



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Isaiah 65: 17-21

Thus says the LORD:

Lo, I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;

The things of the past shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

Instead, there shall always be rejoicing and happiness
in what I create;

For I create Jerusalem to be a joy
and its people to be a delight;

I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and exult in my people.

No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there,
or the sound of crying;

No longer shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,

or an old man who does not round out his full lifetime;

He dies a mere youth who reaches but a hundred years,
and he who fails of a hundred shall be thought accursed.

They shall live in the houses they build,
and eat the fruit of the vineyards they plant.

Our Scripture Reflection

To a people who were coming to the end of a fifty year exile in pagan Babylon, the words of Isaiah sounded almost too good to be true. Is a new day, a new era possible? Would God really be willing to free them from exile and deliver them back to their homes in their beloved Israel? The old cyclical saying, "If it sounds too good to be true it probably isn't true", does not apply to God. They only needed to remember what God had done for their ancestors when they were once enslaved in Egypt. If God could free them in the past could He not do the same in the future? That question calls them to trust and hope.

Food for your Journey

Utopia is on the horizon. I move two steps closer; it moves two steps further away. I walk another 10 steps and the horizon runs 10 steps further away. As much as I may walk, I'll never reach it.

So what's the point of utopia?

The point is this: to keep walking.

--Eduardo Galeano.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, When all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of Your presence, Your love, and Your strength. Help us to have perfect trust in Your protecting love and strengthening power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for, living close to You, we shall see Your hand, Your purpose, Your will through all things. Amen