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MY BI-WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS (QT THOTS)

I am thankful to receive positive email feed back about my devotional QT Thots, which I write and email twice a week to many people. I am very thankful to the Lord that He is blessing this ministry and that many apparently are being blessed by reading the QT Thots as well as passing them on to many others. They come from my own daily quiet time in the morning, as I mediate on the Scripture of the day- usually a Psalm. The one I sent out this morning follows this paragraph. I send these QT Thots only to those who ask for them, but gladly to those who do. If you are not receiving them now, but would like to receive my QT Thots yourself, please email your request to me at cfoxinstitute@verizon.net I would love to hear from you about that, as well as about the posts on this Blog. Thank you and God bless!

Psalm 89:1-9,11-14,18-21, 24-29, 52 [adapted]Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.Our never ending privilege and responsibility is to witness and testify to the love and faithfulness of God (singing is one way to do that). There is a difference between witness and testify: to witness is to share what you have experienced personally of that love and faithfulness. No one can deny what you experience.To testify is to tell what you know in your head (or at least believe) to be true. This truth may be disputed, but hopefully you have done your home work and can defend what you say. Our subjective experiences come and go. It is good that we can see the work of the Lord in our lives. There are days when we do not. Thus, it is even better to have a sure objective knowledge upon which to base our faith. We do and it has a two-fold foundation. There are two basic sources for reasons we can be sure God loves us and He is faithful- Creation and Scripture [General and Special Revelation]-CREATION: It assures us of God's existence, of his wisdom and powerI am persuaded that your love is established for ever; [because] you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. The heavens bear witness to your wonders, O Lord, and to your faithfulness. O mighty Lord, your faithfulness is all around you. You rule the raging of the sea and still the surging of its waves. Yours are the heavens; the earth also is yours; you laid the foundations of the world and all that is in it. You have made the north and the south; Tabor and Hermon (mountains) rejoice in your name.SCRIPTURE: It goes deeper and reveals God's plans and the purposes of our lives'I [God] have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath...' Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne; love and truth go before your face. ...You spoke and said to your faithful people: 'My hand will hold (you) fast and my arm will make (you) strong. 'My faithfulness and love shall be with (you), and (you) shall be victorious through my name ... 'I will keep my love for (you) for ever, and my covenant will stand firm .Surrounded by His Creation and with His Word and promises hidden in our hearts, we can go forth today saying,Blessèd be the Lord for evermore! Amen, I say, Amen.

Posted by Cal in Christian Living at 13:36