Monday, 9 January 2012

1 John 5:20-21

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

The Presence in me and for me. The Gift of Understanding I know Him and I know He is in me. And I recognize idols.

Tuesday, 10 January 2012

Psalm 115:1-3

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness! Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

Great as in without peer! I sing, "Great is Thy Faithfulness/there is no shadow of turning with Thee/Thou changes not/thy mercies, they fail not.." Nowhere, never, is there another god of whom that can be sung. You are the God of steadfast love.

Wednesday, 11 January 2012 Psalm 115:4-8

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.

> Lord, free Your Church from their entrapment by the idols of this world. You have set us here to be a testimony not participants. And, yet, we willingly accede to blandishments of greed, ambition, lust, pride, and covetousness as we strive to become acceptable in the world's eyes. Try us in the fire,

burn away the dross that we may shine as pure and holy in Your eyes, demonstrating by word and deed that we serve an awesome God.

Thursday, 12 January 2012 Psalm 115:9-11

O Israel, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.

My Lord, the Head of the Church, the Bridegroom, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Alpha and the Omega, the Bright and Morning Star, the One who is over all things, the Sufficient One. Why cannot we, Your Church, be satisfied and confident that You are our Help and Shield? Why cannot we cry, "We trust in You, our help and shield?" Is it because we do not truly fear and trust You but rather put our faith in our own abilities?

Friday, 13 January 2012 Psalm 115:12-15

The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; he will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great. May the LORD give you increase, you and your children! May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth!

> Remember the blessings of the Lord, claim them again and again. Recount His goodness to His people. Thank Him and praise Him for His mercy and grace.

> Lord, many are the blessings, beyond counting, but I find difficulty in going beyond the blessing of salvation. You died so that Your people might have life everlasting. A gift of unmerited favor, a gift of grace, a gift of love and total obedience to Your Father's will. Praise You, our Lord and Savior.

Psalm 115:16-18

The heavens are the LORD's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man. The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any who go down into silence. But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

> Let Your praises be ever in my mouth. O, that I would recount constantly Your mighty deeds, Your great acts of mercy and love, Your incredible grace and forgiveness, the beauty of Your creation and its perfection, Your awesome power as You uphold all things bringing them into harmony and conformance with Your will.

Lord, help me to comprehend and understand all the ramifications of all things being under Your feet and in You all things have their being and are held together.

Lord's Day, 15 January 2012

Psalm 119:106

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules.

A lamp and a light, a map of righteousness, I am equipped to serve. I have what I need to labor in the Wilderness of Man.

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