

January 2014

Hymn 253 Be thou my vision

Scripture; Geneses 3: 1-6 & Matthew 6:33-34

Reflection:

Well New Years Eve, at least in our modern world, is a time to celebrate. Celebrate past victories, leave a bad year behind if that fits, and more importantly look to the future. We can suggest that was what God was doing "In The beginning", was looking forward to a new beginning, even akin to a new resolution. . Like us making New Years resolutions Adam & Eve ignored God & broke his resolution. We look back over the last year and wonder if we did the same as Adam & Eve, , then look ahead and promise to do better. A new beginning always feels good, and usually we sincerely believe we will honour our commitment, only to find the next morning that giving up smoking is harder than we thought, that being nice to aunt Lucy is not really an option. The only thing that is clear is we will not suffer another hang over. It takes guts, determination and a lot of will power to keep our promises for a new beginning. Just think how tough it would be if, like Adam & Eve, we had a snake to egg us on. So the solution for most of us, focus on that new beginning, not the end of it but the journey. "Therefor take no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the is the evil thereof." Amen

Discussion.

Each year is really a new beginning, but for what: do you resolve to stop smoking....drink less....be nicer to your relatives.....or be a better person & be a real follower of Jesus teachings? If it is the latter, how do we accomplish that?

Hymn 304 " O Jesus I have promised" Vs 1 and 4

Prayer, well God, yes another year. Another time to resolve to follow your example, to do as you taught. You know our resolve is sincere, but our humanity is weak, we need and ask for your help" your help to make us the person we want to be, to keep those commitments to you and to ourselves. Be with us lord as we go about our daily tasks and be our conscience as we try to do as you taught. Amen