



Morning Opening

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*Hymns
of
Truth
and
Praise*



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#20 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

*Thee will I honor, Thee will I cherish, my soul's glory and crown.
Meadows, woodlands, Garb of Spring. “Woeful heart to sing”
Sunshine, moon light, stars “Jesus Shines brighter”
Beautiful Savior “Behold the manifestation”*

And now a story in Jon's life

March 3rd Monday

I was just leaving for work, backing out of the garage, and happened to catch a glimpse of deer down by our lake. I immediately stopped the car, opened the door and approached closer to investigate.

These are “city deer without fear” and my intent was to see them without them seeing me. I thought to myself, with this recording. “Here let me show you this, and now if you do not trust me, trust what you see!”

Seeing deer is not novel or unique, but bear with me to share this moment. I raised my ever-present cell phone camera and did what almost everybody else in the planet is doing, prepared to take a picture. On the corner of our walk toward the garden, we have a Yew, and I kept myself out of view, raised my cell phone and captured the deer in their pre alert pose, their alert pose, and their bounding away.

- To us, the deer are a nuisance, because they chomp away at our back yard plantings. They damaged trees, flowers, and garden vegetables. I showed the video to Joanne, who said, “I already know!”
- We have seen many of our inventions fail to keep them away, as you all have too.
- Memory Maker: 25 years ago, driving east on the Greene blacktop, Away off in the field, a deer was running north toward the road, and if I had not stopped, there would have been a collision. (Most of us have this kind of an experience.)
- So, we are glad for the hunters in hunting season!

Deer, God's creation, mankind was given dominion. Genesis 1: 28-31, 2:19,20 (We await the second Adam's return.)

- “Then God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; **and to every beast of the earth** and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food”; and it was so. God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.”
- “Out of the ground the Lord God formed every **beast** of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the **man called a living creature**, that was its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every **beast** of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.”



Symmetry, Attention, Color and Camouflage.

Timid, Quiet, Graceful, Can Swim, Withstands all Weather. Nocturnal, Feed up, down, and around. Sleep anywhere, Herding instinct. Bucks antler growth, Attentive mothers, Seasonal coat change, Vocalizations, Excellent at sight and smelling.

- Sunrise surprise, four white tail deer in our back yard.

7 am Monday, March 3rd Before they saw me.





I have been spotted and now I am being watched

The deer are sizing me up.



2- 3 second video, watch the one casually
leap



Dominion, not only of creatures, but of our mind.

- As I was saying earlier, the ever-present cell phone, has become our mode of telling others about amazing things, expecting to draw others into what we saw. Similarly, television's images sparkle images to feed our instinctive desire to know and beware. Think how different life would be without electricity!
- But for the ages, dominion of the mind, is uniquely human, and the dissection of it and naming our parts subsumes to the patterns we think. Please read how the Apostle addresses Timothy

2 Timothy 1: 3-6

- I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day, **longing** to see you, even as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy. For I am **mindful** of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well. For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the **gift of God** which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

2 Timothy 3:15

- “You, however, *continue* in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the *sacred* writings which are able to give you the wisdom that *leads* to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”
- Note that in this, salvation is a living process. Gaining wisdom in our faith. Being connected to trusting the Apostle and those of his family who came before.
- Sacred.

Dominion of our mind is guarding against its faulty ways and sinful bents.

- A faulty-fleshly, pattern mind: taking stock of my circumstances and weighing them, getting stuck in the cycle of things, resulting in being over guarding, too much worry, too much concern, too judgmental, based on our works, and competitive for the top spot, best in class, and mastering this world.
- A godly pattern mind: Knowing to whom you belong, taking real stock of real experiences, being vulnerable, seeking the truth, not an invented life, but being alive, blessing others, not fixing things, seeing joy, beauty, humor, seeing the metaphor, patterns of love, obedience, resisting evil, and fighting the good fight.

Awesome Awesomeness

- “Beholding the manifested glory. 2 Peter 1:17 “For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased.”
- Peter did not give a name to the Father, it was revealed as Majestic Glory.”

Romans 13: 11 “Knowing the time”

- Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts. (Including letting time be our master)

Rounding out inspection, and our disposition

Receptive attending to the Scriptures.

Loving attention, receiving and giving back praise.

Practice the same toward our experiences in the world.

Inspection: MOMA's art critic.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=niSDzNd2u1U>



Oh, she can't
walk
I need to help
her.
On the other
hand
Admire the
moment.

Wordsworth “Solitary Reaper”

Whate'er the theme, the Maiden sang
As if her song could have no ending;
I saw her singing at her work,
And o'er the sickle bending; -
I listened, motionless, and still:
And, as I mounted up the hill,
The music in my heart I bore,
Long after it was heard no more.

That the “words of my
mouth and
meditations of my
heart” linger on in
yours as this poem
expresses. (Ps 19:14)

Hebrews 13:20

- Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.



On this Lord's Day. March 16, 2025 which is the correct date.

Now to add, by God's grace, a sense of sacred time.

As we sometimes say, "on the other hand,"

Time to behold Christ's awesomeness.

Then, leaving, that which has impressed us. That lingers on after meeting is over and bear, like Wordsworth said a song "long after the sound was heard no more."