

Monday, 24 January 2011

Voices Together: Psalm 52:1-4

To the choirmaster. A Maskil of David, when Doeg, the Edomite, came and told Saul, "David has come to the house of Ahimelech." Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man? The steadfast love of God endures all the day. Your tongue plots destruction, like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit. You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking what is right. Selah You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.

Lord, is there any of this wicked spirit in me? Is there a love of gossip and a desire to see the sins and foibles of others exposed? Do I still seek to use my tongue to destroy rather than to encourage and build up? Do I use the failures of others as a camouflage for my own sins and errors?

Only through the power and working of the Holy Spirit, only through Your word exposing my sin to the light. Reveal and transform me, Lord.

Tuesday, 25 January 2011

Voices Together: Psalm 52:5-7

But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. Selah The righteous shall see and fear, and shall laugh at him, saying, "See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!"

It is so difficult, Lord, to learn to trust that You will make everything right and good and holy, even those who judge my walk with You according to their own interpretations of the Scriptures. Help me, Lord, to accept the peace and contentment that You offer and to acknowledge that this is all that is necessary and sufficient for a life as your disciple.

Wednesday, 26 January 2011

Voices Together: Psalm 52:8-9

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. I will thank you forever, because you have done it. I will wait for your name, for it is good,

in the presence of the godly.

Peace, Shalom, Tranquility, Joy, and more. All flow from trusting in Your steadfast love. You have removed the sin and the shame that separated me from Your presence; You have cleansed me from the filth that made me abhorrent to You; I have entered into Your family as Your child. I am whole. Praise You, Lord and Master.

Thursday, 27 January 2011

Voices Together:

Psalm 53:1-3

To the choirmaster: according to Mahalath. A Maskil of David. The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity; there is none who does good. God looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

Lord, You have called me to take the message of Your love to those who reject You. You have called me to demonstrate by word and deed that there is a God, a great God who loves them and who has provided relief from the burden of sin. Guide me and teach me to be a faithful messenger; forgive me for my failings and use me.

Friday,

Friday, 28 January 2011

Voices Together:

Psalm 53:4-5

Have those who work evil no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon God? There they are, in great terror, where there is no terror! For God scatters the bones of him who encamps against you; you put

them to shame, for God has rejected them.

Those who work evil today against Your Church are not the Philistines and the Canaanites but are the spiritual forces of greed, lust, pride, self-will, adultery, complacency and so forth that the Evil One finds so effective against us. We have lost our trust in the goodness of the Kingdom, we fear those forces that the world around us fears, we no longer speak Your word into the culture for we are the culture. We are in great terror and without reason for that terror.

Saturday, 29 January 2011

Voices Together: Psalm 53:6

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When God restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

O, Lord, bring revival to Your Church! Restore us, O, Lord, and let Your face shine upon us that we may be saved. Fill Your Church with an urgency for repentance and a thirst for Your presence. Force us to our knees, give us a contrite spirit and a passion for You that knows no bounds.

Lord's Day, 30 January 2011

Voices Together: Psalm 119:50

This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life.

LORD, Your Word is my Hope, it is my Comfort. Praise You, for You have provided all that I need for wisdom to live life in Your Kingdom. Your Word provides that certain expectation, that Knowing, that a life lived in accordance with Your precepts is a life lived in harmony with You, a life that reflects Your Glory into those places where You send me.

Praise to You, my God and Father.

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Daily Meditations from the Psalms



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