



“The Del-Haven Vision”

“Without vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18)

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“How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. (8) They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.” Ps.36:7-8

Here is descriptively declared an insight into the gracious benevolence and compassion of almighty God -- that can only be learned by experience. The lovingkindness of God that is displayed to, and poured out upon, His children brings forth the truth to their understandings as to how valuable and trustworthy it really is that they are under His sovereign care and protection. The wing span of the Savior is great enough to cast its covering shadow over all of His children. There is no place that the child of God can go and be found out from under the shadow of His wings. Indeed, they all rightfully say -- *“Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?”* Jesus never leaves us, or forsakes us.

As wonderful as this truly is -- there is yet more! For it says that under the shadow of the wings of the Savior the “children of men” will be *“abundantly satisfied with the fatness of His house”*. By *“children of men”*, quality is being emphasized, not quantity. We know without a shadow of a doubt that not all men, on a numerical basis, put their trust in the Lord. But, we do know that man’s chief quality -- on an universal basis -- is sadly reflected from his Adamic fallen-ness... and this is without exception. *“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God”*. Nevertheless, it is also a truth of the *“manifold grace of God”* that children of men of every nation, kind and generation who do take refuge under the shadow of the wings of the Almighty as their sovereign Savior will reap the blessings and benefits of doing so.

“They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of His house”. Their needs will be supplied; their desires will be formed and fulfilled; and their appetites for the rich things of God will be enlarged and satisfied. All of this will be experientially realized *“with the fatness”*, it says, of His *“house”*. His *“house”* pertains to the people of His church. It is, indeed, a beautiful thing how our Lord and Savior uses each one of us to be avenues of His provision for our needs, promotion for our growing in His grace and protection from our being starved of the good things of God which alone can sate the appetite of the soul. God does not provide a feast apart from the presence of His family.

And, one may ask, *“What’s satisfaction of hunger without also satisfaction of thirst?”* Therefore it says, *“and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures”*. It is God who makes His children drink -- and He makes them drink from His river of His pleasures. Christ is both food and drink for the soul. It is the water of His word that alone can refreshingly quench the thirst of all those that put their trust under the shadow of the wings of their sovereign Savior and Lord.

For Christ's glory only!
A. Carpenter



Please be in prayer and rejoice with us as God provides for the payoff of the lake renovations and water lines that were completed this year.

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From the 2009 Camp Journal. . .
 - Delano has been coming to camp since he was six years old and is now twelve. This summer he attended the first older boy's session. Once he was walking beside me on the road back from the swimming pool and was quoting his memory verse for the day, and then he started quoting the verses he learned last year. One morning he woke up with a few of the counselors for a morning swim before staff meeting and then joined us in our morning prayer time. His prayer was an encouragement as we realized it was a reflection of what we had been praying for him and all the campers. When the time came for the second boy's session Delano called the night before and asked to come again to camp. The session was full and we could not guarantee that he would be able to attend a second time. At the last minute we had a few cancellations and enough room for Delano. He was excited when he got the phone call and his stepfather was able to bring him out to camp. He didn't miss a morning staff prayer time all week and we continued to be encouraged. Delano will be too old to come as a camper next year, but he has been invited back as one of our LTS (Learning To Serve) staff members. Please pray for Delano that the Lord will continue to cause him to grow in grace and knowledge of Him and prepare his heart serve the Lord with us here at Del-Haven next year.

"...according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace..."
Ephesians 1:5b –6a