

Monday, 23 December 2013

Psalm 73:10-14

Therefore his people return to this place, And waters of abundance are drunk by them. They say, "How does God know? And is there knowledge with the Most High?" Behold, these are the wicked; And always at ease, they have increased in wealth. Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure And washed my hands in innocence; For I have been stricken all day long And chastened every morning.

How many will hear that awful statement, "I never knew you"? Praise You that I have received the seal of the Holy Spirit, my guarantee of transformation.

Tuesday, 24 December 2013

Psalm 73:15-17

If I had said, "I will speak thus," Behold, I would have betrayed the generation of Your children. When I pondered to understand this, It was troublesome in my sight Until I came into the sanctuary of God; Then I perceived their end.

It is only when I realize that the so-called glories of this world will not survive the flames of an eternal fire that any hint of jealousy or covetousness dies. It is comforting to know that moths, rust and thieves are not a problem; that my indestructible treasure is being held for me in Heaven. That is where my heart is. (Matt. 6:19-21)

Wednesday, 25 December 2013

Psalm 73:18-20

Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction. How they are destroyed in a moment! They are utterly swept away by sudden terrors! Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when aroused, You will despise

their form.

The wiles of the Evil One, gone, swept from my psyche in a moment by the cleansing power of the cross of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit to comfort me and keep my eyes on the goal; the peace of God guarding my mind in Jesus Christ, the Lord.

Thursday, 26 December 2013

Psalm 73:21-24

When my heart was embittered and I was pierced within, Then I was senseless and ignorant; I was like a beast before You. Nevertheless I am continually with You; You have taken hold of my right hand. With Your counsel You will guide me, And afterward receive me to glory.

What a comparison. Senseless and ignorant vs. alive and filled with Wisdom. A beast vs. a child of the King. Alone and stumbling through life vs. walking with You and being guided from one degree of glory into the next. Hallelujah.

Friday, 27 December 2013

Psalm 73:25-26

Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth. (26) My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Complete, I am complete in Christ Jesus, now and forevermore. Praise You most gracious and merciful Savior.

Saturday, 28 December 2013

Psalm 73:27-28

For, behold, those who are far from You will perish; You have destroyed all those who are unfaithful to You. But as for me,

*the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord GOD
my refuge, That I may tell of all Your works.*

Lord, that I may tell of Your great grace and mercy,
Lord, give me boldness to declare Your greatness.

Lord's Day, 29 December 2013

Psalm 119:23-24

*Even though princes sit plotting against me, your servant will
meditate on your statutes. Your testimonies are my delight;
they are my counselors.*

Going into court today, facing members of the Westine family who are hostile to our guardianship, I need to remember that a gentle answer turns away wrath, that my responses must always be filled with grace and comfort. Give me awareness and sensitivity to Myretta's family to recognize the grief and sense of loss as they face the reality of her decline.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Psalms



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