

Monday, 28 March 2011

Psalm 66:5-12

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations-- let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs; you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

As I watch my dear brother suffer through the loss of his wife, I am so thankful that you are with him to guide and nourish. You are there, leading him step by step to glorify You and to show others how his wife lived as a testimony to Your transforming Power and Might. Praise You, Lord.

Tuesday, 29 March 2011

Psalm 66:13-15

I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you, that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah

Lord, to be obedient to You and to Your Word is all things and in every way is my vow and my sacrifice of thanksgiving. I pour this sacrifice out upon the alter of the Cross, at the place where you made the ultimate sacrifice for me. I cannot perform this vow in my own strength and my own knowledge but through Your power and wisdom, led by the Holy Spirit, I can and I will. So help me God.

Wednesday, 30 March 2011

Psalm 66:16-20

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

Lord, the Light of Your Word must shine into all the dark and hidden recesses of my heart to illuminate the sins that I gloss over. It is only in the power of the Holy Spirit revealing all truth that I can see the enormity of the foulness that my pride and self-will so adroitly conceals. Grant me the strength, the wisdom and the willing obedience to expunge these sins from my life.

Thursday, 31 March 2011

3 John 1:5-8

Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

Does this mean that I was wrong in withdrawing support from co-laborers in the vineyards? Did I do that because I did not approve of their life style? Did I want to hear You saying that You were trying to give them a wake up call? I need some direction here, Lord, I am weak!

Friday, 1 April 2011

Psalm 67:1-2

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song. May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Lord, send me out among the highways and the byways, into the prisons and halfway houses. You are giving me a burden for the lost and forlorn youth around me, no hope and without purpose in life. Truly living the consequences of the philosophy of Nietzsche! How do I reach them before I find them in the prisons? Help me, Lord. And it includes the children of the saints.

Saturday, 2 April 2011

Psalm 67:3-5

*Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples
with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah Let the
peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!*

This is the day that You have made to send me to the lost and lonely, to those who do not know You and have no hope. Lord, I am beginning to understand that You are sending me to the young men of the area, the youth who are living a life of discouragement and hopelessness. Lead me to the Adams, Bens and Corrys of this generation, show me how to reach them with your message of hope and love. Help me, Lord, for Your sake not mine.

Lord's Day, 3 April 2011

Psalm 119:132

*Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those
who love your name.*

And teach me to be gracious as You are gracious. Lord, still my sarcastic tongue and quell my impulsive behaviors. Teach me to be as You.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Psalms

March 28 – April 3, 2011

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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