Monday, 29 April 2013

Psalm 40:10-12

But you, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them! By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me. But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.

It is the transformation that I experience that demonstrates to me and to the world that You are an awesome God. As Paul said in Galatians 1:23-24 that it was the transformation from destroyer of the faithful to declarer of the faith that caused You to be glorified, so it must be with me

Tuesday, 30 April 2013

Psalm 40:13

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

You are the Blessed One, the Lord God Almighty, Yahweh, the Giver of Righteousness, and I, Your creation and Your slave, stand in awe and gratitude of Your boundless mercy and love.

Wednesday, 1 May 2013 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort,

which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

Lord, help me to never forget the beauty of this passage and its application to every aspect of my life. Every challenge, every test and temptation is used by You to equip me for ministry. These events should bring joy to my heart, filling me with gratitude, giving thanks to You that I am worthy of suffering for Your Name's sake. Another reason why I should give thanks in all circumstances—You are equipping Your servant.

Thursday, 2 May 2013 Psalm 42:1-3

To the choirmaster. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah. As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

Lord, I hunger and thirst to know You more deeply, to know that when someone looks at me with the question on their mind, "Where is Your God?" they will immediately see Your presence in me, the transforming power of Your Holy Spirit working in my life.

Friday, 3 May 2013 Psalm 42:4

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival. To join with the brothers in the prison while we may not be a multitude, is indeed a joy-filled evening. Anytime I can enter into worship in spirit and in truth is a soul lifting experience.

Saturday, 4 May 2013

Psalm 42:5-6

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

Lord, for those times when I am separated from my familiar surroundings or distraught by problems, all I need to do is turn the eye of my mind to You and to Your faithfulness. How can I be depressed by the sin and confusion that is rampant around me when I know that You are in control of all things. Let the politicians rant and rave, casting all sorts of charges, countercharges, lies and rebuttals; I am a citizen of the Kingdom of God and not of this world. Hallelujah!

Lord's Day, 5 May 2013 Psalm 119:108

Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your rules.

A freewill offering—an offering freely given, an offering of praise lifted up to You in the congregation.

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