

## “THINGS!” Pt. 1

### Philippians 4:8

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are *true*, whatsoever things are *honest*, whatsoever things are *just*, whatsoever things are *pure*, whatsoever things are *lovely*, whatsoever things are *of good report*; if there *be any virtue*, and if there *be any praise*, think on these things”

### [Message]

4-5 Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in him! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute!

6-7 Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

8-9 Summing it all up, friends, *I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on* things *true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse.* Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies” [In sync, in tune, in step, in the flow, in His cadence]

**One of the biggest battles of living is keeping a healthy Godly perspective**

\* Because we cannot see into the future we have a hard time with perspective of events in the present ... wondering where things are going.

**The secret to living a stable Christian life is the ability to *find perspective***

So often we question God's goodness based on only the momentary pain we are experiencing.

When God's actions are viewed however through a longer time frame we will often see things in a completely different perspective, this is one of the reasons we have the Bible stories of yesterday of God's mercy and grace, to help us get a handle on today and tomorrow!

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**Deuteronomy 32: 7 [Amplified]**

**“7 Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations. Ask your father and he will show you, your elders, and they will tell you”**

**\* As Moses is preparing to die and leave Israel God gives him a song and instructs him to teach it to Israel**

**Deuteronomy 31: 19 [Amplified]**

**“19 And now write this song for yourselves and teach it to the Israelites; put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for Me against the Israelites”**

**\* This song would contain vital teaching that each generation would be able to draw on; music can be an important vehicle for keeping perspective!**

**\* Oh how our Worship and Praise must birth God presence.**

**\* Our Songs must allow the Holy Spirit to move.**

**Moses’ song was meant to help them sometime in the future when the temp-tation might come to forget all about God’s goodness!**

**\* Moses understood (as indeed did God) that in order for Israel to make it in the future they would have to have knowledge about the past!**

**“Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it!”**

**When crisis hit we tend to get “spiritual tunnel vision” ... we only see a narrow slice of time, the moment we are in, this destroys our “depth perception” of reality and of God!**

**\* It is important to note however that Moses’ call for them to remember the days of old is not just for nostalgia.**

**\* It is for the sole purpose of helping them keep a healthy perspective and to help them from repeating old mistakes!**

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Moses explains to them how to find the future, by asking those who have experienced the past to remember God's faithfulness during times of crisis!

## Revival for your Descendents

Genesis 15:7-8 [RSV]

"And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur [flames] of the Chaldeans [clod-breakers], to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" [God Perspective – Needed]

\* God reminded Abram that he was the one who had called him to leave Ur and go into the Land of Canaan.

Ur – meaning – "flame": A city in southern Babylonia, city of the Chaldeans, center of moon worship, home of Abraham's father, Terah. It was the very place that Abraham left from.

Chaldeans – meaning - Chaldea or Chaldeans = "clod-breakers": The Chaldeans were considered the wisest in the land. They had the tongue of the O-Cult [note: clod meaning a unlearned person – Caldeans thought they were wise]

Leaving one place to go to another is not an easy journey to take; yet I believe there is greatness in the very DNA of those who move at the Word of God [PT]

Isaiah 41:19 [NKJ]

"I will Plant in the wilderness the cedar and the acacia tree, the myrtle and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the cypress tree and the pine and the box tree together"

\* **Plant:** Hebrew: To give – to appoint – to lift up – to entrust.

\* **Wilderness:** Literally means, an open place where cattle are driven - un-inhabited it also means mouth or speech.

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\* **Cedar:** Known for strength – used for cleansing in OT rituals – used in the construction of the temple [cleansing and divine power and presence]

\* **Acacia:** This tree was used in the Ark of the Covenant and the Altar – [Covenant; Mercy; Forgiveness]

**Both of the trees are used in the building of the Temple and in items in the Temple.**