

Monday, 28 May 2012

Psalm 146:5-9

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, Who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

You are to be praised, my Lord and my Master. Your hand is overall and all speak of Your hand. It is Your hand that creates, Your hand that heals, Your hand that provides. Yours is the hand of justice and righteousness, the hand of mercy, grace and love, the hand of restoration and transformation, the hand of truth and freedom. Your Hand is the Hand of the Almighty God, the hand to be feared and revered. Praise You, my Lord and my Master.

Tuesday, 29 May 2012

Psalm 146:10

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

You do reign, and You will reign; now and forever; to this generation and to all generations to follow. All things, all circumstances, all events from the interaction of two of the very smallest of sub-atomic forces to the movements of the universe; all is being and will continue to be orchestrated by You. You are the Lord and the Master of all.

Wednesday, 30 May 2012

2 Peter 3:11-15, 18

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation ... But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

How am I to be as I eagerly wait for the coming of the Day of the Lord? O Glorious Day when all the old will pass away in flame and thunder and the new heaven and the new earth will arrive in a blaze of righteousness. Diligence is to be my watchword as I seek to be without spot or blemish and patient in the service of my Lord and Savior. His peace in me is the seal of His indwelling, the guarantee that I am one of the Redeemed of God.

Thursday, 31 May 2012

Psalm 147:1-6

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure. The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked to the ground.

Lord, as I was reading in Daniel 9 this morning, I began to get a sense of the great gulf between Christendom and the Church. Yes, Your promise is that You will lift up the humble, but first we must humble ourselves. Bring a spirit of repentance upon Your people. Bring us to see our pride and self-will, the many ways in which Your people have bought into the culture of the society; that very society that we are called to be Your ambassador of reconciliation but we seek to assimilate, rather than be counter. Lord, bring repentance. Bless us, our Lord and our Master.

Friday, 1 June 2012

Psalm 147:7-9

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! He covers the heavens with clouds; He prepares rain for the earth; He makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the beasts their

food, and to the young ravens that cry.

Nothing escapes Your attention; from the significant to the insignificant. There is immediacy, a You are doing this right now, You are not a clockwork god, but God of the present, of the now, covering the heavens, feeding young birds. And the in-between, the provision of my needs and the overseeing of my circumstances. Praise You, my Lord and my Master.

Saturday, 2 June 2012

Psalm 147:10-11

His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor His pleasure in the legs of a man, but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love.

Lord, I need to know what it is to fear You. I need to have that awesome Presence enter into the most hidden recesses of my soul and root out any offense to You. I need to be filled to overflowing with the Glory; that the River of Living Water would pour out of my being. Awaken me, O Lord, awaken me. I need the fear of You as the Polaris of my life.

Lord's Day, 3 June 2012

Psalm 119:89-91

Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast. By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants.

Why do I worry? Why am I concerned for the future? Why do I doubt Your promises? All I need to do is look to the heavens to see the stars in their courses, firmly set in their appointed paths, to know that You are sure, Your word endures forever and ever. And then I know that all things are Your obedient servants. Praise You, Lord and Master.

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