

Monday, 11 February 2013

1 Peter 1:8-9

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, (9) obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

But I am seeing You as I study that glorious scene of the throne room and learn to enjoy all that it signifies. What anticipation to know that someday soon, I will enter into that in all its glory.

Tuesday, 12 February 2013

Psalm 35:1-3

Of David. Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me! Take hold of shield and buckler and rise for my help! Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers! Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!"

Lord, stand between me and those who oppose and attack me, all those who malign me and accuse me falsely. Give me the consolation of knowing that You are my strength--I need constant reminding.

Wednesday, 13 February 2013

Psalm 35:4-8

Let them be put to shame and dishonor who seek after my life! Let them be turned back and disappointed who devise evil against me! Let them be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the LORD driving them away! Let their way be dark and slippery, with the angel of the LORD pursuing them! For without cause they hid their net for me; without cause they dug a pit for my life. Let destruction come upon him when he does not know it! And let the net that he hid ensnare him; let him fall into it--to his destruction!

Lord, this passage speaks to me of the protection that I enjoy as one of Your own sheep. Your angels are set all round me to protect and to drive my enemies away. Now I must live out my calling in the confidence that You have set a hedge of protection all around me and those You have given me to shepherd.

Thursday, 14 February 2013

Psalm 35:9-11

Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD, exulting in his salvation. All my bones shall say, "O LORD, who is like you, delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, the poor and needy from him who robs him?" Malicious witnesses rise up; they ask me of things that I do not know.

Who is like You, Lord? Who is there to stand between me and the assaults of the Evil One? Who provides the guidance from temptation and says, "I am with you to the very end of the age."? There is none like You. No one! You are my strength and my shield, in You will I trust.

Friday, 15 February 2013

Psalm 35:12-14

They repay me evil for good; my soul is bereft. But I, when they were sick-- I wore sackcloth; I afflicted myself with fasting; I prayed with head bowed on my chest. I went about as though I grieved for my friend or my brother; as one who laments his mother, I bowed down in mourning.

You call me to love my enemies, to serve them and to lift them up in prayer. I must strictly resist the temptation to rejoice when they are beset with troubles and woes but I am to grieve with them, comfort and console.

Saturday, 16 February 2013

Psalm 35:15-16

But at my stumbling they rejoiced and gathered; they gathered together against me; wretches whom I did not know tore at me without ceasing; like profane mockers at a feast, they gnash at me with their teeth.

O how the world delights in watching one of Yours stumble and trip over some element of sin. Yes, when I am the one who has disgraced You Holy Name, I must fall to my knees in repentance filled with grief for the shame I have brought upon Your Name. I must fix my eyes upon the Cross that redeemed me and not allow the profaners to distract me from my return to communion with You.

Lord's Day, 17 February 2013

Psalm 119:21

You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones, who wander from your commandments.

This seems to apply to my brother, Lord, who does not quite get it. I keep hearing those words, "*I* will never drink again!," "*I* will never do drugs again!," "*I* will never smoke again!," "*I* will never!" Where is the "Through the strength of the Lord, "*I* will never ..." Where is the calling upon You? Where is that broken and contrite heart that You treasure? Where is that joy of the Presence?

Bring him home to You, Lord, bring him home. Lord, as I publish this 5 years and 13 days after it was written, my brother is back in prison and I have lost count of the number of times through the revolving door. Out and in and out and in and ... Lord, bring him to his knees before You.

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