

Monday, 22 July 2013

Psalm 52:1-4

To the choirmaster. A Maskil of David, when Doeg, the Edomite, came and told Saul, "David has come to the house of Ahimelech." Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man? The steadfast love of God endures all the day. Your tongue plots destruction, like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit. You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking what is right. Selah You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.

How much of this evil and deceitfulness and lying is still evident in my life? Rip it out of me, Lord. Send Your Holy Spirit to convict me and transform me. It is through Your wounds that I am healed.

Tuesday, 23 July 2013

Psalm 52:5-7

But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. Selah The righteous shall see and fear, and shall laugh at him, saying, "See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!"

Those who know You, know that I cannot trust in my own strength or in the strength of horses and laugh at my feeble attempts to be my own god. You are my strength and refuge, You are the One who supplies all my needs and covers me in the arms of love. You are my Lord and Master.

Wednesday, 24 July 2013

Psalm 52:8-9

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in

the steadfast love of God forever and ever. I will thank you forever, because you have done it. I will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.

Steadfast—unswerving, staunch, unshakable, unflinching, unbendable, stiff, steady, firm, unwavering. What a powerful list of synonyms. Even stiff which first brings to mind someone who is distant and cold, but this is not true of my father. It implies that He is outside and above all the influences that cause me to waver and be double-minded.

Thursday, 25 July 2013

Matthew 5:11-12, 16

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. ... In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

One of the principal ways of demonstrating the power of the Kingdom is through my reaction to grief, persecution, turmoil, challenges, problems, all those challenges of life. Each one presents an opportunity to display the peace that lies within me, to demonstrate how trust in Your Goodness changes life's patterns.

Friday, 26 July 2013

Psalm 53:1

To the choirmaster: according to Mahalath. A Maskil of David. The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity; there is none who does good.

Lord, I pray for those fools who refuse to see that

*which You have made plain for everyman to see.
Their blindness can only be through choice, through a
conscious refusal to recognize what is before their
very eyes. Their is a God, a LORD, God Almighty
whose power and might are demonstrated
continuously before them. Heal their blindness, Lord.*

Saturday, 27 July 2013

Psalm 53:2-3

*God looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if
there are any who understand, who seek after God. They
have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt;
there is none who does good, not even one.*

All mankind is corrupt in God's eyes and fails the test
of God's Law. We have no recourse within ourselves
and can only turn to God in repentance seeking His
mercy and thanking and praising Him for His grace.

Lord's Day, 28 July 2013

Psalm 119:18

*Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your
law.*

Lord, I know that I have not exhausted all the gold
hidden in the rich mine of Your Law, Your Word. Open
the eyes of my heart to absorb this treasure and to
make it fully my own. Help me to realize the beauty of
Your commandments as I growing in my understanding
of their application to my life.

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