Be Thou My Vision: Part 2

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**Foundational Scripture:** Jer. 9:23-24

* Last week it was all about verse 1 of this hymn. If there was one thing we could take away from that lesson it was “vision”, “direction.” **That God should and must be by roadmap, my defined direction for growth and any other alternative is utterly foolish and grave.**
* This week it’s all about verse 2. And friends verse 2 is all about **relationship!**

1. **Verse 2- Line 1– *Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word:*** 
   * God must be by defined direction for growth because He understands all things, He knows all things and there is none wiser than Him.
   * There is much wisdom, learning and understanding to be gained from God. There is none like Him; none can compare! (Psa. 86:8; Jer. 10:6)
   * **Wisdom defined:** *“The quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment.”*
   * Really with wisdom, it comes down to two types: **Worldly wisdom** and the **Wisdom from above.** (Read Jam. 3:13-17; Ecc. 1:12-18; 1 Cor. 1:18-31; Rom. 1:22; Prov. 1:7)) Make a decision. God is willing to grant wisdom (Jam. 1:5) Which wisdom will you choose?

* **And thou my true word:** (John 1:1-3) Jesus is called the word because a word is both the revelation and expression of an idea; and He is the full and complete revelation of deity to the world (John 1:14, 18; Col. 2:9; Heb. 1:1-3).
* Jesus revealed God to us. He revealed His wisdom. He is the true word.

1. **Verse 2- Line 2– *I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord*:**
   * I crave a relationship with one who loves me and is willing to forgive me and knows all things. In terms of the relationship pattern, this line answers the question how long?
   * This relationship that we have with God obtained through the word (Jesus) very simply has no end!
   * The sole purpose for our creation if it can be stated in one word is: **Relationship!**
   * We were created to have an intimate, spiritual relationship with God (Eph. 2:1-9 but particularly 10-22; Acts 17:24-28).
   * We must seek God with urgency and there is cut off to our relationship with Him except for sin (1 Jn. 1:6-7; Phil. 1:21-23).
2. **Verse 2- Line 3– *Thou my great Father, I Thy true son*:** 
   * What type of relationship do I have with God? This long-lasting relationship is likened to that of a Father and a son (1 Jn. 3:2).
   * A father and a son share a very intimate relationship. The relationship must be built on love, trust and key values. The relationship is a practical one.
   * As children of God, He is our Father and we must learn from Him. Will I be loyal, or will I betray Him?
   * This is a very one on one relationship. It’s not long distant, it must be intimate (1 Jn. 2:1, 12, 28; 3:1-2, 7, 10, 18; 4:4; 5:1-2, 21)
   * This intimate relationship that we have with God is described in other ways including:
     1. **King of His people who make up His Kingdom (Matt. 16:18-19, 28; 1 Pet. 2:9-10)**
     2. **Husband of His people who are His bride (Eph. 5:21-33)**
     3. **Shepherd of His people who are His sheep (John 10:14),**
     4. **Head of His people who form His body (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4).**
3. **Verse 2- Line 4– *Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one*:**
   * This final line of verse 2 pretty much sums up the level of intimacy in this relationship. It is like a Husband and a wife! They are one in marriage and we are one with God in our spiritual relationships.
   * We are united; we are together! In unity with Him, I am someone, I have identity. In unity with Him; I can gain life! (Gal. 2:20; John 17:11; 20-24).
   * God knows you more than any other because of the level of intimacy we share with Him. He is all knowing and all-encompassing with wisdom (Psa. 139).
   * It is a joy of the Psalmist to be intimately acquainted with God.
   * May we seek to yearn for this relationship constantly and may we work to always have a loving relationship with our God.