

Monday, 6 August 2012

Revelation 12:9-11 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world--he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

O, to look forward to that day, that glorious Day when finally Satan is thrown down into the fiery pit, the end of the power of the Father of Lies. Praise You, Lord Jesus, for You have been my cover and shield against these Lies, keeping me from harm. It will be finished—once again the Creation will sing in the joy of Shalom.

Psalm 10:1-4

Why, O LORD, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor; let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised. For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul, and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD. In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, "There is no God."

Lord, it is an age filled with arrogant men who boast of their own wisdom and prowess, who are convinced that they are gods in their own right and power. Men who deride You and Your people as ignorant savages, weaklings who must cry out to a fictitious god to protect them. Yet, in their hearts, they know there is a God, a God of power and might who comes to judge the world and restore His dominion over His creation. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Psalm 10:5-7

His ways prosper at all times; your judgments are on high, out of his sight; as for all his foes, he puffs at them. (6) He says in his heart, "I shall not be moved; throughout all generations I shall not

meet adversity." (7) His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression; under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.

Those who rail against Your people are exceedingly arrogant, filled with hubris and vengeful against those who trust in You. They trust in their own understanding, boast of their wisdom, deride the faith of those lean on You and curse You. Lord, bring them to their knees before you in humility and repentance.

Psalm 10:8-11

He sits in ambush in the villages; in hiding places he murders the innocent. His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless; he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket; he lurks that he may seize the poor; he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net. The helpless are crushed, sink down, and fall by his might. He says in his heart, "God has forgotten, he has hidden his face, he will never see it."

Lord, there are many in this world, many of Your people who are suffering grievously for Your Namesake. Bless them with peace and joy that they are counted worthy to suffer. Sustain them.

Psalm 10:12-15

Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted. (13) Why does the wicked renounce God and say in his heart, "You will not call to account"? (14) But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation, that you may take it into your hands; to you the helpless commits himself; you have been the helper of the fatherless. (15) Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer; call his wickedness to account till you find none.

Lord, in this day and age, it is not direct persecution that afflicts me, it is the more subtle arrows of the Evil One. Pride, lust, greed, selfcenteredness, stubbornness, gossip, hatred, selfishness, the list goes on. Continue to transform my heart, mind and soul to conform to Your statutes, to reflect Your holiness, to bring glory to You in all circumstances, to fill me with the righteousness, peace and

joy through the Holy Spirit that is life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Saturday, 11 August 2012

Psalm 10:16-18

The LORD is king forever and ever; the nations perish from his land. O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

Lord, Your justice reigns. There are no hidden places for the evil One and his minions to escape Your hand of retribution, all is and will be set to conform to Your righteousness, all will adhere to Your Law and obey You or suffer forever in the pits of Sheol. Your people will rejoice in the glory of Your presence and in the purity of the Kingdom of Heaven fully realized on the new earth.

Psalm 119:157

Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from your testimonies.

Lord, I know that in the weeks and days to come, there will be many adversaries who will strive to swerve me from the Path of Righteousness; I know that it is only through the strength and wisdom of the Holy Spirit that I can continue to walk as befits a disciple of the Kingdom. Thank You, Lord, for the gift of the Holy Spirit to lead me into all truth and freedom. Praise You.

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