

Monday, 2 May 2011

Psalm 71:22-24

I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed. And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long, for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt.

Today and every Today, my voice must be raised in the gates and in the marketplace to tell of Your great love and mercy. I must offer praise and thanksgiving continuously to You and for You. Let Your joy bubble out of me and pour over everyone whom I touch. Use me, Lord, as Your Fountain of Living Water. I am Your servant. Praise You and thank You.

Tuesday, 3 May 2011

Timothy 2:1-4

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Lord, it is so easy to pray for those whose policies I agree with and so difficult for those whose policies or lifestyles offend me. But You do not allow me the freedom to choose or to insert my own value judgments. I am to pray for ALL people, ALL in high positions; I am to offer up supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings for ALL. For Obama and his staff, for Leahy, for Saunders, for Welch, for Pelosi, Reid, for the supporters of Planned Parenthood, for the promoters of LBTG, for advocates of same-sex marriage, for the drug dealers, for those corporations whose business models are based on greed, for ... It is a long list, Lord, help me to be faithful to Your commandment.

Wednesday, 4 May 2011

Psalm 72:1-7

Of Solomon. Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son! May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice! Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness! May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor! May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations! May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth! In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

It is time to pray for the leaders of this nation, this state and this village; that they would lead Godly and peaceful lives, dedicated to serving in justice according to the precepts of Your righteous laws. Lord, convict each one of the wisdom of being obedient to Your instructions, teach them that they are in these positions of authority as Your appointed agents and that Your law defines rightness, goodness and justice. But more than that, Lord, for those who do not acknowledge You as Lord, bring them to that confession and for those who have acknowledged Your Lordship, fill them with a passion to obey You in all things.

Thursday, 5 May 2011

Psalm 72:8-11

May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth! May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust! May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

Lord, Your day is coming when all nations, kings and peoples will bow down before You. It will be the great unveiling of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and all will celebrate Your Glory and Holiness. It will be the Day of Restoration, the Day of Judgment, the Day of the Conquering of Death, the Day of the Establishment of the Kingdom, the Day of Submission, the Day of Rejoicing, the Day of Lifting Up, the grand and final Lord's Day.

Friday, 6 May 2011

Psalm 72:12-14

For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.

As I wait for Shalom to be established, for the Day of the Lord to be fully revealed, guide me, Lord, in working to advance Your Kingdom today. Send me to the poor and the needy, to those who lack a knowledge of You, to those suffering from injustice and oppression, to all who need to hear of Your love and grace, to all who need that You died for them.

Saturday, 7 May 2011

Psalm 72:15-16

Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him! May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day! May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field!

Lord, You have instructed me to pray for the leaders of this nation but I have not been obedient and faithful. Forgive me, but more important, reform and transform me so that I will be in continuous prayer for those whom You have placed in authority over me.

I pray for your salvation for those who do not know you; that they will enter into submission to You and to Your rule. For those who claim to be followers of You, I pray for wisdom and for a willingness to hear and obey Your word.

Lord's Day, 8 May 2011

Psalm 119:169-170

Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word! Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word.

Understanding and delivery. Doesn't that define life in Your Kingdom? To understand Your Word and thereby to be delivered from the assaults of the Evil One?

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