

Monday, 30 May, 2011

Psalm 76:7-9

But you, you are to be feared! Who can stand before you when once your anger is roused? From the heavens you uttered judgment; the earth feared and was still, when God arose to establish judgment, to save all the humble of the earth. Selah

LORD, You are beyond comprehension; Your anger when You are aroused by the stench of sin, the mercy displayed because of Your love for Your creation; all to restore those who seek You and who cry out to You. You are light and in You is no darkness.

Tuesday, 31 May, 2011

Psalm 76:10-12

Surely the wrath of man shall praise you; the remnant of wrath you will put on like a belt. Make your vows to the LORD your God and perform them; let all around him bring gifts to him who is to be feared, who cuts off the spirit of princes, who is to be feared by the kings of the earth.

I come to You this morning to dedicate every aspect of my life to Your Lordship. I seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to reveal those areas of my life that have not been submitted to You and to lead me in ruthlessly exposing them to the searing light of Your grace and mercy. Bring me to my knees in repentance wherever rebellion exists; let me not continue in my double-minded ways. In the power of Your name and in that power alone do I pray.

Wednesday, 1 June 2011

Hebrews 11:32-12:1 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- (33) who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, (34) quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. (35) Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. (36) Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. (37) They were stoned, they

were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated-- (38) of whom the world was not worthy--wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. (39) And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, (40) since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. (12:1) Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

The picture is that I am running into a stadium, filled with a great company of those who have run before, cheering me on, exhorting me to discard the encumbrances and throw away the unproductive, while focusing on the goal. The goal of a fully transformed life in Christ lies before me, the saints at my side to provide the evidence of that life.

Thursday, 2 June 2011

Psalm 77:1-6

To the choirmaster: according to Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph. I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, and he will hear me. In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted. When I remember God, I moan; when I meditate, my spirit faints. Selah You hold my eyelids open; I am so troubled that I cannot speak. I consider the days of old, the years long ago. I said, "Let me remember my song in the night; let me meditate in my heart." Then my spirit made a diligent search:

Lord, it seems that my concern more and more is centering upon my witness to my children and grandchildren. I am a failure at carrying the message of Your love and grace to them. Help me, Lord. Why do I shirk my responsibilities to them? Heal me, Lord.

Friday, 3 June 2011

Psalm 77:7-9

Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable? (8) Has his steadfast love forever ceased? Are his promises at an end for all time? (9) Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?" Selah

Lord, do not give up on me, bring me to the point where I must witness, where the very stones will cry out if I do not. Help me, Lord.

Saturday, 4 June 2011

Psalms 77:10-15

Then I said, "I will appeal to this, to the years of the right hand of the Most High." I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds. Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God? You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph. Selah

Your mighty hand has lifted me out of despair and into Life with You. You have vanquished the forces of evil and sin that were destroying my life and replaced them with the forces of love, grace and mercy. You are the awesome God. That God who loves His creation and His people above all other; who loved the beauty of His creation to the point of self-sacrifice to redeem it from the ravages of sin and corruption. Praise You, LORD, God Almighty.

Lord's Day, 5 June 2011

Psalms 119:32

I will run in the way of your commandments when you enlarge my heart!

It is exercise that enlarges the heart, aerobic exercise. It is spiritual exercise that enlarges my spiritual heart. Time in the Word, time in prayer, time in meditation, time in service, time in living my life according to Your will; an incarnational life.

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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