

Monday, 31 October 2011 Psalm 130:6-18

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; it has no boundaries; it cannot be stemmed; it is passed from generation to generation. All is available to those who keep his covenant and remember to follow his commandments.

Tuesday, 1 November 2011 Psalm 103:19-22

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Lord, that all creation would praise Your righteous rule; all angels, all the elements of the physical universe, all living things, and most of all, those, Your people, cry out in continuous praise and worship. Let not a single portion of Your Creation withhold its tongue; let all shout together—Praise the Lord for His Goodness, Praise the Lord!

Wednesday, 2 November 2011 Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, (15) from whom

every family in heaven and on earth is named, (16) that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, (17) so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, (18) may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, (19) and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (20) Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, (21) to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

This is incredibly amazing that You should fill me with the power of the Holy Spirit so that You can enter into residence in my heart, and this gift is so that I can recognize the full extent of Your love for me. A love that exceeds all knowledge and has the result of filling me with You, the LORD God Almighty. Praise You, LORD

Thursday, 3 November 2011 Psalm 104:1-4

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind; he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire.

Fire, blinding fire, light, totally coherent light, splendor and majesty, mind shattering brilliance. Lord, keep this picture in my mind throughout the day.

Friday, 4 November 2011 Psalm 104:5-9

He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved. You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they fled; at the sound of your thunder they took to flight. The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

As I look out of my window this morning, the evidences of Your creative hand are spread before my eyes. Look at the flowers cascading out of the stump planter, a river of color and form.

The whites blending into the yellows, all accented by the pinks and reds. Now being revived by the gentle rain that You have given to bless Your earth. The sheer beauty of it all speaks to me of Your creative spirit that creates for the enjoyment of both the act and the results. Praise You, my LORD.

Saturday, 5 November 2011 Psalm 104:10-23

You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills; they give drink to every beast of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst. Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; they sing among the branches. From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart. The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers. He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. You make darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep about. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they steal away and lie down in their dens. (23) Man goes out to his work and to his labor until the evening.

Lord, You provide. Provision for the beast of the field, food and shelter for man; You order the seasons and the rhythms of the day and night. You provide the gift of labor and the blessing of rest; all is from your hand.

Help me Lord, to see Your hand in all things and in all circumstances; help me to acknowledge Your presence.

Lord's Day, 6 November 2011 Psalm 119:36

Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!

Turn my eyes to You, to Your glory, to Your munificence, to that pure brilliant radiance that is You. Keep me from that self-centered ego-stroking attitude that wants to know what others think about me and my walk before You. O Lord, why do I keep focusing on my tattered and filthy rags when You have given me a glimpse of the Glory?

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