

Monday, 6 June 2011

Psalm 77:16-20

*When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; indeed, the deep trembled. The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder; your arrows flashed on every side. The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook. Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen. You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.*

The signs of the forecasted Arctic blast are upon us; the wind rising, the temperatures falling and we will experience the evidence of Your might once again. How many will recognize Your voice in the storm? Will I remember that this is one of the ways You speak to Your people? Will I remember to praise You at the height of the gale? Will I remember to call upon You to reveal Yourself to all and to refresh our awareness of Your grace and mercy?

*(This was written on 12 December, 2009), we are not having winter in June in Vermont)*

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Tuesday, 7 June 2011

*Hebrews 6:10-12 For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*

Lord, accept that what I do is out of gratefulness for Your salvation, not an attempt to curry Your favor. Help me and lead me to carry that same message to all of Your people to show them the route along the King's Highway. Bless me, Lord.

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Wednesday, 8 June 2011

Psalm 78:1-8

*A Maskil of Asaph. Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. He established a testimony in*

*Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.*

Most appropriate, Lord, on a day where we are scheduled to go into the prison to teach. Clothe us in humility and fill us with Your wisdom as we seek to bring understanding to the men. Give us discernment and compassionate spirits; show us the way of Your righteousness and justice.

Bless the men; open the ears of their hearts, give them understanding, lead them in the path of righteousness, equip them to advance the Kingdom throughout the prison.

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Thursday, 9 June 2011

Psalm 78:9-11

*The Ephraimites, armed with the bow, turned back on the day of battle. They did not keep God's covenant, but refused to walk according to his law. They forgot his works and the wonders that he had shown them.*

The Church, Lord, as did Israel, has gone whoring after other gods. We have accepted the world's definitions of tolerance, choice, marriage, infidelity, sin, love, justice, righteousness, judgment, ... the list is endless. We accept pride, greed, lust and immorality as normative for life. We have forgotten the One who loves us and died for us, we have abandoned our salvation.

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Friday, 10 June 2011

Psalm 78:12-16

*In the sight of their fathers he performed wonders in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan. He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap. In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a fiery light. He split rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep. He made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers.*

*Yet time after time, You have pulled Your Church back from the brink of apostasy, bringing renewal and revival. You have brought the fire of the Holy Spirit to cleanse and restore the Body and set it upon the King's Highway once again. Your*

*mighty and gracious hand has not been stayed.*

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*Saturday, 11 June 2011*

*Psalm 78:17-31*

*Yet they sinned still more against him, rebelling against the Most High in the desert. They tested God in their heart by demanding the food they craved. They spoke against God, saying, "Can God spread a table in the wilderness? He struck the rock so that water gushed out and streams overflowed. Can he also give bread or provide meat for his people?" Therefore, when the LORD heard, he was full of wrath; a fire was kindled against Jacob; his anger rose against Israel, because they did not believe in God and did not trust his saving power. Yet he commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven, and he rained down on them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven. Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance. He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind; he rained meat on them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas; he let them fall in the midst of their camp, all around their dwellings. And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved. But before they had satisfied their craving, while the food was still in their mouths, the anger of God rose against them, and he killed the strongest of them and laid low the young men of Israel.*

In spite of our sin, Lord, you bless Your Church. We worship You with our mouths but not with our hearts. We sing your praises on Sunday mornings, but do not acknowledge Your Day in our lives. Yet You stay Your hand, not raining down the fire of Your righteous judgment upon Your Church, but instead continuing to bless them answering our prayers. When will Your anger finally kindle? When will Your wrath blaze fiercely against the Church bringing persecution and anguish? How long will we continue to play the whore to all the other gods of the culture? How long, Lord, how long?

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*Lord's Day, 12 June 2011*

*Psalm 119:36*

*Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!*

Lord, so much of what I pray for is concerns about myself or others, so little concentrates on You and Your glory. Incline my heart to Your Goodness, to Your Magnificence, to Your Glory, to You and to You only.

## **VOICES TOGETHER**

*Daily Meditations from the Psalms*

*June 6-12, 2011*

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