

March 26th,
Psalms 39 vs 10-13,

Evening prayer - Turn away Your gaze from me, that I might smile again.

Lord, if I'm judging myself, outside of who I am in you, there will be no end to perfection - I will be consumed like a mouth is consumed by the fire - I'll never be able to stand up to your scrutiny. The test you want me to examine myself by, is as follows: is Christ in me or not? Do I love him because he's forgiven me much. Am I filled with joy because he is mine both now and for all eternity. Am I loving and forgiving others because I see that he is forgiving me so great a debt. Has the luster of this world lost its grip on me because I know deep within that I am citizen of heaven; with the security deposit of the Holy Spirit, the power and presence of Christ, every dwelling in me. "Turn away your gaze from sins that cling to me; cause me to see your smiling face in the favor that is mine in your Son. Yes this is due to the fact that I'm hidden in Him. Yes, on that horrible miraculous day your gaze of wrath turned away from me, and was turned on your righteous Son who died in my place.