

Monday, 9 July 2012

Psalm 5:1-3

*To the choirmaster: the flutes. A Psalm of David. Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my groaning. Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray. O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.*

Hear me, my Lord, as I cry out now, repenting of the many, many lapses of attention, ignoring You until I need You. This is wicked, I treat You as a cafeteria of blessings and helps when I recognize that I have a problem and am indifferent to your rich presence and oblivious to You when I do not. This is wicked. This is evidence of sin that still has a stronghold in my heart. I join with David in crying, "Create in me a clean heart, O, Lord and do not withhold Your Spirit from me."

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Tuesday, 10 July 2012

Psalm 5:4-6

*For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.*

Lord, give me awareness of any evil that dwells in me, Is there any selfishness? Any greed? Any lust? Any other gods? Any pride, even little wisps? Any conceit? Any sloth? What evidences of evil lie in my soul and must be rooted out? Help me through the power of Your Holy Spirit.

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Wednesday, 11 July 2012

Psalm 5:7-8

*But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter*

*your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you. Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.*

It is Your love that makes me whole; Your love that opens the portal into Your house; Your love that instills righteousness into my life; Your love that lays out a straight and clear path before me. Your love, Your love, Your love—the all in all. It is with joy and thanksgiving that I acknowledge You as my Lord and Master.

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Thursday, 12 July 2012

Psalm 5:9-10

*For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue. Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.*

The most beautiful of all the angels, yet the Father of Lies, clothed in flattery and alluring garb, yet foul and evil within; cast him and all his minions away from me. Let them bear the fruit of their guilt; protect me from tainting and pollution; direct me in Your path.

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Friday, 13 July 2012

Psalm 5:11-12

*But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.*

It is the rejoicing in You that is an exultation of You, that is a covering of protection and favor. As I exult in You and Your love for me, I am shield from all the slings

and arrows of an outraged Evil One. Right back to filling my mouth with Your praises arms me with the two-edged sword of Your Word

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Saturday, 14 July 2012

Hebrews 4:16

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Draw near with confidence to the Throne of Grace. What an invitation but like all other invitations, I must accept it to take advantage of it. What good does it do to hold a gift certificate until it expires? Your offer is open until the Day of Judgment, the day when Your Grace will be replaced with Your Judgment of all who did not draw near.

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Lord's Day, 15 July 2012

Psalm 119:124

*Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statutes.*

Help me, guide me, teach me to apply Your Word in all of life as my *tertium quid*. It is only by checking everything according to that ultimate standard that I grow in Kingdom living.

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*July 9-15, 2012*

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