

Week Two - Day 2

Devotions

We've got "*the Real Thing!*"

Hopefully I am not dating myself too much by asking if you remember the commercials for a certain soft drink product that wanted you to believe their beverage was "*the real thing!*" You do remember that, don't you?

Well, as we spend our second day in Psalm 115 it can't help but be noticed that there is a comparison made between some rather poor imitations and "*the Real thing!*" The psalmist writes: "Our God is in heaven...but their idols are silver and gold, made by the hands of men. They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but they cannot see..." and he goes on to portray these idols as having ears and noses and hands and feet that are incapable of functioning. They are *not* the "*real thing!*"

But, and that "but" is meant to be a gospel "but" (it is introducing the good news!), but our God *IS* "*the Real thing!*" His almighty power is "*the Real thing!*" In the words of the psalm writer "He does whatever pleases Him!" His forgiveness in Christ is "*the Real thing!*" because His Son was "*the Real thing!*" We are blessed to have "*the Real thing!*"

And this day, as is the case with every other day that He gives either you or me to live, it pleases God to walk with us through this day. It pleases Him to grant us forgiveness for our sins of this day. And, it pleases Him to provide us with the grace we need this day to live today for Him so that our lives are "*the real thing!*"

Prayer: Heavenly Father, You alone are the only true God. There is no other. By and through Your grace this day, may I live to serve You in all that I say and do. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.