**R851 Rumination for 16th May 2021 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **My Lord and My God** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *Then saith He to Thomas,* ***Reach hither thy Finger****….and be not* ***F****aithless, but believing.*

 *And Thomas answered and said unto Him,* ***My Lord and my God.***Jn. 20:27, 28
The **T**hots:

Intro.: On this Lord’s Day, may we **R**each out with our **F**ingers, and in **F**aith,

 **R**everently Confess the Lord as “***my Lord my God*”** because…

1. ***The LORD our God* is Good***.* **Psa. 106:1**
2. The Psalmist **S**ays: *And His Mercy endureth for ever.* Psa. 107:1; 136:1
3. He is our ***S****tronghold in the day of troubl*e; *and* ***H****e knoweth them that trust in Him.* Nahum 1:7
4. *God is our refuge and* ***S****trength, a very present* ***H****elp in trouble.* Psa. 46:1

*No height or depth can separate, Your steadfast love we can't escape*

*Your faithfulness, an endless sea So full of grace and mercy*

 *We sing God is so good, God is so good*

 *God is so good, He's so good to me.* Pat Barrett

1. ***The LORD* *our God* is Gracious. Exo. 34:6*****The LORD God****, merciful and* ***Gracious****, longsuffering, and abundant in* ***G****oodness and truth.*

***The Lord, He is God…***

1. ***Know*** *that…there is none else beside Him.* Deut. 4:35
2. ***Know*** *therefore…in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.* Deut. 4:39
3. ***Know*** *ye that…it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people…* Psa. 110:3

*Jehovah, God, Thy* ***gracious*** *power, On every hand we see;*

*Oh, may the blessings of each hour Lead all our thoughts to Thee.*

*Thy power is in the ocean deeps, And reaches to the skies;*

*Thine eye of mercy never sleeps, Thy* ***goodness*** *never dies.*

*From morn till noon, till latest eve, Thy hand, O God, we see;*

*And all the blessings we receive, Proceed alone from Thee.*

*In all the varying scenes of time, On Thee our hopes depend;*

 *Through every age, in every clime, Our Father, and our Friend.* John Thomson

1. ***The LORD our God* is Great.** **Deut. 10:17, *NKJV***  *For* *the LORD your God is* ***G****od of* ***g****ods and Lord of lords,* ***the Great God****, mighty and awesome…*

***The LORD your God is God of gods…***

1. He is **A**wesome - the *Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and* ***A****wesome…*Deut. 10:17, NKJV

Cf. The Lord, Who is the ***KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*** Rev. 19:16

1. He is **A**ware of our Condition and He **A**cknowledges it.

*He knoweth, and Israel He shall know; if it be in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD.* Jos. 22:22

1. We need to **A**cclaim His **M**ercy.

*O give thanks unto the God of gods: for His mercy endureth for ever.* Psa. 136:2

1. **A**cknowledge the **S**anctity of His Person – *God is* ***G****ood.* Psa. 136:1
2. **A**cclaim the **S**upremacy of His Person – He is the ***G****od of* ***g****ods.* Psa. 136:2a
3. **A**dore Him – ***G****ive thanks unto* ***G****od.* Psa. 136:2a
* ***O Lord my God****, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,*

*I see the stars, I hear the \*rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed:*

* *And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,*

*That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.*

* *When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!*

*Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim,* ***My God, how great thou art!***

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:* ***How great thou art! How great thou art!***

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Stuart K. Hine

1. ***The LORD our God* is Glorious. Tit. 2:13, NKJV**
*Looking for the blessed hope and* ***Glorious*** *appearing of our* ***G****reat* ***G****od and Savior Jesus Christ,*
2. His **A**ppearance is **G**lorious –

*As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the* ***glory*** *of the LORD.*

*And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.* Eze. 1:28

1. His **A**ppearing is Glorious –

*When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in* ***glory***. Col. 3:4

*Our Lord is now rejected, And by the world disowned,*

*By the many still neglected, And by the few enthroned,*

*But soon He’ll come in* ***glory****, The hour is drawing nigh,*

*For the crowning day Is coming by and by.*

Refrain*: Oh, the crowning day is coming, Is coming by and by,*

*When our Lord shall come in power, And glory from on high.*

*Oh, the glorious sight will gladden, Each waiting, watchful eye,*

 *In the crowning day That’s coming by and by.* Daniel W. Whittle

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 581**

1. The world is going through a very critical period in these days of Covid-19. Millions of people have fallen victim to the pandemic. To a large extent many of these same victims have fallen like flies fatally – in so many cases without even family members or friends to bid them farewell in a proper funeral. In the case of India, they did not even have enough wood to fire the pyres. This is indeed a fiery plague without any recent precedent except to be challenged by those in ancient biblical times or perhaps in the prophecy of the end times.

Plagues that came on the scene in biblical times saw all the firstborn of Man and Animals in Egypt slain and men and women in Sodom and Gomorrah burnt to death. The whole city of Nineveh which was to be destroyed, survived because the king, its leaders and all in the city repented.

Is the world today heading for a catastrophic disaster? The end-times prophecies demand that.

Consider the current rebellion of the people against God, the rejection of His Word and the relentless persecution of Christians today, and we would not be surprised if what we are experiencing is just heading towards the destruction that befell the nations in the past. We need to choose to be like Sodom and Gomorrah to reject God or to be like Nineveh repent and receive Him? Maybe the Lord is speaking and we are not listening! **REFLECT**

1. Fingers are very sensitive. They enable a blind person to read information from what they feel or touch. Thomas, expressing his doubts that the real Jesus had risen from the dead and had appeared to some of the women and the disciples, said, *Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my* ***finger*** *into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe.* (Jn. 20:25) – his finger in His wounds would prove that He was the same One nailed to the cross and whose side was pierced by the soldier’s spear!

Thus, a week later, when the Lord met Thomas personally, the Lord challenged him,

*Then saith He to Thomas, Reach hither thy* ***finger****, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing.*

And Thomas could only kneel down, confessed and acclaimed, “***My Lord and my God***”.

There was another occasion earlier when the Lord used His fingers. This incident was recorded in Jn 8:4-11 of Jesus using His finger to write on the ground in response to the scribes and Pharisees who said to Him,

*Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest Thou? This they said, tempting Him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and* ***with His finger*** *wrote on the ground, as though He heard them not. So when they continued asking him, He lifted up Himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. And again He stooped down, and wrote on the ground. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up Himself, and saw none but the woman, He said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*

What did Jesus write on the ground with His finger? It is nor recorded. But the Pharisee’s ground of accusation of the adulteress was based on what Moses in the law commanded, likely to be the seventh commandment as: (Exo. 20:14) – *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

It is noteworthy that the ten commandments were written on stone by the very finger of God! – *And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with* ***the finger of God****.* (Exo. 31:18). Most probably Jesus wrote this commandment on the ground with His finger – and no one could ever keep the ten commandments. As it were, His finger was pointing to all, that “*all have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God*”. (Rom. 3:23). No wonder, all the woman’s accusers disappeared from the scene. Jesus wrote with His finger to point out the guilt of those who dared to point their fingers at the woman. How do you use your finger? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:**

*Is your finger pointing others to God and the Lord Jesus Christ or pointing at others?*