

My Heart & Communion

Things I Have Considered Over Time:

- Needs to Be a Special Time
 - instituted by Jesus with significance for us
- I Need to Reflect and Participate
 - not a ritual or empty practice – my heart matters
- Not to Partake in an Unworthy Manner 1 Cor.11:27 -30
 - examine heart, motives, attitudes etc.
- Should be Renewing and Encouraging
 - focused on God, filled in fellowship, fervent to go

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“Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer.”

Psalms 19:12-14

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Setting

- vs. 8-11 – Value and importance of God's Word
- states a foundation – value of the truth of God

1. We All Have Blind Spots!

- out of sight, out of mind – can still hurt us badly
- things about ourselves we can be blind to (log-eye)

* who can discern his errors? *

- no one sees themselves clearly and completely!

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2. We Need Grace For the Unseen

* forgive my hidden faults *

- 2 possibilities for the term 'hidden'

a) baggage that you choose to carry secretly

- shame, life robbing, devastating – hidden

b) sin I have not yet been shown by you

- attitudes, actions, that don't reflect Jesus

- when shown we are floored – never knew!

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3. We Need An Intervention

* Keep your servant also from willful sins * (presumptuous)

- left to my own methods – I will choose me over you

- look back – vs 7-11 – God's Truth is.....

- Yet – my bent is to choose destruction

 - Paul – things I want to do I don't, things I don't I do

- Asking God to do what I must have – 'keep'

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a) I Want Freedom

*May they not rule over me *

- sin ensnares, entraps, entangles, enslaves
- sin's that rule our lives
 - bitterness, envy, pride, lust,

b) I Want Unhindered Relationship

Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression

- sweet fellowship unhindered by anything

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* Need Your Spirit To Intervene in....

- exposing the truth to me - love your word
- exposing sin to me – conviction and repentance
- upholding me – intimate experience of the Father
- empowering me – power to live in obedience

4. We Want Authentic Relationship

* my words and my heart pleasing to you God *

- real and authentic relationship

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So What

1. Please God – Reveal My Blind Spots

- forgive me & help me see what you see

2. Would Your Grace & Mercy Reign In Our Relationship

- would I know your forgiveness & extend it to others

3. Please Intervene in My Life

- Don't let me be enslaved to sin, help me choose your way
- Keep our relationship pure and authentic