

Monday, 19 December 2011

Psalm 109:14-20

*May the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out! Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth! For he did not remember to show kindness, but pursued the poor and needy and the brokenhearted, to put them to death. He loved to curse; let curses come upon him! He did not delight in blessing; may it be far from him! He clothed himself with cursing as his coat; may it soak into his body like water, like oil into his bones! May it be like a garment that he wraps around him, like a belt that he puts on every day! May this be the reward of my accusers from the LORD, of those who speak evil against my life!*

Lord, bring those who hate me to their knees to repent of their sins against You and to seek Your forgiveness. Let them be filled with Your overflowing peace and love that they will be transformed before the eyes of the world.

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Tuesday, 20 December 2011

Psalm 109:20-29

*But you, O GOD my Lord, deal on my behalf for your name's sake; because your steadfast love is good, deliver me! For I am poor and needy, and my heart is stricken within me. I am gone like a shadow at evening; I am shaken off like a locust. My knees are weak through fasting; my body has become gaunt, with no fat. I am an object of scorn to my accusers; when they see me, they wag their heads. Help me, O LORD my God! Save me according to your steadfast love! Let them know that this is your hand; you, O LORD, have done it! Let them curse, but you will bless! They arise and are put to shame, but your servant will be glad! May my accusers be clothed with dishonor; may they be wrapped in their own shame as in a cloak!*

Lord, let my only purpose on this earth be to glorify You and to show You in all circumstances and places. Let all who see me know that this is Your hand to bring peace and righteousness to all who wish to receive it. Bless those who curse me by bringing them to their knees in subjection to You.

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Wednesday, 21 December 2011

Psalm 109:30-31

*With my mouth I will give great thanks to the LORD; I will praise him in*

*the midst of the throng. For he stands at the right hand of the needy one, to save him from those who condemn his soul to death.*

In all this turmoil and confusion, You, my Lord, are steadfast. You send Your angels to surround me and keep me from harm; You cover me with your peace and free me from anxiety; You lay out Your Law before me as a guide to all life; You have sent Your Holy Spirit to guide me into all Truth; You are the One who was, the One who is, and the One who is to come.

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Thursday, 22 December 2011

Hebrews 7:15-16, 26-28

*This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, (16) who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life....For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. (27) He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. (28) For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.*

It is indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest with the power of an indestructible life, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens. Fitting that, based not on my worth but on my worthlessness, God's love pours out on me, sending His Son to be the once-for-all High Priest.

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Friday, 23 December 2011

Psalm 110:1-2

*A Psalm of David. The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!*

Lord, all things are under You, all things are beginning to bow to Your sovereign rule, all things are preparing to acknowledge You as Lord, and then all things will submit to Your rule. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Let Your Kingdom reign; your people are anxiously waiting.

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Saturday, 24

December 2011

*Psalm 110:3-4*

*Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."*

Lord, You have put Your disciples in this world, in this society, in this culture for a single purpose: that Your name will be glorified as we go about our given task of making disciples of all peoples, all nations and all languages. However, we are proficient at telling the Good News, but we are deficient at living it. We are empowered to witness [Acts 1:8], but we refuse to pick up the mantle and go out in Your Name.

Lord's Day,

25 December 2011

*Isaiah 9:6-7*

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (KJV)*

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

The One who is Wonderful Counselor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace has come to us as God Incarnate, to live, to die, to rise again and ascend to the Father's right hand. Let Your praises be ever in our mouths.

## **VOICES TOGETHER**

*Daily Meditations from the Psalms*

*December 19-25, 2011*

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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