

# *VOICES TOGETHER*

*Daily Meditations from the Psalms*



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Voices Together is extracted from my daily meditations and is shared in the hope that others will be encouraged to turn to the Psalms as a rich source of guidance for prayer and meditation.

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**Monday, 3 June 2013**

**Psalm 45:13-15**

*All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold. In many-colored robes she is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her. With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.*

What a glorious Day that will be as the Bride of Christ is finally taken up to join their King. All creation will erupt in praise and shouts of joy; the very mountains will quake and the oceans will swell and toss. The beginning of an everlasting celebration.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 80

Mid-day: 119:81-88

Evening: Psalm 6

**Tuesday, 4 June 2013**

**Psalm 45:16-17**

*In place of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.*

Now, until the Glorious Day, I am called to minister to His sheep and to be a Messenger of the Good News. What a responsibility, what a title. Lord, guide me that I would be faithful to my calling.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 81

Mid-day: 119:89-96

Evening: Psalm 7

**Wednesday, 5 June 2013**

**Romans 8:38-39**

*For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

When the storms of anger rage, when the weight of discouragement and depression bear down, the pull of self-will and lust tug, even those emotions and affections cannot separate me from the love of God. I am secure, safe on His gentle breast. I need only to remember to turn to Him in praise and thanksgiving.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 82

Mid-day: 119:97-104

Evening: Psalm 8

**Thursday, 6 June 2013**

**Psalm 46:1-3**

*To the choirmaster. Of the Sons of Korah. According to Alamo. A Song. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah*

My problem, Lord, is that I forget that You are a very present help in time of trouble. When faced with a

problem, I am off trying to resolve it on my own and with my own wits. When will I learn to turn to You first in prayer and to wait for Your leading? When will I automatically seek Your face as the earth under me gives way and the mountains about me are cast into the sea? When, Lord, when?

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 83

Mid-day: 119:105-112

Evening: Psalm 9

**Friday, 7 June 2013**

**Psalm 45:4-6**

*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.*

Yes, and that Stream is You, my Lord and Savior. From Your riven side pour out the righteousness, peace and joy of the Kingdom. You are the source of all that is good, all that is right, all that is just. Praise You, My Lord.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 84

Mid-day: 119:113-120

Evening: Psalm 10

Saturday, 8 June 2013

Psalm 45:7

*The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah*

You will never leave me nor forsake me. You, the God of Abraham, Issac and Jacob are my fortress, my mighty shield. Praise You, my Lord and Master.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 85

Mid-day: 119:121-128

Evening: Psalm 11

**Lord's Day, 9 June 2013**

**Psalm 119:142**

*Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true.*

Lord, I need to remember that Your righteousness is coherent and invariant, there are no shadows, no shades of gray. It is pure and piercing, a penetrating light exposing all that does not meet the standard of Your holy and true law. I need to *know* that my life is to be lived in the brilliant luminosity of that standard.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 86

Mid-day: 119:129-136

Evening: Psalm 12

**Monday, 10 June 2013**

**Psalm 46:8-9**

*Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.*

What a glorious day that will be to realize that war has ended. No more will man be driven by jealousies and covetousness. All will praise and glorify You. Shalom will be the order of the day.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 87

Mid-day: 119:137-144

Evening: Psalm 13

Tuesday, 11 June 2013

Psalm 46:10-11

*"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah*

Oh, how hard it is to be still, I want to jabber, jabber, jabber. Lord, teach me to exalt You, to lift You up, to reveal You, it is my privilege and duty.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 88

Mid-day: 119:145-152

Evening: Psalm 14

**Wednesday, 12 June 2013**

**Matthew 28:18-20**

*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Dear Lord Jesus, You have delegated full authority to me to make disciples of all as I go about my daily living. It is not to go out on short term mission and make converts to Christianity but to introduce all I interact with to the glories of life in the Kingdom of Heaven. This is to be my way of life. Lord, help me for I have failed at this task, I am cowardly and afraid of the sneers of my family. Give me strength and courage today.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 89

Mid-day: 119:153-160

Evening: Psalm 15

**Thursday, 13 June 2013**

**Psalm 47:1-4**

*To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah*

"Rejoice, again I say, rejoice." Our Lord has subdued our enemies, those forces of the Evil One who seek our destruction. We, His people, as exalted above all others, we are called into His Kingdom. "Rejoice, again I say, rejoice."

