

Monday, 10 January 2011

Voices Together: Psalm 49:15

But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me. Selah

You will -- You have ransomed my soul from the grave. You have received me as one of Your own. You, my Lord and my Savior, have paid the price for my sins, You are the One who suffered and died in my place, You are the Risen One, seated at the right hand of the LORD God Almighty, ruling with all things under Your feet. You are the One who will come again in glory and majesty to take me to be with You forever and ever. Amen!

Tuesday, 11 January 2011

Voices Together: Psalm 49:16-20

Be not afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases. For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not go down after him. For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed --and though you get praise when you do well for yourself--his soul will go to the generation of his fathers, who will never again see light. Man in his pomp yet without understanding is like the beasts that perish.

Lord, let the transformation that You have worked and are continuing to work in me be evident to all. Let those who have refused Your offer be convicted and brought to You. Guide me so that no word or deed of mine will or can be used to allow someone to excuse themselves from Your offer of love and mercy. O that all my love ones would see Your love through a transformed me.

Wednesday, 12 January 2011

Voices Together: Psalm 50:1-6

A Psalm of Asaph. The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest. He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" The heavens

declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! Selah

LORD, that You would reveal Yourself anew. That I would be refreshed and re-fired by Your presence. That last night on the mountaintop would continue to be revealed to all today. That my face, my words, my actions would be an unveiled reflection of Your glory today and every day. That Your presence in my life would so subsume me that I would totally decrease, You would be totally visible in my life

Thursday, Voices Together: Psalm 50:7-15

"Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. (11) I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

Lord Jesus, open the eyes of my heart to the hypocrisy that resides within it. I hide behind a shield of self-delusion; I need to have my sin exposed and the smug pride stripped away. The underlying piety and sanctimony laid bare for me to see and repent. Convict me of my sin, Holy Spirit.

Friday, 14 January 2011

Voices Together: Psalm 50:16-21

But to the wicked God says: "What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips? For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you. If you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you keep company with adulterers. "You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit. You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son. These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.

Is this deceit is me? Am I guilty of slandering my brother

and yet claiming to live in your covenant? Do I encourage thieves and adulterers to continue in their evil ways? Do I fight against your holy and just discipline? Quicken the ears of my heart, give me the willingness to listen to Your Holy Spirit as He guides me into all truth.

Saturday, 15 January 2011

Voices Together: Psalm 50:22-23

"Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver! The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"

Psalms 119:9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

Matthew 4:4 But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

How do I continuously offer thanksgiving as my sacrifice of praise? How do I order my way rightly? How do I live out my salvation? Only by paying heed to every work that proceeds out of Your mouth and obeying that Word. Guide me, Lord.

Lord's Day, 16 January 2011

Voices Together: Psalm 119:40

Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!

Your precepts are like sweetmeats, delicious and pleasant to the tongue, but leaving one looking forward to the next taste. It is so with Your precepts, as the Spirit reveals understanding in each, I am both satisfied and looking forward to the next revelation. To live the life of your righteousness, is to live the life of Your joy.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Psalms

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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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