

Monday, 11 July 2011

Psalm 83:5-8

For they conspire with one accord; against you they make a covenant—the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites, Gebal and Ammon and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; Asshur also has joined them; they are the strong arm of the children of Lot. Selah

Lord, could it be that what both the Js are going through is deliberate and malicious persecution against them because of their faith? I know that it is the minions of the Evil One who are attempting to breakdown their testimony. "See how weak the profession of these Christians really is." An opportunity to discredit any claims to be able to rely on You in times of trial

But turn this around, Lord, give both of them the strength and willingness to persevere, continuing to glorify You.

Tuesday, 12 July 2011

Psalm 83:9-18

Do to them as you did to Midian, as to Sisera and Jabin at the river Kishon, who were destroyed at En-dor, who became dung for the ground. Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna, who said, "Let us take possession for ourselves of the pastures of God." O my God, make them like whirling dust, like chaff before the wind. As fire consumes the forest, as the flame sets the mountains ablaze, so may you pursue them with your tempest and terrify them with your hurricane! Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek your name, O LORD. Let them be put to shame and dismayed forever; let them perish in disgrace, that they may know that you alone, whose name is the LORD, are the Most High over all the earth.

Lord, bless those who have been used by the Evil One to attack Your people, spreading dissension and discontent, causing us to take our eyes off You and concentrate on our past lives. All misery behind us, all glory ahead of us. Bring those who curse us into the Kingdom that we may welcome

them as brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Wednesday, 13 July 2011

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. (19) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Hebrews 13:5

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Be content with what I have! Now there is a hard saying, it forces me to not only be satisfied with material things but with status, with family and friends; it should cause me to closely examine all my ambitions to see if they are of You or something to enhance my pride. Every aspect of my life must come under the lens of this promise. Do I really have the faith to trust that You will never leave me nor forsake me?

Thursday, 14 July 2011

Psalm 84:1-2

To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Bring Your people home. We long to be in the courts of Your kingdom, released from this life to enter fully into Your presence. Yet, while we await Your coming, guide us into the joys of the Kingdom now, fill us with living water, overflowing bathe all around us.

Friday, 15 July 2011

Psalm 84:3-4

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! Selah

I am the temple of the Living God! I am the house of the Lord! I am the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit! I am blessed by the Presence! From me issues the River of Living Water! Through me are all peoples of the earth blessed! Praise You, LORD, God Almighty.

Saturday, 16 July 2011

Psalm 84:5-7

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

I know that You are ever with me. I know that Your love sustains me. I know that Your Holy Spirit guides me into all truth. I know that in Your presence is fullness of joy. I know that to *know* You is life eternal. O, Lord, praise You for I **know** You; You are my King!

Lord's Day, 17 July 2011

Psalm 119:81

My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word.

I do long for that promised fullness of joy, that total realization of Your Presence. I do hope for that time when Your Word will be in complete control of my life. The Day is coming, the day of Your return when I am translated into that new body to live in that new earth in Your Kingdom. Come quickly, Lord Jesus, come!

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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