

Thought for the day – Thursday 25th February 2021

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Isaiah 30:18 God's Treasure House

Having written 5 thoughts from Margaret Hillyer's book 'Owning God's World' back in January I decided to reread the book a chapter a day for the past few weeks aiming to finish by Ash Wednesday. Margaret's writing on Isaiah 30: 18 'Wonderful things in store' really struck me. God has so many great things in store for us, in this world. We are so lucky, we have freedom to worship, to speak about our faith, to attend church openly compared to other countries in the world.

'There are wonderful things to be discovered in the world around us , in our friendships, in our everyday lives and in God's world. We need to be open to them.

God wants the very best for us and will respond as we open ourselves to him. This one little verse in Isaiah says a lot.'

Isaiah 30:18 Wonderful Things in Store

God has a store
Of the most wonderful things
Which are intended just for you.
And he will wait as long as it takes
For the right moment
To give them to you –
The moment when you are ready to receive them.
How great will be your love for him then.
You will worship and adore him
And marvel
That his mercy is so enormous
And his justice, too.
It is hard to understand
How this can be.
If only we would wait for God
In the same manner
As he waits for us,
We would come to know
The rich meaning
Of the word *blessed*.

Isaiah 30:18

**¹⁸ Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;
therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.
For the LORD is a God of justice.
Blessed are all who wait for him! NIV**

¹⁸ And yet the LORD is waiting to be merciful to you. He is ready to take pity on you because he always does what is right. Happy are those who put their trust in the LORD. Good News Bible

Perhaps during Lent when we are spending time with God we can wait and listen to what he has to say to us in the still quiet time we spend in his presence, be it day or night. God comes to each of us individually at different times and in different places often when we don't expect Him. He has 'Wonderful things in store' for each one of us.