

*Monday, 3 January 2011*

*Voices Together: Psalm 48:4-8*

*For behold, the kings assembled; they came on together. As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic; they took to flight. Trembling took hold of them there, anguish as of a woman in labor. By the east wind you shattered the ships of Tarshish. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God will establish forever. Selah*

Lord, we certainly are in an era where the Kingdom of Man is spinning into a death spiral as the nations' moral and ethical foundations crumble. This nation, the most powerful nation that has ever existed, is leading the charge, crying for more and more of the solutions of secularism, unable and unwilling to admit that this is a path of death. Lord, bring this nation to its knees in remorse and repentance; let Your voice be raised once again to carry the message of love, mercy and forgiveness.

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*Tuesday, 4 January 2011*

*Voices Together: Psalm 48:9-11*

*We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness. Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!*

Your Goodness, Righteousness, Shalom, Justice, and Mercy are all contained in Love. You are the God of absolute, unconditional love. You are Love. You have offered Love freely to all, through Your sacrifice, asking only that I respond in love by living life as You have specified that I live in obedience to Your Word. And You, knowing full well my inability to be obedient in my feebleness, have provided the Helper to guide me into all Truth. You are truly the Awesome God.

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*Wednesday, 5 January 2011*

*Voices Together: Psalm 48:12-14*

*Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.*

Your Body, in You, is an object of beauty and glory, reflecting You and showing You to the kingdom of Man. In its purity, it is a living demonstration of the transforming power of Your love and mercy. It is here to allow the world to see the possibilities, the promises at work, the joy, the peace, the righteousness that exist for those who live in Your kingdom. Lord, be with me today as I go, that I would be one of those messengers whose feet are blessed because they bring Good News.

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*Thursday, 6 January 2011*

*Voices Together: Psalm 49:1-4*

*To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together! My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre.*

Lord, if my mouth is to speak wisdom, if the meditation of my heart is to be understanding, then You must prepare my heart and mind. You must open my ear to Your word and to the comprehension of Your riddles.

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*Friday, 7 January 2011*

*Voices Together: Psalm 49:5-9*

*Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me, those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches? Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice, that he should live on forever and never see the pit.*

I have nothing to fear from those who attempt to take advantage of me. All is from You and for You, if someone steals or cheats, they are taking from You and must answer

to You not me. You have paid the price for my life; You have insured that I will never see the pit; all else is insignificant.

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*Saturday, 8 January 2011*

*Voices Together: Psalm 49:10-14*

*For he sees that even the wise die; the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others. Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they called lands by their own names. Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish. This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts. Selah Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd, and the upright shall rule over them in the morning. Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell.*

Lord, there are many whom You have given into my care to shepherd and nurture, yet who persist in setting their desires above Your Law; whose self-will refuses to recognize that Your way leads to blessing in Your presence. These name You as Savior, but refuse to acknowledge You as Lord and Master. Help me, guide me, instruct me as I show them by word and deed that there is a better way.

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*Lord's Day, 9 January 2011*

*Voices Together: Psalm 119:25*

*My soul clings to the dust; give me life according to your word!*

Precisely, Lord, my soul clings to the dust; I refuse to give up the pigsty that I live in so that I may enter into Your glory. Sandblast me, let the static of the Holy Spirit cause me to cling to Your word as I have clung to my sins.

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