

Greetings in the name of God, who makes all things new,

SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 118:24 (NIV)

"This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Or, as The Message has it: "This is the very day God acted - let's celebrate and be festive!"

STORY:

Dr. F.W. Boreham tells about his stay in a quaint old cottage in England occupied by a minister's widow. She had given him her bedroom and in the morning when he pulled up the blind, he saw that into the glass of the windowpane had been cut the words: "This is the day." He asked the elderly lady about it at breakfast. She explained that she had had a lot of trouble in her time and was always afraid of what was going to happen tomorrow. One day she read the words from Psalm 118. It occurred to her that it meant any day, this day. "Why should I be afraid of the days if He makes them?" So the widow scratched the words as well as she could in the windowpane, so that every time she drew her blind in the morning she was reminded that "This is the day." Realizing the Lord made it, she was no longer afraid.

OBSERVATION:

As I see it we have two choices every morning. We can either face the day ahead with a sense of gloom and doom (which is kind of easy in these days of Corvid-19) OR we can face it as another gift from God. And then there are those who face each day as just that – just another day, nothing special, nothing unique ... JUST another day on the treadmill of life praying as they go, "Lord, just get me through today!"

Attitude influences the pending events of the day. The widow in the story got it right. If she could begin each day with the understanding that it was a gift from God to be enjoyed then her life would be better ... and it was. Regardless of what any particular day may bring one thing is sure – The Lord has created the day just for us because we are special. As The Message reads: "Let's celebrate and be festive!"

Just that simple reminder in the morning will influence the entire hours that stretch before us. If we can get up and state, "My Lord what a morning" instead of, "Lord, it's morning" our existence will be transformed into something that will challenge us to explain to others except by simply sharing that God has given us a marvelous gift of another day in his Kingdom. We shape our day by what we bring to it.

So, let's be festive! Let's put on our party hats and dance a little. Let's embrace this precious gift with joy and gladness because this IS the day that the Lord has made and we are to rejoice and be glad in it! Yeah, let the celebration begin!

QUOTE:

"You have a clean slate every day you wake up. You have a chance every single morning to make that change and be the person you want to be. You just have to

decide to do it. Decide today's the day. Say it: this is going to be my day." – Brendon Burchard

PRAYER:

Thank you Lord ... thank you for such a tremendous gift as another day in your Kingdom! Amen

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