

Monday, 24 February 2014

Romans 13:1-4

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

I have to wonder, Lord, if the present hostility towards Christianity by the Administration is not something that is being allowed by You to chastise Your Church and bring us back to You in repentance? Are we entering into a season of persecution to bring us to our knees? If we obey Your Word in ALL things, will You withdraw the sword from us?

Tuesday, 25 February 2014

Psalms 82:1-4

A Psalm of Asaph. God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment: "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

Will Your Church pursue justice? Will we provide succor to the weak and fatherless; maintaining the right of life for the unborn; rescuing those who are trapped in addictions; providing love and support to those who are victims of abuse? Will we?

Wednesday, 26 February 2014

Psalms 82:5-8

They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince." Arise, O God, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!

Lord, I raise up our shepherds and teachers, that they would judge fairly and equitably; that their ministry would equip each

member of their flock to go out as Ambassadors of Reconciliation bringing Your Shalom into the culture.

Thursday, 27 February 2014

Revelation 6:9-17

When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been. When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

Even as Nebuchadnezzar was used as an instrument of Your justice and correction for the people of Judah, is the current administration and its supporting culture being used by You to bring Your Church into a state of obedience? But even as Nebuchadnezzar fell from power and was given a lesson in Your Awesomeness, will those who currently persecute the Church here and abroad be brought into submission to You?

Friday, 28 February 2014

Psalms 83:1-4

A Song. A Psalm of Asaph. O God, do not keep silence; do not hold your peace or be still, O God! For behold, your enemies make an uproar; those who hate you have raised their heads. They lay crafty plans against your people; they consult together against your treasured ones. They say, "Come, let us wipe them out as a nation; let the name of Israel be remembered no more!"

Lord, I pray for those who are willing to sacrifice all for their faith in this country at this time. Those who give up their businesses

rather than cater to same sex weddings, or rather than support abortion mandates, or refuse to support adoption by same sex partners, or who... Give them strength to continue their testimony.

Saturday, 1 March 2014

Psalm 83:5-18

For they conspire with one accord; against you they make a covenant-- the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites, Gebal and Ammon and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; Asshur also has joined them; they are the strong arm of the children of Lot. Selah Do to them as you did to Midian, as to Sisera and Jabin at the river Kishon, who were destroyed at En-dor, who became dung for the ground. Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna, who said, "Let us take possession for ourselves of the pastures of God." O my God, make them like whirling dust, like chaff before the wind. As fire consumes the forest, as the flame sets the mountains ablaze, so may you pursue them with your tempest and terrify them with your hurricane! Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek your name, O LORD. Let them be put to shame and dismayed forever; let them perish in disgrace, that they may know that you alone, whose name is the LORD, are the Most High over all the earth.

Lord, we are called to pray for and to bless those who curse and persecute us but it is hard, O, so hard. Help me, Holy Spirit to be on my knees to pray and bless those who are inimical to Your Word, who defy Your Law and seek to destroy Your people. Help, me, Lord.

Lord's Day, 2 March 2014

Psalm 119:103

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

How comforting are Your words to my taste, what comfort came this morning from Psalm 36, which reads in part (vv7-8) How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. (Psalm 36:7-8 ESV)

Sweeter than honey to my mouth.

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