

Monday, 22 November 2010

Psalm 39:4-6

*"O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am! Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you. Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath! Selah Surely a man goes about as a shadow! Surely for nothing they are in turmoil; man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather!"*

Yes, Lord, a day to be spent in Your presence, living my Now before You, glorifying You, praising You, thanking You, leaning on You, speaking of You in word and deed. All my focus on the Now and spending it in You. Help me, Holy Spirit, in my unbelief.

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Tuesday, 23 November 2010

Psalm 39:7-13

*"And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you. Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool! I am mute; I do not open my mouth, for it is you who have done it. Remove your stroke from me; I am spent by the hostility of your hand. When you discipline a man with rebukes for sin, you consume like a moth what is dear to him; surely all mankind is a mere breath! Selah "Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears! For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers. Look away from me, that I may smile again, before I depart and am no more!"*

Lord, I look to You and You alone for transformation into Your image. To You and the Holy Spirit to move me from a fallen state, addicted to the pleasures of this world to someone who lives and breathes in Your presence, reveling in the confidence that You are my Hope and my Surety.

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Wednesday, 24 November 2010

Psalm 40:1-5

*To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a*

*rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.*

You are a God of provision, a God who watches over Your people and insures that all my needs are met. But, it is so easy to focus on the provision of my material needs, and much more difficult to remember and thank You for the satisfaction of my spiritual needs.

You have lifted my feet out of the miry bogs and set them on high ground. The miry sloughs of sin and destruction onto the high place at the right hand of the Lamb of God. You put a new song, a song of praise and thanksgiving in my mouth, a song which sings out joy to all to see and hear.

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Thursday, 25 November 2010

Psalm 40:6-10

*In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. (7) Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: (8) I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." (9) I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. (10) I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.*

Isn't this amazingly simple, Lord. What You want from me is obedience and faithfulness, not gifts of material things. You want me to delight in doing Your will, to speak to all of the mighty deliverance that You worked and are working in me; I am to glorify and praise you in the great congregation.

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Friday, 26 November 2010

*Psalm 40:11-15*

*As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me! Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt! Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"*

I think Your Word is speaking to me this morning, Lord. 1st a meditation on Psalm 119:124 and now this passage. All centering on Your grace and mercy to me! Even my meditation on the Law in Lev. 22:1-3 and 1 Peter 2:9. All grace! And the evidence of the grace.

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*Saturday, 27 November 2010*

*Psalm 40:16-17*

*But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!" As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!*

I may be poor and needy in the world's eyes, but I am rich in the love of the Lord. Great are You, Lord. Life in Your Kingdom is exciting, stimulating, challenging, a blessing beyond measure and description.

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*Lord's Day, 28 November 2010*

*Psalm 119:158*

*I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep your commands.*

Lord, to look with disgust is one thing, but to teach and lead into a yearning to cherish and keep is an entirely other thing. Give, me the heart, Lord, to be that leader of Your people.

## **VOICES TOGETHER**

*Daily Meditations from the Psalms*

*November 22-28*

Voices Together is extracted from my daily meditations and is shared in the hopes that others will be encouraged to turn to the Psalms as a rich source of guidance for prayer and meditation.

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