

Monday, 27 June 2011

Psalm 80:8-13 You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches. It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River. Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

Revivals have swept through Your church in the past, laying low the sins and failures of Your people, raising up the glories of Your name and Your great deeds among the children of men. Again, Lord, again. Bring revival now to the Church, sweep it clean of all the false idols and restore Your name among all the nations.

Tuesday, 28 June 2011

Psalm 80:14-19 Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself. They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face! But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself! Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name! Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Build Your Church, fill it with the Fire of the Holy Spirit, send earthquakes of renewed passion for the Word, cause eruptions of preaching the Message of the Love of God, send tsunamis of Love of Neighbor sweeping through our towns and villages, send Your Church out to be the blessing of Abraham as Your promised so long ago. Amen

Wednesday, 29 June 2011

Revelations 3:12-17 The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.' "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the

beginning of God's creation. "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

Lord, I am a Laodicean, weak, lukewarm, a don't rock the boater. Where is my fervor, my zeal, my compulsion to tell all what a great God I serve? Light my fire, let my candle blaze however briefly but brightly. That all should see and recognize that You have worked a power in my life that cannot be described in any way except through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

Thursday, 30 June 2011

Psalm 81:1-5 To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. Of Asaph. Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp. Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day. For it is a statute for Israel, a rule of the God of Jacob. He made it a decree in Joseph when he went out over the land of Egypt.

LORD God Almighty, the one true living God. You are righteousness, peace, love, light, mercy, grace, forgiveness, holiness, beauty, goodness, purity, and justice. You are the Creator of all, Father to all and Savior for all. You are the All Knowing, the All Powerful, the All Present. You are beyond time and space, both all transcendent and all immanent, yet God come to live among us as the Son of Man.

You are God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. You are LORD.

Friday, 1 July 2011

Psalm 81:6-7 I hear a language I had not known: "I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket. In distress you called, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah

"Come to Me, all who are heavy laden and I will give you rest for My yoke is easy and My burden is light." What a promise, Lord, what a promise. The only problem is that I forget to come. I keep struggling on my own, trying to lift a Sisyphean load and it never gets lifted. When will I learn to call on You at

the very outset of a trial or test? Help me, Lord to remember to come, only come.

Saturday, 2 July 2011

Psalm 81:8-12 Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me! There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god. I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. So I gave them over -to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

Lord, keep me attentive to Your word, heeding every instruction, avoiding every strange god, Without You, without the Holy Spirit, I continue to be a willful and stubborn man;

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

Lord's Day, 3 July 2011

Psalm 119:66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.

How do I know how to apply Your commandments except through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Any other approach is simply a legalistic application of the letter of the law and without love. But as the Spirit guides and instructs, then Your Law blooms into a fragrant sacrifice of love and devotion to You. It becomes a rich source of inspiration to demonstrate my love for You and the transforming power of Your love for me.

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Daily Meditations from the Psalms

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