

Monday, 20 May 2013

Psalm 44:20-22

If we had forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to a foreign god, would not God discover this? For he knows the secrets of the heart. (22) Yet for your sake we are killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.

I need to seek to be faithful to You through whatever trial the Evil One sends against me to seek to put roadblocks in my path. You know the depth and the extent of my determination to be faithful to You and will sustain me to the end. You are a great and merciful God.

Tuesday, 21 May 2013

Psalm 44:26

Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever! Why do you hide your face? Why do you forget our affliction and oppression? For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly clings to the ground. Rise up; come to our help! Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!

But You are not sleeping, You are the One who says that He will never leave me nor forsake me. You do not hide Your face from me. You are always there with outstretched hand, saying, "Come to me with your afflictions and oppression, lay your heavy burdens on Me and I will give you rest for My burden is light and My yoke is easy." All You ask from me is obedience and the veil is lifted, the cataracts on my eyes are removed and I can see You clearly and bask in the comfort of Your love.

Wednesday, 22 May 2013

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Trust, trust, trust. I must trust in God's promises, I must believe that He will provide all the mundane things that take on importance in my life. I must look to Him for direction,

and that takes the form of becoming thoroughly familiar with His Word, with His Law. This is the guide for life.

Thursday, 23 May 2013

Revelations 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Behold that glorious day is coming when Your dwelling place will be with us, Your chosen people. And we will fully be that chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession. (1 Peter 2:9) We will be praising and glorifying you.

Friday, 24 May 2013

Revelations 21:5-8

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

"Behold I am making all things new." Another one of those precious "all things," the only inclusive that has meaning. The One who is the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End is the only one who can claim the title, "The One who makes all things new." The One who will bring all

things together in peace, not just the lion and the lamb but all things will be restored to Him.

Saturday, 25 May 2013

Revelations 21:9-14

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I am intrigued by the use of "jasper" as a descriptive since that gemstone is opaque but shows great variety in coloration and appearance. It takes a high polish producing fascinating settings often described as picture jasper. While I do not understand clear, the thought of a city built of jasper portrays an exceeding beautiful structure of infinite variety. What a glorious city to contain the center and object of my worship

Lord's Day, 26 May 2013

Psalm 119:136

My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

Lord, it is a source of grief that Your people do not keep Your Law; that each is a law unto himself. Help me, Lord, to preach and teach to Your people, that the sinner's prayer is not life in the Kingdom but only the entry.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Psalms



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