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Isaiah 55:1-9 (ESV)

The Compassion of the LORD

55 "Come, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
 and he who has no money,
 come, buy and eat!
 Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not
 bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
 Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
 3 Incline your ear, and come to me;
 hear, that your soul may live;
 and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
 4 Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
 5 Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
 and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
 because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of
 Israel,
 for he has glorified you.
 6 "Seek the LORD while he may be found;
 call upon him while he is near;
 7 let the wicked forsake his way,
 and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
 let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion
 on him,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalms 63:1-8 (ESV)

My Soul Thirsts for You

63 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
 my soul thirsts for you;
 my flesh faints for you,
 as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
 2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
 beholding your power and glory.
 3 Because your steadfast love is better than life,
 my lips will praise you.
 4 So I will bless you as long as I live;
 in your name I will lift up my hands.
 5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
 and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,
 6 when I remember you upon my bed,
 and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
 7 for you have been my help,
 and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.
 8 My soul clings to you;
 your right hand upholds me.

Psalm 63 is a Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (ESV)

Warning Against Idolatry

10 For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that
 our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed
 through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in
 the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual
 food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they
 drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the
 Rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, with most of them God
 was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the
 wilderness.
 6 Now these things took place as examples for us, that
 we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters
 as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat
 down to eat and drink and rose up to play." 8 We must
 not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did,
 and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must
 not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were
 destroyed by serpents, 10 nor grumble, as some of them
 did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. 11 Now these
 things happened to them as an example, but they were
 written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the
 ages has come. 12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that
 he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has
 overtaken you that is not common to man. God is
 faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your
 ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the
 way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Life is not all that bad, my friend, hmm
 If you believe in yourself
 If you believe there's Someone
 Who walks through life with you
 You'll never be alone
 Just learn to reach out,
 And open your heart
 Lift up hands to God,
 And He'll show you the way. ~ Basil Valdez



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Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ~ Matthew 11:28 (NLV)

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for continued healing for Doss.
- Viv Chaffey is still in hospital, and we pray that her health improves soon.
- We pray for the people of Fiji as many people begin the process of rebuilding and replanting. We pray that there won't be disease outbreaks triggered by a lack of fresh water.
- This weekend Pat Johnston is moving into St.Andrews Village. We trust that the move goes well, and that he enjoys life in the village.

Meg's Musings

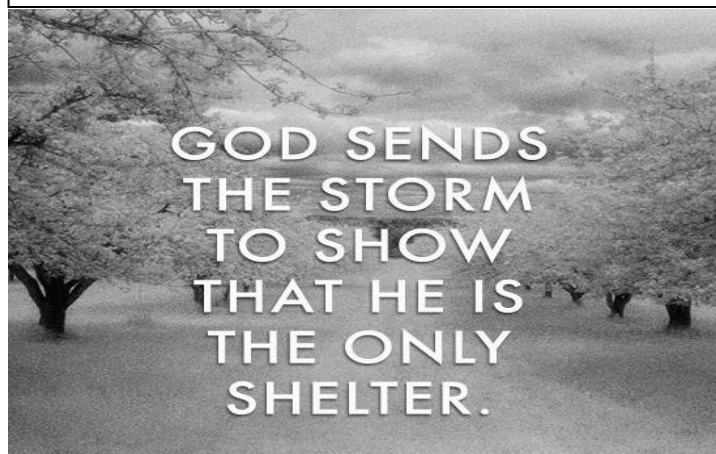
Last Friday night, on my way home from church at Hallsville, a huge thunderstorm could be seen in the distance. Lightening was flashing continually, lighting up the distant clouds. Closer by, stars were shining. This was obviously a storm that was making its' presence felt a long way from Tamworth.

When I got home, we looked it up on the computer. The storm was raging in the Barrington Tops, to the west of Gloucester. I imagine that it was making quite an impact there. As only a small number of people live in the area, few would have experienced its' ferocity.

At around the same time our son was travelling north from Sydney. From about Singleton he could see the same storm. He could see the lightning flashes and the cumulus clouds lit up and silhouetted against the night sky. It may have been different flashes, and the clouds would have looked different from different angles. We were in very different places, but saw the same storm.

Sometimes, because we are in different situations, we see different aspects if God. But it is the same God we see. Different people, and different denominations argue that their picture of God is the right one. But really, we are seeing the one God - just from different perspectives. God is bigger than the storm which I witnessed last Friday night. God is so big that each of us will see a slightly different aspect, and know God in a slightly different way. When we share those perspectives, we have the opportunity to grow. When we argue, our picture of God is diminished.

Blessings from Meg



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4 March ~ Ella Davidson



- 1st Sunday of the month
~ Luncheon @ West
- 3rd Sunday of the month
~Trading Table @ West Tamworth

- 4th Sunday of the month
~ Markets @ Hallsville
- 28 February

Luke 13:1-9 (ESV)

Repent or Perish

13 There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way?"

3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem?"

5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

6 And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.

7 And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?'

8 And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure.

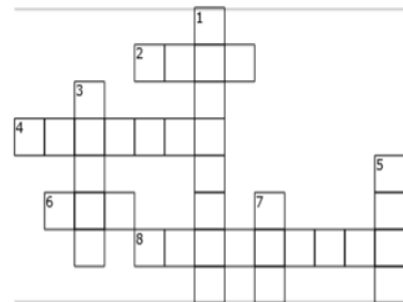
9 Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Parable of the Fig Tree

" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

Luke 13:8-9 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 13:6-9 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. The top layer of the earth's surface favorable to plant growth.
- 4. A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson.
- 6. To break up and move dirt using a shovel.
- 8. To spread a something on land or plants to help plants grow.

DOWN

- 1. An area of ground planted with vines and fruit trees.
- 3. The usually sweet-tasting part of a tree which can be eaten.
- 5. A large plant with a trunk, limbs, branches, and leaves.
- 7. The sweet, pear-shaped, fruit of a plant found in Bible lands.

Life's supposed to be an adventure, a surprise! ~ Anton du Beke



KEEP SMILING,
IT MAKES PEOPLE
WONDER WHAT
YOU'RE UP TO.