*Wednesday, September 26, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

Psalms 78:37-41 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant. (38) But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath. (39) For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again. (40) How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! (41) Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. (KJV)

Oh how mankind and especially God’s own people limit Him when they run and hide rather than be open and honest with Him. God is full of compassion, and realizes who we really are; just a pile of dust that lasts for a short time then passes on. The more you realize how loving and compassionate our Lord really is the less likely you, the creation, will try to dictate to the Creator how salvation operates.

Psalms 86:14-16 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them. (15) But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth. (16) O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid. (KJV)

We still at times compare God to man, rather than realizing that we are dealing with a God of love who is only interested in what is best for us, not just looking to punish His creation all of the time. You may have dealt with many who are not so compassionate rather they are more self serving; however, God’s ways and love is so much higher than man’s, in fact as high as the heaven is above the earth.

Psalms 111:1-4 Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. (2) The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. (3) His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever. (4) He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion. (KJV)

You know, you probably have been duped in your past thinking that something on this earth could ever bring satisfaction or fulfillment to your life. However, our Lord supplies all the need of His people which takes place inwardly and not with outward carnal temporal things. The more you seek the Lord for yourself the more you realize what a loving and compassionate God we really serve is all about. So much different than anyone or anything that we have dealt with in our past.

Psalms 145:8-10 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. (9) The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. (10) All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee. (KJV)

We are saved by grace through faith and not of our works which is what really works. Yes you may make mistakes, and yes we all sin and fall short at times, but it is the motive of the heart that our Lord is looking at and is willing to forgive and forget. Now it’s up to you to do the same.

1 Peter 3:8-9 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: (9) Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. (KJV)

Oh, and once you start experiencing that love and compassion in your own life, feel free to pass it on to others.