

Monday, 27 January 272014

Psalm 78:17-20

Yet they sinned still more against him, rebelling against the Most High in the desert. They tested God in their heart by demanding the food they craved. They spoke against God, saying, "Can God spread a table in the wilderness? He struck the rock so that water gushed out and streams overflowed. Can he also give bread or provide meat for his people?"

Yes, we demand a prosperity gospel, we want to live with all the toys and accouterments of the materialistic culture around us. Never satisfied, always coveting the temporal and unable to fasten our eyes on the eternal.

Tuesday, 28 January 2014

Psalm 78:21-25

Therefore, when the LORD heard, he was full of wrath; a fire was kindled against Jacob; his anger rose against Israel, because they did not believe in God and did not trust his saving power. Yet he commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven, and he rained down on them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven. Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance.

Even today You do not completely withdraw Your favor from a disobedient and rebellious Church. We catch glimmers of glory that make us long for more but we lack the conviction to seek Your presence in every aspect of our lives.

Wednesday, 29 January 2014

Psalm 78:26-31

He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind; he rained meat on them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas; he let them fall in the midst of their camp, all around their dwellings. And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved. But before they had satisfied their craving, while the food was still in their mouths, the anger of God rose against them, and he killed the strongest of

them and laid low the young men of Israel.

Sometimes Your blessings pour down like the quail on the Israelites but we take it as our due. But You through Your grace withhold Your hand, allowing additional opportunities to repent and turn to You seeking transformation.

Thursday, 30 January 2014

Psalm 78:32-33

In spite of all this, they still sinned; despite his wonders, they did not believe. So he made their days vanish like a breath, and their years in terror.

But how long will you withhold Your hand? Will you rain judgment on the Western Church? Will You bring the cleansing fires of persecution and martyrdom to restore this portion of Your Body or will You send Gabriel to announce Your return?

Friday, 31 January 2014

Psalm 78:34-39

When he killed them, they sought him; they repented and sought God earnestly. They remembered that God was their rock, the Most High God their redeemer. But they flattered him with their mouths; they lied to him with their tongues. Their heart was not steadfast toward him; they were not faithful to his covenant. Yet he, being compassionate, atoned for their iniquity and did not destroy them; he restrained his anger often and did not stir up all his wrath. He remembered that they were but flesh, a wind that passes and comes not again.

Yes revival sweeps through the Church, men and women brought to their knees in repentance. Some have wrecked significant change in the surrounding society but rebellion soon sets in. Why are we not terrified that You will finally exercise tough love.

Saturday, 1 February 2014

Psalm 78:40-55

How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness and grieved him in the desert! They tested God again and again and provoked the Holy One of Israel. They did not remember his power or the day when he redeemed them from the foe, when he performed his signs in Egypt and his marvels in the fields of Zoan. He turned their rivers to blood, so that they could not drink of their streams. He sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured them, and frogs, which destroyed them. He gave their crops to the destroying locust and the fruit of their labor to the locust. He destroyed their vines with hail and their sycamores with frost. He gave over their cattle to the hail and their flocks to thunderbolts. He let loose on them his burning anger, wrath, indignation, and distress, a company of destroying angels. He made a path for his anger; he did not spare them from death, but gave their lives over to the plague. He struck down every firstborn in Egypt, the firstfruits of their strength in the tents of Ham. Then he led out his people like sheep and guided them in the wilderness like a flock. He led them in safety, so that they were not afraid, but the sea overwhelmed their enemies. And he brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. He drove out nations before them; he apportioned them for a possession and settled the tribes of Israel in their tents.

We see the power of Your wrath; we see richness of Your fulfilled promises; what more do we need to bring us into total obedience to the Holy One of Israel?

Lord's Day, 2 February 2014
Psalm 119:60

I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.

I am seeking to hasten and not delay, I have much to learn; it is part of the recognition that You are ever present to me and that I cannot sense the Presence when I am in a state of disobedience.

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