### Monday, 6 January 2014 Psalm 75:2-8

"When I select an appointed time, It is I who judge with equity. "The earth and all who dwell in it melt; It is I who have firmly set its pillars. Selah. "I said to the boastful, 'Do not boast,' And to the wicked, 'Do not lift up the horn; Do not lift up your horn on high, Do not speak with insolent pride."" For not from the east, nor from the west, Nor from the desert comes exaltation; But God is the Judge; He puts down one and exalts another. For a cup is in the hand of the LORD, and the wine foams; It is well mixed, and He pours out of this; Surely all the wicked of the earth must drain and drink down its dregs.

The day is coming, the Day of Judgment when all must stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ and give account for our lives. For some, when required to pay the penalty for disobedience can point to the Cross of Christ and their name written on the Lamb's Book of Life and declare, "It is finished, You paid it all." For all others, forced to admit that all their righteousness has been as filthy rags, to hear that awful pronouncement, "Be gone from me" and to be cast into the Lake of Eternal Fire.

## Tuesday, 7 January 2014 Psalm 75:9-10

But as for me, I will declare it forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. And all the horns of the wicked He will cut off, But the horns of the righteous will be lifted up.

What a glorious Day, to enter into the throngs singing the praises of the God of Jacob, to be among those whose purpose is to exult the Name of the LORD God Almighty and to bend our knees before the Throne, declaring that Jesus Christ is Lord. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

"Then comes the End" when Christ's "It is finished" is delivered to the LORD God Almighty as a Kingdom completely restored to pristine Shalom. Maranatha, come Lord Jesus come.

#### hursday, 9 January 2014 Psalm 76:1-3

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm of Asaph. A Song. In Judah God is known; his name is great in Israel. His abode has been established in Salem, his dwelling place in Zion. There he broke the flashing arrows, the shield, the sword, and the weapons of war. Selah

Praise You. Lord Jesus, for You have established the Kingdom of God on earth reigning over your people. You walk with us through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, shielding us from the weapons of the Evil One.

#### Friday, 10 January 2014 Psalm 76:4-6

Glorious are you, more majestic than the mountains of prey. The stouthearted were stripped of their spoil; they sank into sleep; all the men of war were unable to use their hands. At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both rider and horse lay stunned.

You are the Almighty One, the One who brings justice to replace injustice, mercy to replace cruelty, and grace to replace harshness.

But you, you are to be feared! Who can stand before you when once your anger is roused? From the heavens you uttered judgment; the earth feared and was still, when God arose to establish judgment, to save all the humble of the earth. Selah

There are none who can stand before You and claim self-sufficiency, who can claim that they have lived a sinless life. All have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God. Yet You have stooped to become a man and have lifted the humble and contrite out of the slime and set them at Your right hand.

Lord's Day, 12 January 2014 Psalm 119:37

Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.

What is a worthless thing? Is it not anything that does not glorify You? Something that steals my attention and efforts away from advancing the Kingdom? Anything that sullies Your name? Anything that destroys rather than bringing love and life?

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