Sisters and Brothers, may we see as through God's eyes.

<u>Living our Covenant</u> - The coordinators are continuing to pray and discern about the possible restart of our Gatherings. We welcome your personal input and perspective.

Hopefully you have been invited to at least one Area video conference call. Area Coordinators are organizing video calls so that we can meet virtually. If you have not been invited or need help connecting, please contact your Area Coordinator or reply to this email and we will arrange for someone to help you use the video conference apps.

Please reach out if you have any needs or just need someone to talk to. We encourage every member to share whatever Spiritual Gifts you receive with one the Coordinators. Please reach out to your Area coordinator or me if you have unmet needs that your covenant sisters and brothers can help with. Please donate online at <u>www.GodsDelight.org</u> or mail your donations to P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, Tx 75222 as we are dependent on your generosity for our ongoing financial needs.

Reflection - I recall the first time I meditated on the scripture from Isaiah 55:8-9: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." I tried to image what it might be like for the God of the Universe to watch my feeble attempts to follow Him. The only image that I could come up with was the love my dog tried to show me. God sees all, God knows all, God love us totally and unconditionally and even though we cannot comprehend but a glimpse of His love and majesty...it is there, constant, unconditional love.

Pondering this I became aware that even though my dog was unable to articulate thoughts or feelings I experienced his love. Even though God's thoughts and ways are so far above ours He is ever present, revealing Himself to us if we have the eyes to see. It is through His revelation and grace that we are able to connect. And this is the journey of life, to recognize God and His personal revelation and make every attempt possible to respond. It is these 'God moments', the times when we experience Him in a personal way that empower us, that give us the confidence to let go and let Him.

Paul is a great example of this. In the second reading in his letter to the Philippians (1:20c-23) we hear so clearly his resolve and contentment. He was not attached to the things of the world, even life itself. "Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better."

What a testimony, so confident in eternal life, so indifferent about what this world has to offer, his only objective what that Christ be magnified in his body.

These are my prayers for today. That I can see as God sees, that every day I will look for ways to connect with my loving Father and will recognize Him and engage. And secondly, that I will let these connections, these God moments, empower my response, that I will be so confident in Him that I will be indifferent about the hustle and bustle of the world and even life itself, only seeking union with Him.

Let us pray together: "Heavenly Father, help me to see life through Your loving eyes. Help me to see You in the many many ways You reveal yourself to me if I would only pause and reflect. May our relationship be second to none. May Your grace give me the power to respond back to You in love. Help me to not get entangled with life's drama but rather to see those around me with Your eyes that I might love them with Your heart. Give me a heart empowered with Your love. Heavenly Father, I love You."

God bless, David