

Monday, 7 January 2013

Psalm 31:19-20

Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind! In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men; you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

Abundance, that's a perfect word for the outpouring of Your goodness for us. It has the dimensions of joy, peace, love, absence of fear, contentment, thanksgiving, fulfillment, awareness of Your presence and hand in my life. Human language is insufficient to describe the richness of Your abundance. Praise You, my Lord and Master.

Tuesday, 8 January 2013

Psalm 31:21-22

Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city. I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from your sight." But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help.

What a thought, to realize that it is when I am trapped in a besieged city that Your steadfast love for me is revealed. It is not in the times of peace, it is in the times of turmoil, in times of great challenge, times of assault. These are the times that try my faith and are the times when my soul is stripped of pride and self to be most open to Your unfailing presence.

Wednesday, 9 January 2013

Psalm 31:23-24

Love the LORD, all you his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride. Be

strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

Deuteronomy 31:8 *It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."*

John 14:23 *Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."*

Take comfort, my soul, in the Word of the Lord.

Thursday, 10 January 2013

John 16:8 *And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:*

1 John 1:8-10 *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

Where is there sin in me, Lord? What sin needs to be rooted out and confessed. Where is self still being elevated as a god in my eyes, stealing the praise and adulation that is rightfully Yours? May the Holy Spirit lead me in a ruthless examination of my soul.

Friday, 11 January 2013

Psalm 32:1-2

A Maskil of David. Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

My transgressions are forgiven, my sin is covered, You count no iniquity against me, You have planted Your Holy Spirit in me. The Blood of the Lamb of God has

accomplished this. The Spirit moves within me to use me to bring glory to the LORD. Hallelujah! I am a new man in Christ Jesus.

Saturday, 12 January 2013

Psalm 32:3-4

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah

Lord, help me, my strength is dried up. Not from heat but from a heart that is not beating effectively. Help me, Lord, and guide the doctors.

Lord's Day, 13 January 2013

Psalm 119:157-158

Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from your testimonies. I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep your commands.

My persecutors and adversaries are the little distractions, the urges to check e-mail, or let my mind wander from the task You have set before me. Or to drop this right now and go get the pot of tea that is brewing in the kitchen. The Evil One can use the most innocent appearing activity or affection to pull me away from a time of communion with You. And I am a compliant participant. Help me, Lord, give me the power and the willingness to resist the sly wiles of the Father of Lies.

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