

Monday, 12 December 2011 Psalm 108:1-6

*A Song. A Psalm of David. My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth! That your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by your right hand and answer me!*

Be exalted, O LORD, above the heavens. Let Your glory shine over all the earth. What a glorious day when Your glory is evident to all; when all will fall to their knees and acknowledge You as Lord and Master. Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

While I am waiting for that Day, let it be the song of my mouth, the testimony of my countenance, and the work of my hands, to proclaim Your glory.

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Tuesday, 13 December 2011 Psalm 108:7-9

*God has promised in his holiness: "With exultation I will divide up Shechem and portion out the Valley of Succoth. Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim is my helmet, Judah my scepter. Moab is my washbasin; upon Edom I cast my shoe; over Philistia I shout in triumph."*

LORD God, the Almighty, You have declared that all the nations of the world are subject to You and Your Law. You have said, "They are mine, I will be honored by them." You have chosen me as one of Your messengers of the Good News. Place Your words in my mouth and anoint them for Your purpose.

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Wednesday, 14 December 2011 Psalm 108:10-13

*Who will bring me to the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom? Have you not rejected us, O God? You do not go out, O God, with our armies. Oh grant us help against the foe, for vain is the salvation of man! With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes.*

Renewal! Revival! Reawakening! Regeneration! Restoration! Rebirth! Reconciliation! Your Church needs, desperately needs to be transformed from assimilation of the culture to adherence to the Word. We are at a crossroads where we can continue to participate in the complete marginalization of the faith or we can gird our loins, turning to You to guide us out of the land of Egypt.

Inflame our hearts for You, Lord.

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Thursday, 15 December 2011 Hebrews 12:3-13

*Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.*

Lord, open my eyes to see the discipline You bring to me. Help me to see it as Your hand of love and correction rather than some hurdle to be railed against and some challenge to be overcome. I need to become wait-full rather than resource-full.

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Friday, 16 December 2011 Psalm 109:1-5

*To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. Be not silent, O God of my praise! For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me, speaking against me with lying tongues. They encircle me with words of hate, and attack me without cause. In return for my love they accuse me, but I give myself to prayer. So they reward me evil for good, and hatred for my love.*

It is only You, Lord, that stands between Betty and I and the lying tongues of our ward and her family. Our only defense is prayer of thanksgiving and praise, bringing our needs before You and trusting in the peace that passes all understanding. (Ps 149:6, Phil. 4:4ff)

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*Saturday, 17 December 2011 Psalm 109:6-13*  
*Appoint a wicked man against him; let an accuser stand at his right hand. When he is tried, let him come forth guilty; let his prayer be counted as sin! May his days be few; may another take his office! May his children be fatherless and his wife a widow! May his children wander about and beg, seeking food far from the ruins they inhabit! May the creditor seize all that he has; may strangers plunder the fruits of his toil! Let there be none to extend kindness to him, nor any to pity his fatherless children! May his posterity be cut off; may his name be blotted out in the second generation!*

You went to the Cross because of false accusers and died for their sins and mine. How can I complain that I have a couple of individuals who are making false statements that are merely a miasma in the breeze?

Lord, open their hearts to You, bring the knowledge of Your love, grace and mercy to them that they may be healed of their anger and filled instead with Your peace. Bless them, Lord.

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*Lord's Day, 18 December 2011 Psalm 119:88*  
*In your steadfast love give me life, that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth.*

Give me life, give me strength, give me wisdom and discernment, give me patience and love, give me understanding. Lead me in the way everlasting that I may live fully and without reservation in Your Kingdom.

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*Daily Meditations from the Psalms*

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