

Monday, 24 October 2011

Psalm 102:1-2

A Prayer of one afflicted, when he is faint and pours out his complaint before the LORD. Hear my prayer, O LORD; let my cry come to you! Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress! Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!

You always answer speedily, Lord, even if I don't hear. Sometimes I am so tangled in the problem that I ignore that quiet voice saying, "I am here, Son. We will get through this together." Thank You for it is Your Presence that provides the righteousness, peace and joy of Kingdom living, the sense of Serenity that the Holy Spirit provides.

Tuesday, 25 October 2011

Psalm 102:3-11

For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace. My heart is struck down like grass and has withered; I forget to eat my bread. Because of my loud groaning my bones cling to my flesh. I am like a desert owl of the wilderness, like an owl of the waste places; I lie awake; I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop. All the day my enemies taunt me; those who deride me use my name for a curse. For I eat ashes like bread and mingle tears with my drink, because of your indignation and anger; for you have taken me up and thrown me down. My days are like an evening shadow; I wither away like grass.

Lord, Betty is suffering from the pains of shingles and sciatica and fearful of taking the pain relief that has been proscribed. I beg You for Your holy relief and for Your power to heal and restore. Give her the strength to carry through and to glorify You in this. Help me to be a loving and supportive husband to her in this difficulty. (Written In August, 2010. Praise the Lord for His healing)

Wednesday, 26 October 2011

Psalm 102:12-22

But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever; you are remembered

throughout all generations. You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come. For your servants hold her stones dear and have pity on her dust. Nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory. For the LORD builds up Zion; he appears in his glory; he regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer. Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD: that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth, to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die, that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem his praise, when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

I know that there are many faithful who have not bowed the knee to Baal, that they work and speak of Your love and mercy. Lord, cause their numbers to increase, cause their voices to be raised in praise, cause my voice and life to be one of those. Praise You, Lord, You are the triumphant One.

Thursday, 27 October 2011

Psalm 102:23-28

He has broken my strength in midcourse; he has shortened my days. "O my God," I say, "take me not away in the midst of my days-- you whose years endure throughout all generations!" Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but you are the same, and your years have no end. The children of your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before you.

Lord, sea and sky will pass away, the mountains will become hillocks, but Your mighty work of restoration of Your Creation will endure forever. We, You people, will be gathered into Your Presence, there to spend eternity singing Your praises and enjoying Your company. The Kingdom will have advanced to completion.

Friday, 28 October 2011

Romans 11:33-36

*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his
ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been
his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be
repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.*

From You and through You and to You are all things. To You
be glory forever. Amen. One of the magnificent statements
of Your totality.

But what am I trying to hold back? Trying to reserve as my
own domain? Show me, LORD, and lead me in the Way
Everlasting.

Saturday, 29 October 2011

*Psalm 103:1-5 Of David. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is
within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and
forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals
all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns
you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so
that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

Yes, Lord, it is so easy to forget that You are the Great
Provider of All Things. I sometimes remember the "big"
blessings, but do I remember to thank you, remember to
recognize Your hand in the everyday? No! I go about my
day, oblivious to all the evidence of Your hand of provision
on my life. I just enjoyed a few bites of a leftover from
dinner; I consumed it without a thought of Your Goodness
that caused this to be available to satisfy my hunger. When
will I learn?

Lord's Day, 30 October 2011

*Psalm 119:26 When I told of my ways, you answered me; teach me your
statutes!*

Lord, tame my tongue as only You can do. Why don't I listen to
those "don't say that" nudges from the Holy Spirit? I know
what You have to say about the tongue; awareness is not the
problem, obedience is. Another place where the old man is still
kicking and active.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Psalms

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Voices Together is extracted from my daily meditations and is shared in
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