DAY 28

Psalm 73:25-26

"Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Psalm 73:25-26

The Psalmist could write verse 26 because verse 25 was true of his life. When nothing on this earth is more precious to us than our relationship with Christ we are free to place our hope fully in Him. When our hearts are divided by whether to love the things of this world or the things of God more we cannot fully surrender to God. The Apostle Paul echoed the words of the Psalmist when he wrote in Philippians 1:21, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." For the follower of Christ our greatest enemy is not the difficult circumstances we might walk through in this world, it is placing too much confidence in how things turn out in this life rather than living like a citizen of our true home in heaven. The devil wants to rob you of having hope while you are passing through this world by tempting you to care too much for the things of this world. Can you echo the words of the Psalmist today? Is God the strength of your heart and what you desire more than anything this world offers? Can you say with Paul that "for me to live is Christ and to die is gain"? Ask God to help you deal with the things in your life that keep you from being able to say, "there is NOTHING on earth I desire besides You." As the Holy Spirit of God brings those things to your mind, and as you surrender them to Him you will experience what it means to truly hope in the Lord.

How can you apply this passage to your life? Write your reflections in the space below.

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