

Monday, 31 March 2014

*Psalm 88:13-18*

*But I, O LORD, cry to you; in the morning my prayer comes before you. O LORD, why do you cast my soul away? Why do you hide your face from me? Afflicted and close to death from my youth up, I suffer your terrors; I am helpless. Your wrath has swept over me; your dreadful assaults destroy me. They surround me like a flood all day long; they close in on me together. You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me; my companions have become darkness.*

Lord, news came last night of two dear brothers who have been sent out of state where the ability to make arrangements for housing, employment and support that are necessary before they can be paroled are much more difficult. Sustain them, Lord, that their witness would not be impaired, that they would continue to trust you for everything and that they would not lose faith in Your promise to never leave them nor forsake them.

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Tuesday, 1 April 2014

*Hebrews 11:32-40*

*And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- (who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated-- of whom the world was not worthy--wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.*

Lord, times have not changed. The stories that come to us of the heroic faith of many martyrs in foreign lands should shame our weak witness. We are afraid of ridicule while others are enduring torture, rape and imprisonment. Bring backbone to Your church.

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Wednesday, 2 April 2014

*Psalm 89:1-2*

*A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite. I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."*

Here is our basic marching order—sing of Your steadfast love and to make known Your faithfulness to all generations. All I need to do is sing and tell my story.

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Thursday, 3 April 2014

*Psalm 89:3-4*

*You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: (4) 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah*

Lord, we, Your Church, are grafted into the line of David, a royal priesthood, a holy nation called to serve You by this covenant. We must be ever mindful of our relationship with You.

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Friday, 4 April 2014

*Psalm 89:5-10*

*Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him? O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O LORD, with your faithfulness all around you? You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them. You crushed Rahab like a carcass; you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.*

You are the LORD, God the Almighty. There is nothing

beyond You; You are overall; the One who initiates; the One who causes all to be; the One who ordains and concludes; the One who foresaw all time and ordered all within it; the One to whom every-when is now, everywhere is here and for whom there is no future, no past.

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Saturday, 5 April 2014  
Psalm 89:11-18

*The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them. The north and the south, you have created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name. You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face, who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted. For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted. For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, our Father. Your righteousness and justice extend from everlasting to everlasting, there is no other exemplar of these. You are love and faithfulness; You are forgiveness and mercy; You are our shield and our bulwark in times of trouble; You are the One to whom we bring thanksgiving and praise. You are the Almighty, Jehovah Jirah.

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Lord's Day, 6 April 2014  
Psalm 119:137

*Righteous are you, O LORD, and right are your rules.*

Lord, the only way I can know right and righteousness is to immerse myself in Your rules and take Your Law into my heart. Loving You with heart, mind, soul and strength is to know and love Your Word with all my heart, mind, soul and strength.

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