

Monday, 13 February 2012

Psalm 124:6-8

Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth! We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped! Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Lord, deliver Your Church from the snares of the culture in which we live and work. We have been set here to accomplish the advancement of the Kingdom into every corner of the world, keep us from being sullied by those we are called to serve. Direct our steps, keep us holy and pure before You. Our hope is in You, Lord, our hope is in You.

Tuesday, 14 February 2012

Matthew 5:43-48

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

To love my enemies, to pray for those who persecute me, to seek perfection as You are perfect—so hard, a bar beyond reach in my own strength. Lift me up, Lord, fill me with Your strength and with Your mind. Only in You, Lord, only in You.

Wednesday, 15 February 2012

Psalm 125:1-2

A Song of Ascents. Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.

What a comforting realization—that I am surrounded by You, enveloped in Your arms, fully covered by Your love and shielded from harm by Your mercy and grace. Praise You, Lord Jesus. Guide me through this morass of problems and responsibilities. Help me, Lord.

Thursday, 16 February 2012

Psalm 125:3

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

Lord, keep the faithful from unrighteousness, restore those who have fallen away, redeem those who claim the name but not the life, bless Your Church with the life of obedience to Your Word and a life of praise and thanksgiving.

Friday, 17 February 2012

Psalm 125:4-5

Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts! But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!

Romans 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (16) Rejoice always, (17)

pray without ceasing, (18) give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

What an encouraging set of Scriptures as I face the flow and ebb of life, the challenges and the tests, the trials and tribulations, yea, even the successes and praise; I must always focus on the Hand of God in these "all things," remembering that it is His love at work shaping and forming me to His Will according to His purpose. I must always be in an attitude of thanksgiving, praising You for Your grace, mercy and love.

Saturday, 18 February 2012
Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Lord, that Your people would truly take this to heart; first seeking to become Your disciples themselves and then being obedient to make disciples of all nations. That Your Church would seek to live lives that glorify You, forsaking those idols of the world and bringing You into the center of their lives. Help us, Lord, forgive us of our great sin, we have not turned from idols to worship the living God.

Lord's Day, 19 February 2012
Psalms 119:140

Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

Your promise has been tested and found to be true; there is no darkness in You. You are light and love, in perfection and glory. You ARE! You ARE!

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