

Friday with Fred – November 24, 2017



A Way of Seeing

I hope your Thanksgiving celebration yesterday included not only a wonderful meal but some meaningful time of reflection on what you have to be thankful for.

Having been in the hospital for emergency surgery the previous week I was particularly thankful to be at home and able to enjoy a great meal with family as well as being grateful for many wonderful events over the year.

Sometimes we may struggle with being thankful or grateful. One of the reasons we might struggle is that we lack precise vision and a perfect understanding of reality. When this happens, we fail to apprehend the reality of the situation and hence we do not appreciate the presence of God in our lives.

One of the best biblical illustrations of this is captured in 2 Kings 6.

The prophet Elisha and his servant are in Dothan, and the city has been surrounded by an army of horses and chariots sent by the king of Aram who was seeking to destroy the prophet.

Elisha's servant is in panic mode and cries out, "Alas my master, what should we do?" Elisha confidently said to his servant, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those that are with them.

Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD and said, "Strike this people with blindness, I pray." So He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. (2 Kings 6:15-18)

Sometimes all we see is what we see. But what we see is not always all that is there to be seen. Life can surround us, but make no mistake, God surrounds His people. That does not mean all "goes well" but it does mean "all is well with my soul." And for that, I am thankful and grateful.

Lord, open my eyes this week to see You for who You really are.

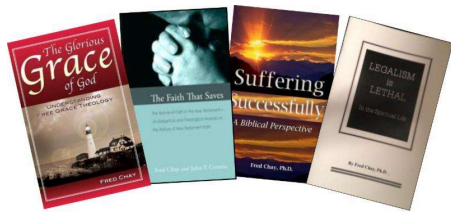
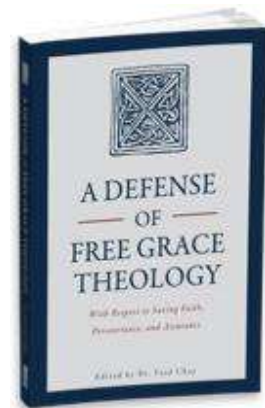
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