

Daily Devotional

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Theme: Entirely Committed to God

Text: Psalm 73:25 NIV

And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

Whom have I in heaven but you?

Thought: Because God alone is God, and the only one who is truly adorable, he has the right to claim us wholly for Himself. Without an appropriate surrender on our part, He cannot manifest his power.

In the Old Testament we read that God's servants Abraham, Moses, Elijah, and David gave themselves wholly to God, without reservation, so that He could accomplish His plans through them. It is only the fully surrendered heart that can fully trust God for all that He has promised.

Life teaches us that if anyone desires to carry out some big task, he must commit himself wholeheartedly. This is very true of the love of a mother for a child; She gives herself entirely to the child she loves.

Entirely committed to God! What a privilege that is! How wonderful the grace that calls us to it! How blessed the separation from men, and work, and all that might draw us away from God. Totally dedicated to God! How sweet the discovery of all that it means, and all that God gives us with it!

Reflection: Can God Almighty not claim us completely for himself?

Should we not therefore declare that there is nothing on earth and or in heaven that means more to us than God?

As fully as God gives himself to us, so fully does He desire that we give ourselves to Him.

Prayer: Lord, I claim to love You with all my heart, soul, and mind. Add to my love where I still fall short. Establish in me all that which pleases You!