

Monday, 18 July 2011

Psalm 84:8-12

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed! For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

As I asked earlier this morning for Your blessing on Betty and I as we travel and work together, I continue to plead that You will keep us in the palm of Your hand, nurturing us, drawing us closer to You and to each other, guiding us, opening our eyes to the opportunities to advance Your Kingdom and leading us to glorify You in all things. Praise You, Lord.

Tuesday, 19 July 2011

2 Corinthians 4:1-15

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. (2) But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. (3) And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. (4) In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (5) For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. (6) For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (7) But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. (8) We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; (9) persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; (10) always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. (11) For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. (12) So death is at work in us, but life in you. (13) Since we

have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, (14) knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. (15) For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Lord, what a marvelous and complete summary of our ministry.

Wednesday, 20 July 2011

Psalm 85:1-3

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. Selah You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

Lord, once again, Your Church needs to repent and seek restoration. We have turned to the ways of the world around us, we have forsaken Your word and are not obedient to Your Law. How can we expect Your favor? Bring us to repentance, Lord, restore Your people, let Your face shine that we might be saved. Let us once again be the light that shines out of darkness.

Thursday, 21 July 2011

Psalm 85:4-7

Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

How can we expect restoration, Lord, as we continue to follow the ways of the world? We have not repented, we have not humbled ourselves and confessed that we have sinned against you, we have not rejected the lures and blandishments. We must repent!

Friday, 22 July 2011

Psalm 85:8-9

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Lord, I was praying this morning in the 119th Psalm for direction and revelation of Your will in a Kingdom matter; and then I come to this passage. Lord, let me hear what You will speak and give me the will to obey. Guide me, help me for in my heart, I do not want to do what I am hearing, I am looking for reasons to believe that it is not from You.

Saturday, 23 July 2011
Psalm 85:10-13

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

Colossians 1:19-20 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, (20) and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Amen, Lord, what can I add except a plea that this fullness, this meeting of love, faithfulness, righteousness, and peace that is You will flow out of me to all who meet me. A plea that it will be as evident as Your glory was in the face of Moses when he came off Your mountain.

Lord's Day, 24 July 2011
Psalm 119:90

Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

You never leave me or forsake me; Your word upholds the heavens and all that is in it. Let all creation sing Your praises and give glory to Your name. Let all that exists declare Your faithfulness and the constancy of Your word. You are the Almighty, LORD God of all that was, that is and that is to come.

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Daily Meditations from the Psalms

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