

Monday, 17 January 2011

Voices Together: Psalm 51:1-2

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Lord, how You pack reminders of Your grace and mercy into two short sentences: Your mercy, Your steadfast love, blotting out my transgressions, washing away my iniquities, and cleansing me from my sin. To You be all glory and honor and power and dominion forever and ever.

Tuesday, 18 January 2011

Voices Together: Psalm 51:3-4

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

The Holy Spirit is my Nathan, holding up my life against the truth of Your word, exposing the continuing death struggles of the old man to the light and righteousness of Your law. There are so many areas where I try and protect him, where I act as the co-dependent and enabling parent, excusing my behavior but all is evil in Your sight and must die. Continue, Lord, in Your love and graciousness to transform me into Your image, fit for Your presence and useful to You in the advancement of Your kingdom.

Wednesday, 19 January 2011

Voices Together: Psalm 51:5-9

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken

rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

You, Lord, and You alone, have set me free. You and You alone, died for me and provided the atonement demanded by my sin. You and You alone, are the Lamb of God, sent to take away the sins of the world. You and You alone, sit at the right hand of God, in triumph over all Your foes, directing the advancement of the Kingdom. You and You alone, will come in glory to take me to dwell with You forever. You and You alone are my Lord and my Master, the Lord and Master of all creation.

Thursday, 20 January 2011

Voices Together: Psalm 51:10-13

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

When I stumble, Lord, when I turn from Your guidance, when I lose my focus on Your Kingdom and righteousness, it is You and the Holy Spirit who return me to communion and to right functioning in the Kingdom. Then once again, I become an effective ambassador for the Kingdom, one equipped and able to teach Your ways to those You call.

Friday, 21 January 2011

Voices Together: Psalm 51:14-17

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. (15) O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. (16) For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. (17) The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Romans 12:1 *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

Lord, lead me into the consecration of my body, my heart, my soul, my mind, my strength as a right and proper sacrifice of praise to You. Where is my spirit not broken, where is my heart not contrite, where does self reign, where are You not Lord in my life? Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me.

Saturday, 22 January 2011

Voices Together: Psalm 51:18-19

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; (19) then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Lord, You send me out to rebuild the walls, to repair the breaches, to make strong the defenses. But not in my strength, but in my weaknesses and in Your strength. Help me to always remember that You are the builder, You are the restorer, You are the armorer; I am one of Your tools used in this work. Lord, repair Your Church, bring it into a state of obedience.

Lord's Day, 23 January 2011

Voices Together: Psalm 119:43

And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in your rules.

An appropriate word for today. Let my mouth be filled with Your truth and my soul be filled with Your hope.

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