

## **Thought for the Day 19th November 2011 - Roslyn Lawer**

### **Sing Praises and Rejoice in the Name of the Lord.**

I have previously written a couple of Thoughts of the Day and I have been waiting for something to come to my mind where I can put pen to paper. Well, it happened yesterday and I awoke this morning with thoughts going through my head. I just felt I had to share what is happening in our household at the moment. God is good and is always watching over us and ready to show us the way forward.

As many of our congregation may know we put in a new kitchen back in April this year during covid-19 restrictions. It all began when John and myself (Roslyn) thought we may replace our old St. George constellation stand-alone stove, which is 60 years old and originally came with the house when we purchased our house back in 1972. Both John and I felt we would like a new induction cooktop and a fan-forced/steam oven as we do a lot of cooking. So we had a kitchen firm put in our new kitchen for us and we purchased our new cooktop and oven which I enjoy using so much each and every day.

The kitchen people said our old stove would be a good buy for someone and so they left it here with us to decide what to do in the coming weeks. Well, the old stove sat around for some time and we thought we must try to pass it onto somebody who may be interested. We tried a few avenues and nothing happened. Time past by and one of our daughters suggested we advertise on her Facebook site and see how we go. As time went by we had a few inquiries as to size, power connection and would it fit inside a car for easy transport? John also rang the Council to make inquiries as to whether we could dump it at the local tip. Yes, was the reply from the Council, and the stove is free to dump. I guess the stove would be out of the way and we would have space in our garage once more. Is this the best idea so far? What will we do?

In the next few weeks, we thought we must make a trip to the dump when our son-in-law is available to use his truck and take the stove to the dump. I guess we just sat patiently and waited and I even prayed as to where it was to go and I received my answer. Yes the Lord answered my prayers.

A gentleman from Sydney contacted our daughter to say he was interested in the stove and was it still for sale? Our daughter let us know telling us the stove is sold and to say to us, she was not joking, it was sold! The fellow was away at the time when he made contact and said he would come in the following week or two if the stove was still available. Our daughter told him the stove was his if he was interested in coming and taking it back to his house.

Last Sunday the family arrived with their truck to pick up the old stove and John L. was there to greet them. When they saw the stove they were surprised how good it looked. All they really wanted was to use the stove top elements and replace them in their stove at home. Yes, they were going to use our stove for spare parts until they saw what they had come to pick up. Their stove at home was a similar model to ours but one of their elements was not working. Then and there at our house yesterday before they even ventured back home, they decided this stove would go into their kitchen and they would remove their old stove when they returned back home. In their case, old makes way for the 'new'.

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Last night our daughter had a reply from the fellow to say he was so happy and he was very thankful for John's help. He even sent a photo of our old stand-alone stove in their kitchen. Their old stove had been removed and for a small price he now has a 'new stove' which operates well in all areas. The family were very grateful and we are very happy too as our dear old stove which served us so well over 48 years had found a new home. I guess you could say we were all pleased with the end result. It was amazing to think he had a similar stove at home. We did not even have to tell him how to operate the stove as he already knew all about it. I found this so amazing! Praise the Lord!

Well, this makes me think about our life as we become comfortable in our faith, sometimes we do not like change or moving out of our comfort zone. But, the Lord is always there, we may not always hear him speak to us, but he is working things out for us. We can pray to him and he may not always answer in the way we think he will but he knows best. He provides an answer in his time and his way and we know he is there with us. I am sure the Lord was with us when we tried to dump our stove and he knew someone out there had a need greater than ours and he provided for them. We were so happy and thankful that our old stove found a good home. We were rejoicing and praising our Lord in the moment. We thought our old stove had died but alas it has come to life in a new home.

One day in the future we look forward to being with the Lord after all the ups and downs of this world and we know the Lord will guide us home to be with Him through our faith in Him. So as we sit comfortable in our homes, we have to move forward and face the world and step out in our faith knowing the Lord is with us always and has a plan for us. We can ask for forgiveness and pray about a strong relationship with Him. I feel we live to die and we die to live and this will happen in God's own timing for us. We look forward in the future of one day living in a new home in heaven with the Lord. Praise his Name always. Amen.

'Made for Heaven – My kingdom does not belong to this world. John 18:36'

'Unhappiness on earth cultivates a hunger for heaven. By gracing us with a deep dissatisfaction, God holds our attention. The only tragedy, then, is to be satisfied prematurely. To settle for earth. To be content in a strange land.....

We are not happy here because we are not at home here. We are not happy here because we are not supposed to be happy here. We are “like foreigners and strangers in this world” (1Peter 2:11).....

And you will never be completely happy on earth simply because you were not made for earth. Oh, you will have your moments of joy. You will catch glimpses of light. You will know moments or even days of peace. But they simply do not compare with the happiness that lies ahead.

When God Whispers Your Name.

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