

Monday, 25 November 2013

Psalm 70:4

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

The Lord is great and greatly to be praised. May this be day filled with praise, recognizing Your Perfection.

Tuesday, 26 November 2013

Psalm 70:5

But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

"You are my help and my deliverer" "You are my help and my deliverer" "You are my help and my deliverer" I must hammer that home. You are an ever present help Ps 46:1 My deliverer is not my own wit and wisdom, it is not my strength of character or sinew, it is not the world's advice and counsel. There is a long list of "It is not...", You are my help and my deliverer—the One to whom I must turn first in times of need.

Wednesday, 27 November 2013

Ephesians 3:14-21

*For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. **Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.***

Why is it when I read this passage my eyes are drawn immediately to verse 20 and not to the other seven? Is it because the old man focuses on the gimmes rather than on

the glories of the Lord that are so evident in all the other verses? Of course. This is another one of Paul's overflowing expressions of awe in the glory and majesty of the Father, Son and Spirit. The object of his request is verse 21; not that I would gain some material benefit or be able to do some great work for Him. He is praying that I also, would know the same awe.

Lord, fill me with that fullness.

Thursday, 28 November 2013

Psalm 71:1-3

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame! In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me! Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Your righteousness, Lord, is my rock, my refuge, my fortress. It is the haven that I must come to for peace and renewal; it is the armory where I am equipped for Your work; it is the staging point from which I sally forth to do battle against the Evil One; it is the Polar Star to lead me in my daily walk on the King's Highway; it is where I find all substance. Praise You, my Lord and Master.

Friday, 29 November 2013

Psalm 71:4-6

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

My praise should continuously be of You—but it is not. Help me, Lord, to praise and pray without ceasing.

Saturday, 30 November 2013

Psalm 71:7-8

I have been as a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge.

My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all the day.

Yes, I am told from time to time that I am someone's example and that scares me. I know my flaws and weaknesses and I know how much I have to turn to You. You are my strong refuge and my prayer must be that I am able to point them to You.

Lord's Day, 1 December 2013

Psalm 119:164

Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous rules.

Here is an area that I fail in; continuous praise and adoration. I put aside this time in the morning, but then get involved with my day, not setting aside periods to praise and worship You and to reflect on Your word. I am a failure, I need the power of the Holy Spirit to transform and enable me. Help me, Lord.

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