

*Monday, 21 February 2011, Psalm 58:9-11*

*Sooner than your pots can feel the heat of thorns, whether green or ablaze, may he sweep them away! The righteous will rejoice when he sees the vengeance; he will bathe his feet in the blood of the wicked. Mankind will say, "Surely there is a reward for the righteous; surely there is a God who judges on earth."*

Praise You, my Lord and Master, for the great power and mercy that You display as You lift those You have called out of the morass of sin. Thank You that You have called me and quickened my heart; thank You for the lives that I see each day that You are transforming in the prison -- lives that speak of Your great mercy and love for the children of men.

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*Tuesday, 22 February 2011, Psalm 59:1-4a*

*To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Miktam of David, when Saul sent men to watch his house in order to kill him. Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; protect me from those who rise up against me; deliver me from those who work evil, and save me from bloodthirsty men. For behold, they lie in wait for my life; fierce men stir up strife against me. For no transgression or sin of mine, O LORD, for no fault of mine, they run and make ready.*

I am not sure, Lord, that it is through no sin of mine that I am experiencing this lassitude and tiredness of soul. It most likely is a result of my pride and unwillingness to accept that I am not personally responsible for the actions of another. But I am concerned that my testimony and teaching in this case were from you and not from me. Was I faithful to Your Word, Lord, have I shown Your love to someone who desperately needs to know it? Help me, Lord.

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*Wednesday, 23 February 2011, Psalm 59:4b-10*

*Awake, come to meet me, and see! You, LORD God of hosts, are God of Israel. Rouse yourself to punish all the nations; spare none of those who treacherously plot evil. Selah Each evening they come back, howling like dogs and prowling about the city. There they are, bellowing with their mouths with swords in their lips-- for "Who," they think, "will hear us?" But you, O LORD, laugh at them; you hold all the nations in derision. O my Strength, I will*

*watch for you, for you, O God, are my fortress. My God in his steadfast love will meet me; God will let me look in triumph on my enemies.*

Lord, these disaffections that are afflicting me are emotions that the Evil One has found to impede my witness and testimony for they tarnish the reflection of Your glory to be seen in my life. Remind me, remind me, remind me -- You are my Strength, You are my fortress, You will raise me up in triumph over these foes. You are Lord of all.

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*Thursday, 24 February 2011, Psalm 59:11-13*

*Kill them not, lest my people forget; make them totter by your power and bring them down, O Lord, our shield! For the sin of their mouths, the words of their lips, let them be trapped in their pride. For the cursing and lies that they utter, consume them in wrath; consume them till they are no more, that they may know that God rules over Jacob to the ends of the earth. Selah*

It is not for my honor that I plead for relief, but for Your glory. How marvelous it is to be used as a demonstration of Your might and power over the afflictions of man. Let Your power and grace be seen by all; let none be able to say, "I didn't hear, I didn't know of the love of God."

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*Friday, 25 February 2011, Psalm 59:14-17*

*Each evening they come back, howling like dogs and prowling about the city. They wander about for food and growl if they do not get their fill. But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress. O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.*

You are the Sufficient and Necessary One, the One who Provides, the One who is Strength, the One who is Wisdom, the One who is Might, the One who is Power, the One who is Love, the One who is Light, the One who is Mercy, the One who is Justice, the One who is Righteousness, the One who is Grace, the One who is Goodness, the One who is from

Everlasting to Everlasting, the One who is the LORD God Almighty. Thank You and praise You for Your love and mercy to me.

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*Saturday, 26 February 2011, Psalm 60:1-3*

*To the choirmaster: according to Shushan Eduth. A Miktam of David; for instruction; when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and when Joab on his return struck down twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt. O God, you have rejected us, broken our defenses; you have been angry; oh, restore us. You have made the land to quake; you have torn it open; repair its breaches, for it totters. You have made your people see hard things; you have given us wine to drink that made us stagger.*

The complacency, the smug self-sufficiency, the elitism of the American church; a wall between them and the lost and hurting. Yes, they open their arms to the successful and powerful, to the rich and famous, but to the broken and weak, to the poor and unknown -- blindness, a wall of separation. We have forgotten those You served and called us to serve. Where is Your church? Where is it for M? K? T? An endless list of broken, abused and hurting who only can perpetuate the broken, abused and hurting!

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*Lord's Day, 27 February 2011, Psalm 119:82*

*My eyes long for your promise; I ask, "When will you comfort me?"*

This must have been the cry of the disciples on the grief filled Passover Sabbath? You promised, where is it? What does it all mean? Where is the comfort? You promised that Your yoke would be easy and Your burden light? This is not it!

## **VOICES TOGETHER**

*Daily Meditations from the Psalms*

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