

Monday, 11 November 2013

Matthew 27:45-46

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. (46) And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

That awful cry, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The recognition that He, the Son of the LORD God Almighty was in a state of complete separation, banished to outer darkness, for my sake, because of my sin; incomprehensible to me for I knew only separation. Praise You, my Lord and Master, for You by Your death restored me and cleansed me; You brought me into the Kingdom of God and set me as a child of the Most High.

Tuesday, 12 November 2013

Psalm 69:1-3

To the choirmaster: according to Lilies. Of David. Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me. I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

Lord, without You all is quagmire and quicksand. But to stand on the Rock, to be held securely in Your love, covered and cleansed by Your grace, that is the true and complete blessing.

Wednesday, 13 November 2013

Psalm 69:4

More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause; mighty are those who would destroy

me, those who attack me with lies. What I did not steal must I now restore?

The Father of Lies continues to attack with promises of riches, of happiness, of ease, relief from anxiety; the list goes on and on. But I must resist him and he will flee from me—I must restore my communion with You when I cave in and come to You in repentance.

Thursday, 14 November 2013

Psalm 69:5-12

O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you. Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, O Lord GOD of hosts; let not those who seek you be brought to dishonor through me, O God of Israel. For it is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that dishonor has covered my face. I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's sons. For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me. When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting, it became my reproach. When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them. I am the talk of those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.

Lord, help me, guide me, chastise me as needed, but keep me from bringing dishonor to Your Name. There is still a spirit of willfulness in me that will not admit that it is dead; Lord, continue the process of sanctification.

Friday, 15 November 2013

Psalm 69:13-15

But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness. Deliver me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters. Let not the flood sweep over me, or

the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me.

Lord, when discouragement and lack of trust
overwhelm me, when all seems dark and gloomy,
guide me in returning to You, to regaining trust in Your
great mercy, help me, Lord, in my unbelief.

Saturday, 16 November 2013

Psalm 69:16-18

*Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. Hide not your
face from your servant; for I am in distress; make haste to
answer me. Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me
because of my enemies!*

You do help me in my unbelief, but sometimes I am not
listening or I am enjoying sitting in my pity pot crying
“Woe is me” and feeling sorry fo myself. When will I
learn to open the eyes of my heart and acknowledge
Your sweet presence?

Lord's Day, 17 November 2013

Psalm 119:145-147

*With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep
your statutes. I call to you; save me, that I may observe your
testimonies. I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in
your words.*

Lord, I have Your promises that You will never leave
me nor forsake me and that You will not give me a task
that is beyond the abilities that You have given to me.
Help me, Lord, to go out in the confidence of those
promises.

VOICES TOGETHER

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