



THE REFLECTION

I heard a story about a boy who was sizing-up God in a conversation. He asked, "God, how long is a million years to you?" God replied, "A million years is like a second."

So then the boy asked, "So how much is a million dollars to you." To this God replied, "A million dollars is like a penny."

The boy grinned and said, "Could you spare a penny?"

Not missing a beat God quipped, "Sure, just wait a second."

It is difficult to see through some of the challenges and darkness of life, but if we can catch a small glimpse of God's perspective, there is great hope and promise of greater things to come. To God, a million years is like a second and a million dollars is like a penny. To God, our pain and suffering in this life is but a small moment compared to eternity, and if we endure it well, it will shape our lives in a way that will allow us to realize eternal happiness and joy in this life and the life to come.

Christ said it best when He invited us to:

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:20-30)

I pray that we will see the world through God's eyes and recognize His infinite love for us as we learn and grow and allow our experiences to shape us into better people. I pray also for your welfare, safety and peace as well as the welfare, safety and peace of your families. I am so grateful for your incredible service in support of making Kansas City, MO a great place to live. Thank you so much, and may God grant you that your burdens may be light and that you will see all things through His perspective as He extends to you His great love and light.

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