

Monday, 19 September 2011

Psalm 94:20-23

Can wicked rulers be allied with you, those who frame injustice by statute? They band together against the life of the righteous and condemn the innocent to death. But the LORD has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge. He will bring back on them their iniquity and wipe them out for their wickedness; the LORD our God will wipe them out.

Lord, I know that You win; that the day is coming when justice will triumph over injustice, when unrighteousness will succumb to righteousness, when love will smother hatred and Shalom will be the Order of the Day. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Tuesday, 20 September 2011 Hebrews 4:1-12

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest," although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest." Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

This is the Lord's Day, a day set aside for worship and rest. Help us and guide us to receive the gift of this Lord's Day.

(2 days later)

Thank You, Lord for that provision of a Day of Sabbath Rest. A valued gift!

Wednesday, 21 September 2011

Psalm 99:1-5

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

You are the Rock, the mighty, immoveable Rock, the Rock that shields and restores, the Rock of the Presence, the Rock that is the paragon of all that is good and holy, all that is righteous and just, all that is love and mercy, all that creates, the Allness. You are the LORD God Almighty.

Thursday, 22 September 2011

Psalm 95:6-7a

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Thank You, LORD, for You selected me before the beginning of time to be one of Your own. I am a child of God, not of my own choosing or my own volition but because You love me and want me for Your very own.

Friday, 23 September 2011

Psalm 95:7a-11

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

O, Lord, do not let this happen to me, do not let me harden my heart and draw away from You. Make my heart to be fertile soil for the rich seed of Your Word. Lord, fill me with the passion of obedience, to seek Your face and to search out the perfection of life in Your Kingdom. Lord, be my Center, be my Vision, be my All.

Saturday, 24 September 2011

Acts 1:7-11 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. (8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (9) And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. (10) And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, (11) and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Oh, Lord, the power and force of the "wills" in this passage! "You will receive power," "you will be my witnesses," and "You will return." The transformation and equipping, the mission and calling, and the full flowering of the Kingdom, all in one sentence. What a glorious progression promised to me.

Lord's Day, 25 September 2011

Psalm 119:163

I hate and abhor falsehood, but I love your law.

Bingo, there we are Lord, it is the falsehoods that are the problem and that need to be addressed, not the pornography as such. but even that is a falsehood, it is a lie of claiming loyalty to one person while allowing desire for another to be rampant in my soul.

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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