

December 22- Irene A. Neitz

Read: Psalm 33:15

“He’s Got the Whole World”

The thing that strikes me the most about this verse is that almost all the different Bible translations are almost like word for word with very little variation or elaboration. It says that he (God) fashioned or shaped our hearts or thoughts and that he observes, considers, or understands all that we do and our deeds, or works. This brought to mind a song that I always loved to sing at the local bandshell sing-along nights during the summer when I was growing up, “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”. He’s got he little bitty baby, you and me brother, you and me sister, everybody here in his hands.

Christmas seems to be the time of year when everyone tries to be more conscious of what they are doing, but psalm 33:15 and “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” reminds me that there is no special time of year and no exclusions as to when God watches what we do or say. He created the little bitty baby, Jesus, and everyone else in this world. Brothers, sisters, everyone, he knows us, what we do and what’s in our heart of hearts. He truly understands us, each and every one of us – what we think, what we do or don’t do, and he considers the meanings of the deeds whether they are meant to be good or bad. I believe that he uses his observations to help shape our future. My parents used to tell me a story about how when I was very little I walked down the stairs in my sleep to where the Christmas tree and presents were. When they asked me what I was doing, I answered that I was going downstairs to be good. Obviously being good was so ingrained in my brain that it even dominated my behavior while I was asleep. To me this story was to remind me to always be good and Psalm 33:15 has the same purpose – it reminds us that God wants us to know that he is always watching over us.

Father, we are so happy that you made and know each of us and what truly lies in our hearts and deeds. May this knowledge help us to become better persons, secure in the thought of the whole world being in your loving capable hands and watchful eyes.

Yielding: I will try to do the things that I feel in my heart that you are calling and leading me to do – knowing that if I fall short that you will know my true intentions. When I do fall short I trust that you will help me to do better the next time and opportunity to serve you arises.