

Monday, 25 February 2013

Psalm 36:1-4

To the choirmaster. Of David, the servant of the LORD. Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no fear of God before his eyes. For he flatters himself in his own eyes that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated. The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit; he has ceased to act wisely and do good. He plots trouble while on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not reject evil.

Ah, Lord, how easy it is to convince myself that I am smarter than You, that I can transgress and offend You, but You won't notice, You won't really be concerned, that You are too busy with the big stuff to pay attention to my little peccadilloes. I am wrong!

I am one of those "all things" that is under your purview and care, I am one of Your sheep, I am one who has sworn fealty to You, I am one for whom You gave Your all, I must adhere to Your Word and follow You in every aspect of my life.

You are Lord and Master of my life.

Tuesday, 26 February 2013

Psalm 36:5-9

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. (6) Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD. (7) How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. (8) They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. (9) For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

Lord, what a beautiful and complete statement of Your love for Your children. You are indeed the fountain of life, bringing peace and joy, providing light (understanding) to all aspects of my life. You are the One I cling to.

Wednesday, 27 February 2013

Psalm 36:10-12

Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart! Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away. There the evildoers lie fallen; they are thrust down, unable to rise.

Lord, it is so easy for me to become arrogant in my salvation, to become self-righteous and aloof towards to whom I regard as less "godly" than me. Help me, Lord, guide me into godly humility and a contrite spirit.

Thursday, 28 February 2013

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

The Law of the Spirit of Life--what a beautiful and precious phrase. I am free, free from sin, free from death, free to live in the Kingdom as a disciple of Jesus Christ. I am free, free indeed.

Friday, 1 March 2013

Romans 8:5-8

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. (6) For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. (7) For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. (8) Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

What does it mean to "set the mind on the Spirit?" Is it not to live according to 1 Thessalonian 5:16-18? To rejoice

always, pray without ceasing and give thanks to God in all circumstances? Will this not keep my focus on the Spirit and on the way of life? It will, it will indeed. It does, it does indeed. Praise the LORD Most High.

Saturday, 2 March 2013

Romans 8:9-11

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

The indwelling Spirit is life, life everlasting. It is God the Spirit who brings me into eternal relationship with God the Father and God the Son. It is God the Spirit who guides the transformation from the old man into a being fashioned in the image of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is God the Spirit who enables me to discern the will of God, the good and acceptable and perfect will of God for my life. It is God the Spirit who creates in me the power to live out that good and acceptable and perfect will. God the Spirit, my comforter and my guide. Hallelujah.

Lord's Day, 3 March 2013

Psalm 119:35

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

Your commandments are the verges of the King's Highway; clearly delineating the route of my walk in Your presence. How can I not delight in that path? How can I not revel in the peace and joy that I find there? Thank You and praise You, Lord, for You deliver goodness to me.

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