

Monday, 19 August 2013

Psalm 56:12-13

*I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you. (13) For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.*

Yes, Lord, my vows to You of complete and total obedience can only be executed if I listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In no manner, are my vows to You of any consequence in my own strength; it is only through You and the strength and power of the Holy Spirit. This is not to provide an excuse for failure but to acknowledge my responsibility to listen and obey.

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Tuesday, 20 August 2013

Matthew 7:7-14

*"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.*

Lord, help me to ask with confidence that I am asking for what is in Your will to provide. That will be when I truly have accepted Your mind as my mind. Give me

the discernment to recognize when it is of You and not some wile of the Evil One.

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Wednesday, 21 August 2013

Psalm 57:1-5

*To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Miktam of David, when he fled from Saul, in the cave. Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by. I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me. He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame him who tramples on me. Selah God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness! My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down amid fiery beasts-- the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!*

Lord, I know this day will be filled with opportunities to live in violation of Your Law, that there will be moments of lust, greed, covetousness, self-will and all other manifestations of my fallen nature. I also know, that if I am faithful to the guidance of the Holy Spirit that these temptations will be surmountable. Lord, that I will find joy in the victory, knowing that it is through the strength that You provide and the willingness to repent when I have failed.

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Thursday, 22 August 2013

Psalm 57:6

*They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down. They dug a pit in my way, but they have fallen into it themselves. Selah*

O, that those who contend against You would find themselves hoist by their own petard. Let them be confounded by their own machinations and entangled

by their own snares.

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*Friday, 23 August 2013*

*Psalm 57:7-10*

*My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody! Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.*

Yes, one of my weakness is a lack of living in an attitude of praise and thanksgiving. I quote Ps 149:6 frequently but live it infrequently. How can I be so callous towards the One who gives me life? Help me. Lord.

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*Saturday, 24 August 2013*

*Psalm 57:11*

*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!*

Let Your glory be manifest to all Creation. The Day is coming where all will acknowledge that Jesus the Christ is Lord. A prayer is that today will be the Day for Judi, my children and grandchildren.

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*Lord's Day, 25 August 2013 Psalm 119:53*

*Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked, who forsake your law.*

What is causing me distress, I don't know about hot indignation, is those who claim to be in Your Church but seek You second... or third ... or .... What is it, Lord, that diverts so many from putting You first in their lives? Am I included in that count?

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