



Daily Reflections

September 30, 2016

Scripture

Job 38:1- 40:5

The LORD addressed Job out of the storm and said:

Have you ever in your lifetime commanded the morning
and shown the dawn its place

For taking hold of the ends of the earth,
till the wicked are shaken from its surface?

The earth is changed as is clay by the seal,
and dyed as though it were a garment;

But from the wicked the light is withheld,
and the arm of pride is shattered.

Have you entered into the sources of the sea,
or walked about in the depths of the abyss?

Have the gates of death been shown to you,
or have you seen the gates of darkness?

Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth?

Tell me, if you know all:
Which is the way to the dwelling place of light,
and where is the abode of darkness,
That you may take them to their boundaries
and set them on their homeward paths?
You know, because you were born before them,
and the number of your years is great!

Then Job answered the LORD and said:

Behold, I am of little account; what can I answer you?
I put my hand over my mouth.
Though I have spoken once, I will not do so again;
though twice, I will do so no more.

Our Scripture Reflection

God allows Job to get his complaints out of his system, and then God speaks. He confronts Job with a litany of things that only God can do. When Job takes into account the greatness of God, he is reduced to silence. He is humbled and is in awe.

Food for your Journey

In his book *Seeds of Contemplation*, Thomas Merton writes: "The light of God affects that soul the way the light of the sun affects a diseased eye. It causes pain. God's love is too pure. The soul, impure and diseased by its selfishness, is shocked and repelled by the very purity of God. It cannot understand the suffering caused by the light of God. It has formed its own ideas of God: ideas that are based upon its natural knowledge and which unconsciously flatter its own self-love. But God contradicts those ideas."

Prayer from the Heart

Dear and Gracious God, How wonderful are You and all of Your ways. May I spend this day praising You for all that You have done for me and my family. May I always love You with my whole heart and mind. Amen.

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