

Monday, 28 January 2013

Psalm 33:18-19

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

Lord, "hope" has a weak connotation to my modern ears, ears whose understanding has been polluted by the Enlightenment's insistence on self-sufficiency. Help me to keep my heart focused on the hope that is a sure conviction that Your love is steadfast and that Your promise to never leave me nor forsake me is inviolable and unbreakable.

Tuesday, 29 January 2013

Psalm 33:20-22

Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. (22) Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Hope, trust, believe in, commit to, faith in—all tied together. You ask me to trust You, to center all my hope in Your goodness and Your response is steadfast love. A total denial of self and a total acceptance of You. You are my help and shield, not my smartness and strength. Praise You, my Lord and Master.

Wednesday, 30 January 2013

Matthew 6:31-34

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for

itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Lord, You give me guidance for two main issues in my life: 1) Setting the proper priorities and 2) Fussing about an unknown future. Neither of Your directives is at all vague or wishy-washy, both clear and direct. The first says that I am to love the LORD my God with all my heart, soul mind and strength and love my neighbor as myself, the second tells me directly to keep my focus on the tasks and challenges of today. While that may include planning for future events, it does not include worrying about them. All things are in Your hands.

Thursday, 31 January 2013

Psalm 34:1-3

Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away. I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Lord, I can barely imagine how rich it would be to have Your praises continually in my mouth, I know it would be a two-edged sword in my hands, but that state of bliss is something I long for. Lead me to the waters to drink of the richness of Your love.

Friday, 1 February 2013

Psalm 34:4-7

I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

So true, Lord. You have delivered me from my fears and given me peace. Your rod and staff comfort me, You have set a table before me in the presence of my enemies. My cup runs over. Praise You, my loving and gracious Lord.

Saturday, 2 February 2013
Psalm 34:8-10

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Ah, as in Psalm 119:2-3, the blessings of the Kingdom accrue to those who seek You. It is a whole heart seeking, a hunger and thirst for You rather than for the riches of this world. O, that I may taste and see.

Lord's Day, 3 February 2013
Psalm 119:1

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!

I did not yesterday, I was not blameless, I acted in pride. I stole another man's self esteem, I spoke without thinking and allow my tongue to be an instrument of pain. I am weak and without redeeming qualities. I must listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to guard my tongue, to be truly humble before You and to seek my brothers forgiveness in a spirit of contrition.

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