Your Father Knows

Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. – Matthew 6:8

Qohelet, the writer of the book of Ecclesiastes, reminds us to "Remember your Creator". Why do we need to remember Him? It is because everything that we value has come from Him. Qohelet has spent eleven previous chapters, explaining that if we do not reference everything to God, then it is all meaningless, just like trying to grab hold of the air.

Most of us have times when we do not know where to turn. We spend so long wondering who can help us through our difficult times, when the answer is within us. It perhaps sounds trite to some to say that God is always with us and that He will listen to our needs. It might sound trite – but it's true. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble", says the Psalmist. "Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. (Psalms 46:1-3)"

It is often the very work of God in creation that brings us back to hopefulness. If God could fling the stars into space, if God can move the mountains and control the waves, then He can deal with my little problem. Qohelet says, "Remember your Creator… before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain." (Ecclesiastes 12:1-2) Our problems are of more concern to Him than the light of the stars. We can turn to Him – "for your Father knows what you need before you ask him".


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