

Monday, 12 September 2011

Ephesians 6:10-20

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.*

A good word for today and every day as I set out to toil in the vineyard. It is not my strength and wisdom but Yours. It is not my quick wit but Your whole armor that equips and protects me. Lord, that I would be willing to open my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the Gospel. Help me, Lord.

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Tuesday, 13 September 2011

Psalm 94:1-3

*O LORD, God of vengeance, O God of vengeance, shine forth! Rise up, O judge of the earth; repay to the proud what they deserve! O LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked exult?*

Lord, Satan is bound but still frothing and raging, still able to spread destruction and terror. How long, O Lord, will it be before he is totally subdued and the Kingdom flourishes without his malevolent influence?

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Wednesday, 14 September 2011

Psalm 94:4-7

*They pour out their arrogant words; all the evildoers boast. They crush your people, O LORD, and afflict your heritage. They kill the widow and the sojourner, and murder the fatherless; and they say, "The LORD does not see; the God of Jacob does not perceive."*

Lord, do You see the great evil that exists in Your creation? I know You do and are grieved! How long will You withhold Your hand? When will the total perversion of this nation be brought down and Your Holy Spirit sweep through the land? How long, Lord, how long?

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Thursday, 15 September 2011

Psalm 94:8-11

*Understand, O dullest of the people! Fools, when will you be wise? He who planted the ear, does he not hear? He who formed the eye, does he not see? He who disciplines the nations, does he not rebuke? He who teaches man knowledge—the LORD—knows the thoughts of man, that they are but a breath.*

Lord, reveal Yourself to the nations! But how can they not see when Your power and love is displayed on every hand? What will it take, Lord? Must the nations be devastated as was Haiti to cause them to turn to you? When will we learn that fat and happy means self-satisfied and rebellious?

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Friday, 16 September 2011

Psalm 94:12-15

*Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O LORD, and whom you teach out of your law, to give him rest from days of trouble, until a pit is dug for the wicked. For the LORD will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage; for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.*

Lord, my prayer is for MW, someone who has certainly lived a life of affliction and abuse, yet who gives every indication of not knowing You. It is very apparent that her god is money and now that it is gone, she is bereft of any support and comfort. Help us to bring to an knowledge and acceptance of the God of all comfort, the One who can be relied upon without fail.

Lord, plug the troublesome mouths of her sisters and son!

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*Saturday, 17 September 2011*

*Psalm 94:16-19*

*Who rises up for me against the wicked? Who stands up for me against evildoers? If the LORD had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence. When I thought, "My foot slips," your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up. When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.*

Lord, we were singing in the prison last night of Your faithfulness and our confidence in Your constancy but it is one thing to sing it in the evening and another to live it in the morning. Help all of us, Betty and me and those men to live out that confidence in the morning.

(Oh) I know that I can make it  
I know that I can stand  
No matter what may come my way  
My life is in Your hands  
With Jesus I can take it  
With Him I know I can stand  
No matter what may come my way  
My life is in Your hands

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*Lord's Day, 18 September 2011*

*Psalm 119:157*

*Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from your testimonies.*

It seems like the problems are coming from every angle, Lord, and I know that You and Your word provide all the guidance and support that I need. But there are times when I am determined to work out of my own strength and knowledge. Are not these problems allowed by you to teach me to come to You in all things, seeking Your wisdom and grace?

## **VOICES TOGETHER**

*Daily Meditations from the Psalms*

*September 12-18, 2011*

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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