we might be with Him in eternity. That we might behold His glory. Paul writes to believers saying that God Who "commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor 4:6)

Moses was a man of God and experienced much of the power of God. When Israel left Egypt, what was victory and Salvation to Israel was death and destruction to the Egyptians (Exodus 15). Moses knew real rest was seeing the glory of God. He said, "I beseech thee show me thy glory" (Exodus 33:18). God allowed Moses to see a veiled representation of His glory.

Believers today have the promise, "The peace of God which passeth all knowledge and understanding will keep our hearts through Christ Jesus our Lord" (Philippians 4:7)

It is our Lord's desire that His glory will fill us and satisfy us in this life and for eternity. As we look into the Word of God we can see what we are in the sight of a holy God.

"Be not conformed to the world" but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind (Romans 12:2). It is a change from within.

Glory of incarnation

"In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God" (John 1:1). He always was God and was always with God.

"The word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us" (John 1:14). He became a man, He was not always flesh. This was for the purpose of giving Himself that we might be saved.

"Great is the mystery of Godliness. God manifest in flesh and dwelt amongst us" (1 Timothy 3:16).