

Pastors Thoughts of the Week

Jeremiah 32:17: Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:

For the Maker of heaven and earth it must be admitted, nothing is too hard. When one tries to catalogue the infinitesimal functions that must be maintained to sustain life on this fragile planet, we must stand in awe of our omnipotent Creator. The Fibonacci sequence is a unique ratio that can be used to describe the proportions of everything from nature's smallest building blocks, such as atoms, to the most advanced patterns in the universe, like the unimaginably large celestial bodies. Nature relies on this innate proportion to maintain balance. It was in 1230 AD that Fibonacci discovered this "golden ratio" but it lay hidden in the genius of God's handiwork for millennia before that revelation was made manifest.

Jeremiah employs the ever so rare exclamatory "Ah Lord God!" to give expression to the contemplations of God's great power. Scientists weary themselves in trying to plumb the depths of the inexhaustible mysteries of a God who is "past finding out". To their credit they have discovered some of these enigmas, at least in part; but to do so they have had to depend on the gifts of inquisition, reasoning, and knowledge provided by a wisdom endowed by their Creator. The truly wise man upon standing at the threshold of the unknown removes his shoes and recognizes that the natural mind can only carry us "here and no further". Pusillanimous man should fall to his knees in acknowledged humility in light of such an overwhelming presence. The nearly inarticulate "Ah" is the best a finite mind can utter. We stand mouths agape as we ponder the myriad of mysteries the Almighty has laid before us to consider and then to draw the ineluctable conclusion that with God nothing is too hard.

And so the passage we are to consider tacitly invites us to take hope in our God who has the mastery of all things temporal and eternal. His creation provides to us evidential proof that there is nothing, even to the minutest detail, that does not ultimately come under His purview. We may with our limited understanding find ourselves confronted with seemingly perplexing problems with no apparent resolution, but what solace we find in taking these "Gordian Knots" to the One "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge".

As children we all stood before our father or mother with some irresolvable problem that interrupted our puerile joy, be it a broken toy or knotted shoelace or scraped knee or a thousand other complications. We watched nonplussed as they were able to brush away the annoyance with such ease as to assure us that no problem was too hard that they could not ameliorate it. How much more does our heavenly Father invite us to "cast our cares" upon Him whose "great power and outstretched arm" is sufficient to sustain us through all the perplexities of a hostile world and finally deliver us to the realms of glory where the nettlesome vexations shall molest us no more.

Have a blessed week,

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Faith cometh by hearing: and hearing by the word of God Romans 10:17