

Monday, 18 April 2011

Psalm 69:22-28

Let their own table before them become a snare; and when they are at peace, let it become a trap. (23) Let their eyes be darkened, so that they cannot see, and make their loins tremble continually. (24) Pour out your indignation upon them, and let your burning anger overtake them. (25) May their camp be a desolation; let no one dwell in their tents. (26) For they persecute him whom you have struck down, and they recount the pain of those you have wounded. (27) Add to them punishment upon punishment; may they have no acquittal from you. (28) Let them be blotted out of the book of the living; let them not be enrolled among the righteous.

You do deal with my adversaries, whether spirit or human. Even when it is the old man rising up within me in his death throes, You are with me to comfort, protect and lead. It is Your strength, Your power that keeps me safe; it is not my own. You have removed the stain from my soul. Thank You, Lord.

Tuesday, 19 April 2011

Psalm 69:29-36

But I am afflicted and in pain; let your salvation, O God, set me on high! I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving. This will please the LORD more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs. When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive. For the LORD hears the needy and does not despise his own people who are prisoners. Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them. For God will save Zion and build up the cities of Judah, and people shall dwell there and possess it; the offspring of his servants shall inherit it, and those who love his name shall dwell in it.

Your salvation has set me on high, I am filled with Your peace and joy; my afflictions are as vapors and mists in a breeze, You have heard my prayer. But, Lord, there are those near and dear to me, suffering from physical and emotional distress, who also love and adore You, and need

release from their burdens. Despise not those dear saints, release them from their bondages of pain, confusion and loss. Bless my dear brothers and sisters on this Day.

Wednesday, 20 April 2011

Revelation 2:8-11

"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life. "I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'

Lord, You were faithful unto death and I have life. Now, will I be faithful likewise? Will I hear what the Spirit has to say to me and through me to the Church? Will I conquer the old man that fears death? Will rivers of living water flow out of me for the salvation of all who hear the Word? Help me and guide me, Lord.

Thursday, 21 April 2011

Psalm 70:1-3

To the choirmaster. Of David, for the memorial offering. Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me! Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life! Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt! Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"

Who are my enemies? Who are those that seek my life? Those who delight in my hurt? Not people but the sly minions of the Evil One seeking to separate me for Your Presence. All those foul affections, packaged as beautifully presented lures that offer pleasure and excitement but lead to the death of the spirit. Make haste, O God, to deliver me. I am defenseless in my own strength and knowledge.

Friday, 22 April 2011

Psalm 70:4

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

Let all the saints rise up in praise and magnify Your name today. Let the hills resound as they echo, "God is great!" Let it start with me, let me be the infectious one who spreads the joy; a virus of elation. God is Great! Hallelujah! Amen!

Saturday, 23 April 2011

Psalm 70:5

But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

Lord, I believe that I am being sent to the lost, the least and the lonely within the Vermont prison system. And that I am being sent to minister to the lost, the least and the lonely among Your shepherds. Specifically, I am sent to those who know You but need to be encouraged and equipped for the calling that You have placed upon them, to assist them in going out into their mission fields. Am I on the right Track, walking along the Way?

Lord's Day, 24 April 2011

Psalm 119:153

Look on my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget your law.

It seems that the affliction is insensitivity to the plight of those around me. Am I so self-centered? Am I blind to the needs? Or am I not hearing those gentle nudges from the Holy Spirit to care for Your people? Help me to be transformed into Your image.

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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