

He's Still Working on Me

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Thank you for inviting me to serve as your interim pastor. I consider it a privilege, and I am looking forward to the opportunity of serving the Lord in this way.

While thinking about my first article for "From the Pastor's Desk", I thought of the song, "He's Still Working on Me". It goes like this. "He's still working on me, to make me what I ought to be. It took Him just a week to make the moon and stars, the sun and the Earth and Jupiter and Mars. How loving and patient He must be. He's still working on me." These words contain a powerful message for us.

In this song we are reminded that we have no grounds for pride because we are incomplete, a work in progress (Romans 12:3). It is important that we recognize that whatever is good in us was given to us by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. He shed His blood for us so that He could take away our unrighteousness and give us His righteousness.

God puts a higher value on you and me than on the universe itself. We see His priorities because he is putting more time into us than He put into the very creation itself (Philippians 1 : 6). When we see the sun during the day, or the moon at night, or observe the Valley from the "Lookoff" we can say to ourselves, "God loves me more than these."

We are further reminded that the Lord is still at work in our lives,

even though He sees our defects (Philippians 1 :6). We dare not give up on ourselves because the Lord has not given up on us. Since He sees something in us that is worth perfecting, there is hope even when we are struggling to do what is right.

As we work together to build His church, let's all keep In mind that God is still working in each of us. We must be patient with one another and allow each other the time to be perfected, just as we ourselves must patiently wait while God is taking His time perfecting us.

The next time you hear this song, think about the implications of the fact that God is still working on you. May the Lord bless you as you continue into the summer. Summer is a great time for trips, recreation, and other pleasant things, but let's also remember the Lord.

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