

Monday, 21 November 2011

Psalms 106:6-7

Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness. Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wondrous works; they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love, but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea.

Lord, Your Church has abandoned You for the blandishments of the culture. We have relegated You to a private section of our lives. We worship You when convenient; we obey You when not burdensome; we do not let You interfere with our acquisition of all the material goals of the world. We have sinned and continue to sin.

Tuesday, 22 November 2011

Psalms 106:8-12

Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power. He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry, and he led them through the deep as through a desert. So he saved them from the hand of the foe and redeemed them from the power of the enemy. And the waters covered their adversaries; not one of them was left. Then they believed his words; they sang his praise.

You continue, in spite of our unfaithfulness, to lead us and stand between us and the armies of the Evil One. Time after time after time, You lift us up from the snare that we have entangled our selves in and set us before Your altar. We confess our sin, we repent and go out to sin again and again. How long will Your patience last?

Wednesday, 23 November 2011

Psalms 106:13-18

But they soon forgot his works; they did not wait for his counsel. But they had a wanton craving in the wilderness, and put God to the test in the desert; he gave them what they

asked, but sent a wasting disease among them. When men in the camp were jealous of Moses and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD, the earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram. Fire also broke out in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.

Lord, deliver Your Church from the entrapments of the culture around us. Bring us back to that witness to Your holiness, restore us as Your testimony to Your love and grace, set us as an example of the power of Your mercy; Lord bring revival fire now upon Your people. Lord, bring repentance NOW!

Thursday, 24 November 2011

Psalms 106:19-23

They made a calf in Horeb and worshiped a metal image. They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass. They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea. Therefore he said he would destroy them-- had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

How can I forget You and substitute an image of a created thing for the glory of the Creator? How can I worship the fruit of my hands rather than the One who formed those hands? How can I praise evil and turn my back on the One who gave His life to free me from the slavery of evil? Lord, I can only avoid these traps through the power of the Holy Spirit; praise You, my Lord.

Friday, 25 November 2011

Psalms 106:24-27

Then they despised the pleasant land, having no faith in his promise. They murmured in their tents, and did not obey the voice of the LORD. Therefore he raised his hand and swore to them that he would make them fall in the wilderness, and

would make their offspring fall among the nations, scattering them among the lands.

Lord, how often do I despise and/or ignore Your promise to supply my every need? All You ask is that I seek You and Your Kingdom first; that there is no other priority in my life that takes precedence over you—and I am bound and determined that I need to set You aside while I fix my problems. Will I ever learn?

Saturday, 26 November 2011

Psalm 106:28-31

Then they yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor, and ate sacrifices offered to the dead; they provoked the LORD to anger with their deeds, and a plague broke out among them. Then Phinehas stood up and intervened, and the plague was stayed. And that was counted to him as righteousness from generation to generation forever.

Lord, the art of sophistry is one of my leading talents and I am my best admirer of the art! It is no problem for me to convince myself that some worldly activity, some worship of a foreign god, is something that really pleases You. And I am wrong. I need a Phinehas in my life.

Lord's Day, 27 November 2011

Psalm 119:62

At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your righteous rules.

Lord, this is speaking to me of my need to be more intentional in praising You and reflecting on Your word throughout the day. Not just in my meditation times. Help me, Holy Spirit.

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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