



dc 76.⁵⁻¹⁰— meditation

⁵For thus saith the Lord—I, the Lord, am merciful and gracious unto those who fear me, and delight to honor those who serve me in righteousness and in truth unto the end.
⁶Great shall be their reward and eternal shall be their glory.
⁷And to them will I reveal all mysteries, yea, all the hidden mysteries of my kingdom from days of old, and for ages to come, will I make known unto them the good pleasure of my will concerning all things pertaining to my kingdom.
⁸Yea, even the wonders of eternity shall they know, and things to come will I show them, even the things of many generations.
⁹And their wisdom shall be great, and their understanding reach to heaven; and before them the wisdom of the wise shall perish, and the understanding of the prudent shall come to naught.
¹⁰For by my Spirit will I enlighten them, and by my power will I make known unto them the secrets of my will— yea, even those things which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor yet entered into the heart of man.

It's a big universe out there. It seems that God's hopes and plans for us are every bit as big. He does not act conservatively as he acts to personally assist us in realizing his hopes and plans for us. Labor in our behalf is his ultimate delight. So, he puts all his resources to work for our benefit. He puts his mercy to work (vs. 5). He puts his generosity to work (vs. 5). He puts his Spirit to work (vs. 10). He puts his power to work (vs. 10). He puts *all* of himself to work.

As part of his labors, he reveals "*all* mysteries," even "*all* the hidden mysteries," and *all* things pertaining to [his] kingdom—past, present, and future. Nothing trivial here. Eternal Glory? It is ours, if we desire it. The "wonders of eternity"? They are ours, if we desire them. "Wisdom"? "Understanding"? "Secrets" beyond our senses? Beyond, even, our imagination? They are all there for us, if we want them.

Through God's foresight, his mercy, his grace, his Spirit, his power, we have extraordinary futures awaiting us. With such a grand future awaiting us, we are wise to not become enamored and distracted by things of little consequence that this world offers. We are wise to keep our eyes, our ears, our hearts, and our minds upon the prize, upon the things of eternity so willingly offered by a loving God and Father.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

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