

Monday, 20 January 2014

Psalm 77:16-20

When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; indeed, the deep trembled. The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder; your arrows flashed on every side. The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook. Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen. You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

I know, that even if unseen by temporal eyes, You lead me through the raging seas of doubt and fear. If You led Israel through the Red Sea with the hordes of Egypt hot on their heels, how much more can I expect as relief from the torments of the Evil One.

Tuesday, 21 January 2014

Hebrews 6:1-8

Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits. For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt. For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.

This should be a frightening passage for the Western churches. We have tasted the goodness and the power and then fallen away; introduced our ideas of appropriate worship and obedience; bent the Word to accommodate our pride and self-will; even created our personal pantheons to house the gods we have fashioned. And then we curse God for not answering our prayers. The LORD God Almighty is very explicit about this behavior from His people. (Prov. 28:9)

Wednesday, 22 January 2014

Psalm 78:1-4

A Maskil of Asaph. Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

O, the stories and testimonies from that great cloud of witnesses that has gone before. (Heb 22:1). We must not hide them from the next generation; we must shout the evidence of His glory and might and wonders from the housetops and in the marketplaces.

Thursday, 23 January 2014

Psalm 78:5-8

He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

We must teach the next generation that the Law of God is a blueprint for life in the Kingdom of God in the here and now. They must know and understand that the kingdom is available to them now and not some form of ethereal pie in the sky.

Friday, 24 January 2014

Psalm 78:9-11

The Ephraimites, armed with the bow, turned back on the day of battle. They did not keep God's covenant, but refused to walk according to his law. They forgot his works and the wonders that he had shown them.

How often has the Church backed away from a battle, caving in and using a pretext of love and peace or a deliberate misinterpretation of the Lord's words to judge not to avoid confrontation? We seek to assimilate rather than confront.

Forgive us, Father, for we have sinned against you and disobeyed Your Word. Discipline Your Church, return us to our first love.

Saturday, 25 January 2014

Psalm 78:12-16

In the sight of their fathers he performed wonders in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan. He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap. In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a fiery light. He split rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep. He made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

As you stood between Israel and the Egyptian hordes, as you slaked their thirst and provided for them in the wilderness, so the Son has opened a passage for the Church through the Sea of Sin and Temptation, standing between us and the myriads of the Evil One. You have provided the Living Water that slakes our thirst for the pleasures of this world permanently.

Lord's Day, 26 January 2014

Psalm 119:54

Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my sojourning..

A Lord's Day Song

The Lord's Day, the Lord's Day
Today, today is the Lord's Day

We will celebrate with song
We will celebrate with praise
We will celebrate with thanksgiving
We will celebrate with prayer

We will celebrate the Presence
We will celebrate the Life
We will celebrate the Joy
We will celebrate the Light

The Lord's Day, the Lord's Day
Today, today is the Lord's Day

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