Monday, 11 August 2014

Psalm105:26-38

He sent Moses, his servant, and Aaron, whom he had chosen. They performed his signs among them and miracles in the land of Ham. He sent darkness, and made the land dark; they did not rebel against his words. He turned their waters into blood and caused their fish to die. Their land swarmed with frogs, even in the chambers of their kings. He spoke, and there came swarms of flies, and gnats throughout their country. He gave them hail for rain, and fiery lightning bolts through their land. He struck down their vines and fig trees, and shattered the trees of their country. He spoke, and the locusts came, young locusts without number, which devoured all the vegetation in their land and ate up the fruit of their ground. He struck down all the firstborn in their land, the firstfruits of all their strength. Then he brought out Israel with silver and gold, and there was none among his tribes who stumbled. Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.

Mighty works to free Israel from Pharaoh's grip, but a far mightier work to free Your Church, Your Bride from Satan's grip. Not the sacrifice of Egypt's wealth and the destruction of their livestock and crops, but the ultimate sacrifice of the Lamb of God.

Tuesday, 12 August 2014

Psalm 105:39-41

He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night. They asked, and he brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance. He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.

Israel received covering and light, food, bread and water, garments and sandals—all their earthly needs. Likewise You provide Your people today with all their spiritual needs. Peace and comfort, shelter from the onslaughts of the Evil One, spiritual manna to nourish our souls and courage to live as a called-out people.

Wednesday, 13 August 2014 Psalm 105:42-45

For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant. So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. And he gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil, that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the LORD!

Our inheritance—to know You and enjoy Your company forever. You have called a people for Your very own and sent the Holy Spirit as the guarantor of that estate.

Thursday, 14 August 2014 James 5:7-8

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Lord, lead me to live today as if it is the last day before Your return, waiting patiently for Your call to Your own to join You in Glory. Lead me to regard tomorrow as 'one day closer' and as another opportunity to declare the Good News in word and deed.

Friday, 15 August 2014 Psalm 106:1-3

Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all his praise? Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

The most mighty work—to defeat death and restore all creation to Shalom. There is no greater, nothing that exceeds this; all other manifestations of the might of the Almighty point to this. Praise Your Holy Name.

Saturday,16 August 2014

Psalm 106:4-5

Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you save them, that I may look upon the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory with your inheritance.

Lord, that I would continue to grow, to be transformed for one degree of glory to another, that every moment of my life would bring me closer to You and serve to reflect Your Glory. Let not sin and disobedience be a veil that hides Your Glory and the transformation that You have worked and are working in me.

Lord's Day, 17 August 2014 Psalm 119:106

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules.

I have sworn an oath—I have made an unbreakable and irrevocable commitment which I can disobey but never eliminate. It exists as long as I exist.

I have confirmed it—I have publicly announced my covenant with the LORD God Almighty, by accepting the sacrament of baptism.

The oath is to use those righteous rules, the Law and the Word of God as the *tertium quid* for my life. All aspects of my life must conform to Your Word.

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