

Monday, 3 October 2011

Psalm 97:7-10a

All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship him, all you gods! Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD. For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. O you who love the LORD, hate evil!

And now all the worthless idols will turn to You in worship, declaring Your Goodness. Your people will rejoice in Your great victory over evil, the final erasure of the scarring of Your glorious creation caused by man's self-will. Finally we will understand the depths of Your disgust and hatred of the harm we caused.

Tuesday, 4 October 2011

Psalm 97:10b-12

He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Lord, there is protection promised through the preservation of the lives of Your people and through the deliverance from evil. That is good, but then there is the additional blessings of light and joy. We no longer walk in darkness but in the light of Your word, we no longer live in despair but in joy and peace. We are secure.

Wednesday, 5 October 2011

Revelation 22:12-17

"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about

these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

The Day of Judgment! The day when the great sorting takes place to separate the wheat from the tares. It is a "not yet," the invitation is still open to any who choose to accept. But it is the culmination of history, The LORD's purpose will be accomplished and His plan for the redemption of His creation will be complete.

Thursday, 6 October 2011

Psalm 98:1-3

A Psalm. Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Your plan of salvation, put into place before the beginning of the world, known to You throughout the ages, carefully crafted and orchestrated to accomplish Your purpose of demonstrating Your glory and Goodness, is being revealed day by day as the Kingdom advances. Your plan of salvation will not be impeded or diverted, You are triumphant.

Friday, 7 October 2011

Psalm 98:4-6

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

Lord, how is that all the peoples of the earth are not

breaking out into joyous song? Not even those who claim to be Your people? Four so-called praise courses at the beginning of a Sunday morning service does not constitute this breaking out in joyous song; it should be an eruption of joy; a paean of praise; a shout of thanksgiving; a recital of Your Goodness and Love. Pour out Your Spirit upon Your people.

Saturday, 8 October 2011

Psalm 98:7-9

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Maranatha, maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Let the celebration begin, let all of creation shout for joy for the final realization of restoration of all to Shalom. Righteousness restored, the glory of the LORD revealed in all its splendor. Maranatha, maranatha.

Lord's Day, 9 October 2011

Psalm 119:2-3

Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in His ways!

O the blessings that accrue as I learn to seek You with my whole heart and as I learn to walk in Your ways. One of the first blessing to enjoy is that You lead me in the path of righteousness, a most pleasant and joyous lane through life. Thank You and praise You, my Lord and my Master.

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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