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 90

Mid-day: 119:161-168

Evening: Psalm 116

**Friday, 14 June 2013**

**Psalm 47:5-7**

*God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!*

Sing, sing, sing. Sing praises, sing thanksgivings. Sing the greatness of God, sing of the love and mercy of my Lord Jesus the Christ. Sing the joy of the Kingdom, sing the beauty of the Creation. Sing, sing, sing.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 91

Mid-day: 119:169-176

Evening: Psalm 17

**Saturday, 15 June 2013**

**Psalm 47:8-9**

*God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!*

The Day is coming when finally all will acknowledge God rules, an absolute ruler, but the first and only truly benevolent ruler. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 92

Mid-day: 119:1-8

Evening: Psalm 18

**Lord's Day, 16 June 2013**

**Psalm 119:149**

*Hear my voice according to your steadfast love; O LORD, according to your justice give me life.*

According to Your justice! What more can I ask? Not for my idea of justice; not for my concept of mercy; not for my understanding of grace but for the justice, mercy and grace of the Almighty, the one who knew me before I was ever formed. Bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee. A gift beyond my idea, concept and understanding.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 93

Mid-day: 119:9-16

Evening: Psalm 19

**Monday, 17 June 2013**

### Hebrews 12:28-29

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, (29) for our God is a consuming fire.

Our God is a consuming fire, my God is a consuming fire. Fire cleanses and purifies. So does my LORD and the result is a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, In response, I must offer sacrifice and praise that is acceptable to the LORD God Almighty. The praise and worship must be filled with reverence and awe, I worship a God who is a consuming fire, what is unacceptable to Him will perish in the flames.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 94

Mid-day: 119:17-24

Evening: Psalm 20

### Tuesday, 18 June 2013

#### Psalm 48:1-3

*A Song. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. Within her citadels God has made himself known as a fortress.*

Lord, I do need a renewed vision of the ministry in Springfield and Windsor. Where are we to teach and minister, how and what? Let us see clearly, all of us, Betty & I, Scott & Mona, Bill, where You are leading us and give us direction, strength and willingness to go there.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 95

Mid-day: 119:25-32

Evening: Psalm 21

### Wednesday, 19 June 2013

#### Psalm 48:4-7

*For behold, the kings assembled; they came on together. As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic; they took to flight. Trembling took hold of them there, anguish as of a woman in labor. By the east wind you shattered the ships of Tarshish.*

Lord, my prayer this morning is that Your power would be so displayed within Springfield and Windsor prisons that DoC would be shaken to the very top echelons of power. I pray that all will acknowledge that it is an awesome God that the men serve; that all will see the transforming power of Your love, grace and mercy.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 96

Mid-day: 119:33-40

Evening: Psalm 22

### Thursday, 20 June 2013

#### Psalm 48:8

*As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God will establish forever. Selah*

Lord, as I prayed yesterday, that Your Kingdom would be established within the confines of DoC, I continue that prayer; that revival would break out in Springfield and Windsor prisons, that this wildfire

would spread uncontrollable by the forces of the Evil One into the furthest reaches of the department and from there throughout the state. I pray that this revival would result in transformed lives as the men are released back into society and would be the spark that lights revival in the culture of Vermont. An awesome display of the power of Your Glory.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 97

Mid-day: 119:41-48

Evening: Psalm 23

**Friday, 21 June 2013**

**Psalm 48:9-11**

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. (10) As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness. (11) Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

Your love for Your Church, Your people is steadfast throughout the years and all the nations; it is evident to all, across time and space. Let Your people rejoice, shout to all within earshot, "Our God is a mighty God, it is an awesome God we serve."

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 98

Mid-day: 119:49-56

Evening: Psalm 24

**Saturday, 22 June 2013**

**Psalm 28:12-14**

*Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, (13) consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation (14) that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.*

A call to become so immersed in all the manifestations of the Lord that they will flow from our lips and be inherent in our speech at all times. Do I see the King triumphant on His throne? Do I see the Church as the redeemed Bride of Christ? Do I see the face of my Lord in every down and out beggar? In every inmate? Do I address these manifestations and minister to them as to my Lord?

