

Monday, 17 September 2012

Psalm 17:10-14

They close their hearts to pity; with their mouths they speak arrogantly. (11) They have now surrounded our steps; they set their eyes to cast us to the ground. (12) He is like a lion eager to tear, as a young lion lurking in ambush. (13) Arise, O LORD! Confront him, subdue him! Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword, (14) from men by your hand, O LORD, from men of the world whose portion is in this life. You fill their womb with treasure; they are satisfied with children, and they leave their abundance to their infants.

My greatest enemy is myself and my willingness to be distracted from following Your guidance. I fritter away time! I engage in frivolous activities! I procrastinate! Lord, I know that I must apply myself diligently to the tasks You set before me but that knowledge is superficial, an emotion in my mind but it needs to be knowledge that transforms. Forgive me, Lord, lead me along that next step that leads to conforming to You.

Tuesday, 18 September 2012

Psalm 17:15

As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.

When I awake, O glorious Day. I shall finally be free of this shell of sin and corruption, to finally have eyes that see you in fulness and without cataracts. Even more, at last able to behold Your glory for I will be cast in Your image, I will see You with unveiled eyes. Come, Lord Jesus, come

Wednesday, 19 September 2012

Philippians 3:1

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, rejoice--be overwhelmed with the joy of the Lord. Spread the Word--glory to God in the

highest, the Lord has come to set the captives free. Rejoice always, again I say rejoice.

Thursday, 20 September 2012

Philippians 3:8-11

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith--that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Lord, that I could become as Paul, counting all as rubbish compared to the surpassing worth of knowing You, being completely dependent upon that faith in You, seeking Your righteousness first and foremost in my life. O, Lord, that I may know You and the power of Your resurrection, sharing in Your sufferings, becoming like You in Your death, becoming fully immersed in that resurrection.

Friday, 21 September 2012

Philippians 3:13b-16

But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

Lord, it is difficult to not get drug down by the weight of my past sins and to singlemindedly press on towards the goal; the goal of being fully transformed into Your image. Thank You for the encouraging promise to reveal those instances where I do look behind rather than ahead and that You will continue the process of the maturation of the new John.

Saturday, 22 September 2012
Philippians 3:17-21

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Lord, I do lift up those in my family and its extensions who walk as Your enemies, even those who do not ostensibly defy You but do so through neglect and self-will. How can they not see the glories that could be theirs? Why are they so blinded by the glitter and allure of the Now when the pleasant aromas of the Yet to Come beckons and pleads with them to enter into the Kingdom of God in the Now?

You, in Your mighty power, are transforming me into Your glorious likeness, providing righteousness, peace and joy through the Holy Spirit. Praise You, my Lord and my Master

Lord's Day, 23 September 2012
Psalm 119:25

My soul clings to the dust; give me life according to your word!

My soul certainly does cling to the dust and filth; I wallow in the mud like an old hog, just luxuriating in the stench of sin. Give me the life that is only in and through the Word, freeing me from all my destructive habits and setting me on the road to the peace, righteousness and joy of life in the Kingdom.

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