

Monday, 13 December 2010

Psalm 44:4-8

You are my King, O God; ordain salvation for Jacob! Through you we push down our foes; through your name we tread down those who rise up against us. For not in my bow do I trust, nor can my sword save me. But you have saved us from our foes and have put to shame those who hate us. In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to your name forever. Selah

It is You, Lord, you alone who provides the strength, the power, the wisdom, the discernment and the grace to walk on the King's Way. Through You, I am triumphant, through You I vanquish all my foes of pride, greed, lust, discouragement, anger, covetousness, gossip, slander, and self-will. (To name a few) Through You I am a child of the King, called as a laborer in the Kingdom of God, a Bringer of the Glory of the Lord.

Tuesday, 14 December 2010

Psalm 44:9-16

But you have rejected us and disgraced us and have not gone out with our armies. You have made us turn back from the foe, and those who hate us have gotten spoil. You have made us like sheep for slaughter and have scattered us among the nations. You have sold your people for a trifle, demanding no high price for them. You have made us the taunt of our neighbors, the derision and scorn of those around us. You have made us a byword among the nations, a laughingstock among the peoples. All day long my disgrace is before me, and shame has covered my face at the sound of the taunter and reviler, at the sight of the enemy and the avenger.

I continue to be at sea, Lord, about this matter of obedience to Your Word. How I recognize the difference between a test and trial that is the result of persecution, that comes because they hate me for Your name's sake and those trials that come as a result of my disobedience? How, but through the inner workings of Your Holy Spirit leading me into all truth, including the truth about myself and my motives.

Wednesday, 15 December 2010

Psalm 44:17-22

All this has come upon us, though we have not forgotten you, and we have not been false to your covenant. Our heart has not turned back,

nor have our steps departed from your way; yet you have broken us in the place of jackals and covered us with the shadow of death. If we had forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to a foreign god, would not God discover this? For he knows the secrets of the heart. Yet for your sake we are killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.

How can I take on that attitude, Lord, that you did as You endured the cross for the joy that was set before You? How can I be in such a place of faith and trust that I will endure any trial, any tribulation, knowing that Your joy will sustain me? Only through the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Praise You, Lord.

Thursday, 16 December 2010

Psalm 44:23-26

Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever! Why do you hide your face? Why do you forget our affliction and oppression? For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly clings to the ground. Rise up; come to our help! Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!

Lord, lead me into repentance, into recognition of those things in my life that are not according to Your word, fill me with repentance and contrition, make me and mold me into a vessel of holiness, fit for Your hand to use as You see fit. Lord, I am Yours to do as You will.

Friday, 17 December 2010

Psalm 45:1-2

To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah; a love song. My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever.

It is a pleasing theme, Lord, to dwell upon Your beauty and grace. Overwhelming light coruscating with flashes of pure color. Arms outstretched in love, saying, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Saturday, 18 December 2010

Psalm 45:3-5

Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your splendor and majesty! In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let your right hand teach you awesome deeds! Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; the peoples fall under you.

"Your will be done on earth ..." Your Kingdom is advancing, but by stealth, not by the power of man's proclamations. Lord, one of the places where the Kingdom needs to advance is within the churches of Christendom. Use me, Lord, as one of Your Ambassadors of Reconciliation to the lost who are falsely claiming Your Name but not living it.

Lord's Day, 19 December 2010

Psalm 119:1

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!

The blessing is not the blessing of salvation, but the blessing of a life lived in your presence. The blessing of a life lived in the shadow of the law is a life that works; it is a life that has Your joy as its foundation. A life lived, knowing that You are with me and I live in the hollow of Your hand. Praise You, my Lord and my Master.

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