

FaithBIT

Another Perfect 10!

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This was a comment from a friend of mine during a recent Friday morning men's group bible study (virtual of course). He was reflecting on his quiet times with God as he shared that he kept thinking about God's perfect creation and perfect record of doing all things for the good of those that love him and are called according to his purpose.

Think of God's incredible creation and all the finely balanced details of that creation. Amazing right!

My friend's comment made me reflect and appreciate the duality of everything and the harmony found in the balance. Can I have joy without sadness? Rest without work? Peace without worry? Can I learn selflessness without experiencing loss? Can I experience calm without first accepting the cleansing harmony of grace and forgiveness from the burden of my sin?



Then I watch nature, the restoration after destruction, the cleansing of the air we breathe from the annoying strong winds, and on and on and on. It is almost as if God gives us what we need and not what we want. Because only He knows what we truly need. Huh, that is comforting. God cares for me... I must be loved. Ahh, there it is... God's peace. It feels so good.

After all, how many mistakes has God made? I am confident He has made none.

So, in the morning when I raise my head off my pillow... I think "Eureka, he did it again! Another perfect 10!" And when I lay my head down on my pillow at night, I thank God for another perfect 10. And although there is plenty of things in my life that don't go my way, I am good with that... because if it is God's will, then it must be perfect. And I pray daily for God's will and not my own.

So the next time I screw up, or feel insecure, or anxious about the future or a little voice inside me creates doubts... I remember that Sunday School song I used to sing 40 years ago... "Jesus loves me this I know, for the bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong." I am a loved child of God – perfectly made with all my idiosyncrasies and imperfections... huh... another perfect 10!

Isaiah 41:10: Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Romans 8:28: And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.

Philippians 4:6-7: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 12:11: No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Matthew 11:28-30: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Thank you my Lord and Savior, for these blessings of comfort and joy.