

Monday, 30 January 2012

Psalm 120:1-2

A Song of Ascents. In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue.

Lord, in the course of my day, I face many deceitful spirits in the form of articles, e-mails, conversations, and even through my eyes. Put a shield around me, give me discernment to see through the temptations and wiles of the devil, give me the willingness to listen to the quiet and gentle leading of the Holy Spirit in these matters.

Thank You for Your promise that He will lead me into all truth. What a comfort that promise is to me.

Tuesday, 31 January 2012

Psalm 120:3-7

What shall be given to you, and what more shall be done to you, you deceitful tongue? A warrior's sharp arrows, with glowing coals of the broom tree! Woe to me, that I sojourn in Meshech, that I dwell among the tents of Kedar! Too long have I had my dwelling among those who hate peace. I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war!

Resist the devil and he will flee from you. A simple statement, but the process of learning to resist is not simple, it requires being willing to lean on You and to turn to You at the first hint of an attack by the Evil One. I must be willing to take that sense of "I can do it myself" and humble myself, coming to You in meekness and contrition, seeking Your power to resist.

It is all a unit, Lord, the attitude of "doing it myself" rears its ugly head in all the projects I am involved with, in all the assaults of the devil, in my relationships with others, on and on. Fill me with Your meekness.

Wednesday, 1 February 2012

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

Lord, it is the innate tendency of the old man to cling to those weapons which he has devised to address problem of perceived injustice, etc. However, You provide not only weapons with the power to destroy strongholds, but the wisdom to recognize that which is counter to Your Word.

Thursday, 2 February 2012

Psalm 121:1-4

A Song of Ascents. I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The first weapon that You give to me is Your constancy. You are always with me even when I do not pay any attention to the gentle, still voice of the Spirit liming the way. Help me, Lord, in my inattention as only You can do.

Friday, 3 February 2012

Psalm 121:5-8

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Lord, what a promise of protection and comfort. A mighty Shield to stand between me and all evil, a never failing Atlas to guide my way through the Kingdom, a Screen to protect me from heat and cold, a loving Savior whose love does not stop with the sacrifice that cleansed me but continues on day by day to change me into His likeness. Praise You, my Lord and Master, my King. To You be glory and praise forevermore.

Saturday, 4 February 2012

Psalm 122:1-5

A Song of Ascents. Of David. *I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD." Our feet have been standing Within your gates, O Jerusalem! Jerusalem is built as a city that is compact together, Where the tribes go up, The tribes of the LORD, To the Testimony of Israel, To give thanks to the name of the LORD. For thrones are set there for judgment, The thrones of the house of David.*

Lord, pour the Spirit of Joy into my soul, let Your Peace reign within me, cause the River of Living Water to pour from my belly to bring Life to all around me. May I be a torch of Love and Light to the world. Praise You, Lord Jesus, my King and my Protector.

Lord's Day, 5 February 2012

John 4:21-24 *Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. (22) You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. (23) But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. (24) God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*

This is the Day the Lord has set aside for a Day of Worship and Rest, a Sabbath Day. But I am called each day into a day of worship, a day which is to be in spirit and in truth. The difference between the Day and every other day is that I am to separate myself from my workday activities and devote that time to resting in the Lord and worshipping Him. The workday is to glorify and honor Him in every word, in every deed; the Lord's Day is to glorify and honor Him in the presence of the saints gathered around Him.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Psalms



January 30-February 5, 2012

Voices Together is extracted from my daily meditations and is shared in the hope that others will be encouraged to turn to the Psalms as a rich source of guidance for prayer and meditation.

It is published daily on the website of the Fellowship of Ailbe, www.ailbe.org; along with material by other writers to encourage and assist in our walks as disciples of Jesus Christ.

These messages can also be received as daily emails by sending a request to:

John Nunnikhoven
voices@ailbe.org
www.ailbe.org