Monday, 17 February 2014

Revelation 3:14-17

"And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation. "'I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

Is this the state of the Church today? Tepid and selfsatisfied? Totally unaware of its pitiful state before the Lord and ridiculed for its naivety by the culture in which it exists.

Tuesday, 18 February 2014

Psalm 81:1-5

To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. Of Asaph. Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp. Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day. For it is a statute for Israel, a rule of the God of Jacob. He made it a decree in Joseph when he went out over the land of Egypt. I hear a language I had not known:

Let us raise our voices in praise and worship. Praise and worship that calls for our entire beings entering into the paeans. Shout to the Lord a new song.

Wednesday, 19 February 2014 Psalm 81:6-7

"I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket. In distress you called, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah

Lord, You lift the crushing burden of sin and disobedience from our shoulders, You deliver us from guilt and shame when we call out to You. You, in Your great mercy, have lifted those burdens and declared that "it is finished," by Your stripes we are healed.

Thursday, 20 February 2014 Psalm 81:8-12

Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me! There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god. I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

O, that we would heed Your voice of warning, that we would heed the lessons of Israel as they turned to other gods and forsook Your Word. Yes, there is a faithful remnant, a portion who heed Your voice; bring revival to those who name the Name but refuse to obey.

Friday, 21 February 2014 Psalm 81:13-18

Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways! I would soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes. Those who hate the LORD would cringe toward him, and their fate would last forever. But he would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

> Lord, that all who call themselves Christians would listen to You and realize that life in the Kingdom of

Heaven is a life of peace, righteousness and joy in the Holy Spirit. It is a life of consummate communion with the one true God and His Son, Jesus Christ whom He has sent. It is a life where His Church hears, "You are precious, you are powerful, you are beautiful, I love you... And my Spirit will accomplish what you cannot."*
Hallelujah.

*From a private correspondence with a friend.

Saturday, 22 February 2014 Psalm 119:81

My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word.

My salvation is sure, but sometimes my understanding and confidence in it wavers. Fill me, Lord, with Your presence, fill me with the confidence that You are in control of every aspect of my life; that I have no reason to doubt anything; You are the Over-comer!

Lord's Day, 23 February 2014 Psalm 119:93

I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life.

It is Your precepts that bring understanding and color to life in the Kingdom. They are the details that provide structure and cohesion to my life. Praise You, Lord, You are the Almighty, all-knowing One.

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