

Monday, 17 October 2011

Psalm 100:4-5

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! (5) For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

I must come into Your presence with thanksgiving in my heart and on my lips! And since You are totally immanent, that praise must be a continuous issuance from me, as the drones of a bagpipe underlie the harmonies of the chanter. I am not there, Your praise is not always in my mouth and on my heart. I repent, I seek a continuation of the transformation into Your image. Guide me, Holy Spirit.

Tuesday, 18 October 2011

Ephesians 5:15-17

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

This is a powerful passage; two short sentences packed with an entire outline of my life as it should be lived as a disciple of Jesus Christ. It starts with an admonition to take care for the state of my walk and ends with the advice to seek an understanding of Your will. The two ends are tied with the instruction to walk wisely making the best use of my time, avoiding foolish pursuits and activities. Much to mull over and meditate upon!

Wednesday, 19 October 2011

Psalm 101:1

A Psalm of David. I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will make music.

I will tell the wondrous story,
How my lost estate to save,

In His boundless love and mercy,
He the ransom freely gave.

Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer,
With His blood, He purchased me.
On the cross, He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt, and made me free.

Thursday, 20 October 2011

Psalm 101:2-7

I will ponder the way that is blameless. Oh when will you come to me? I will walk with integrity of heart within my house; I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me. A perverse heart shall be far from me; I will know nothing of evil. Whoever slanders his neighbor secretly I will destroy. Whoever has a haughty look and an arrogant heart I will not endure. I will look with favor on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he who walks in the way that is blameless shall minister to me. No one who practices deceit shall dwell in my house; no one who utters lies shall continue before my eyes.

This is a heavy shopping list, defining my behavior before the world. Impossible in my own strength and through my own initiative, but attainable through the power of the Holy Spirit that You have granted to me. My responsibility is to listen and obey.

Friday, 21 October 2011

Psalm 101:8

Morning by morning I will destroy all the wicked in the land, cutting off all the evildoers from the city of the LORD.

What a awful picture here as You declare that You will purge the apostate from among the believers. Yes, Lord, there is a day coming when You will clean Your Church and set the faithful to be Your light shining brightly on top of Your hill as the City of God. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Saturday, 22 October 2011

1 Thessalonians 1:2-7 We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, (3) remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (4) For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, (5) because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. (6) And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, (7) so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

There is a progression here from Paul's prayers for the Thessalonians to their ministry. Not only did they receive the word of salvation but they were imbued with the power and conviction of the Holy Spirit. There is the source of their witness.

Lord's Day, 23 October 2011
Psalm 119:17

Deal bountifully with Your servant, that I may live and keep Your word.

You do deal bountifully, even in the face of my fitful obedience. But, Lord, continue to exercise my heart to seek you, to hunger after understanding, to thirst for obedience and to yearn for Your presence. Therein is life, true life, life to the fullest, a life of knowing You.

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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