Help me and guide me, Holy Spirit.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 99

Mid-day: 119:57-64

Evening: Psalm 25

**Lord's Day, 23 June 2013**

**Psalm 119:155**

*Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek your statutes.*

Lord, as I watch my young friend deal with his anger, disappointments and challenges, I see a lack of turning to You. It is just the opposite, a turning to his escape mechanisms, the electronic games, the fantasy games and stories. Where is the seeking Your face? Where is the desire to seek You? Help him, help me.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 100

Mid-day: 119:65-72

Evening: Psalm 26

**Monday, 24 June 2013**

**1 Timothy 6:11-12**

*But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

My calling is to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness. I am called to fight the good fight of the faith. I am not called to pursue material gain or fame, but to leave all in Your hands. I understand but it is hard, Lord, very hard sometimes.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 101

Mid-day: 119:73-80

Evening: Psalm 27

**Tuesday, 25 June 2013**

**Psalm 49:1-4**

*To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together! My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre.*

Lord, prepare me to minister Your Word and the message of Your coming to the lost and broken among us. Prepare hearts thirsting for the Good News, anxious for relief from a world of misery and death. Prepare me to carry that message of righteousness, peace and joy that is life in the Holy Spirit as we live in Your Kingdom today.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 102

Mid-day: 119:81-88

Evening: Psalm 28

**Wednesday, 26 June 2013**

**Psalm 49:5-9**

*Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me, those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches? Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice, that he should live on forever and never see the pit.*

Why do I worry when someone takes advantage of me? When someone plays on my/our willingness to be of assistance to all in times of trouble? When will I learn that it is You that has been offended, it is You that they have sinned against. Help me, Lord, to turn it over to You and leave the outcome in Your hands.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 103

Mid-day: 119:89-96

Evening: Psalm 29



**Thursday, 27 June 2013**

**Psalm 49:10-14**

*For he sees that even the wise die; the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others. Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they called lands by their own names. Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish. This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts. Selah Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd, and the upright shall rule over them in the morning. Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell.*

Lord, many place complete reliance upon the god of reason, upon their own ability to pick and choose their truth, a form of extreme hubris. Why is it that the evidence of their own lives does not convict them of the weakness of that god? Why is it that that element of doubt nagging at their consciences does not sway them to accepting the God of Truth and Life? How long will You continue to allow someone to continue to reject Your offer of life in the Kingdom, a life of righteousness, peace and joy in Your Holy Spirit?

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 104

Mid-day: 119:97-104

Evening: Psalm 30

**Friday, 28 June 2013**

**Psalm 49:15**

But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me. Selah

*I am redeemed, hallelujah. I am redeemed, hallelujah. I am a child of the King, Hallelujah. I am appointed as an Ambassador of Reconciliation, hallelujah. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Hallelujah, through His love and mercy, hallelujah. Maranatha, Lord, Jesus, maranatha.*

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 105

Mid-day: 119:105-112

Evening: Psalm 31

**Saturday, 29 June 2013**

**Psalm 49:16-20**

*Be not afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases. For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not go down after him. For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed --and though you get praise when you do well for yourself—his soul will go to the generation of his fathers, who will never again see light. Man in his pomp yet without understanding is like the beasts that perish.*

You, the Lord, God Almighty, have covered me with Your promises and I am content in the fullness of that love. However, I do pray for those, especially for those in my family and among those whom You have given me to shepherd, that they also, would be filled with the knowledge and conviction that You are sufficient for all their needs. That they too, as they seek You and Your righteousness as their first and only priority, all other considerations will fall away and become as dross at their feet.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 106

Mid-day: 119:113-120

Evening: Psalm 32

**Lord's Day, 30 June 2013**

**Psalm 119:165**

*Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.*

Lord, how do I get the message through to the men we work with that life in the Kingdom is a place of great peace and contentment; the message that they lose nothing of value but gain a pearl of great price? Guide me, Lord.

*Today's readings in the Psalms:*

Morning: Psalm 107

Mid-day: 119:121-128

Evening: Psalm 33