

Monday, 18 August 2014

Psalm 106:6-7

*Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness. Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wondrous works; they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love, but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea.*

Lord, we turn away from You, we do not set first priority upon seeking Your Kingdom and Your righteousness. Sometimes we feel that we have given You sufficient attention with a couple of hours on Sunday morning, not recognizing that You tell us to observe the Lord's Day and set it aside for You. Our priorities during the week are defined by job, family and recreation. Where are You in our hectic lives?

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Tuesday, 19 August 2014

Psalm 106:8-12

*Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power. He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry, and he led them through the deep as through a desert. So he saved them from the hand of the foe and redeemed them from the power of the enemy. And the waters covered their adversaries; not one of them was left. Then they believed his words; they sang his praise.*

Yet in spite of our disobedience, in spite of our foolish attempts to blend into the culture, You call us back to You, time after time. You allow the hornets to sting and remind us to follow You, You discipline Your people to guide and mature them into a rich chorus of praise to You and a people to glorify Your name.

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Wednesday, 20 August 2014

Psalm 106:13-18

*But they soon forgot his works; they did not wait for his counsel. But they had a wanton craving in the wilderness, and put God to*

*the test in the desert; he gave them what they asked, but sent a wasting disease among them. When men in the camp were jealous of Moses and Aaron, the holy one of the LORD, the earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram. Fire also broke out in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.*

We lust after the world's treasures, we chase after the latest trapping of fashion and material things, we are not content with the way You have supplied our earthly needs. We seek power and authority, fame and recognition by men. We forget that we are to lay up treasure in Heaven where moths do not destroy or rust decay. Forgive us, Lord and lead us out of this wilderness.

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Thursday, 21 August 2014

Psalm 106:19-23

*They made a calf in Horeb and worshiped a metal image. They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass. They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea. Therefore he said he would destroy them— had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.*

“You shall have no other gods before Me” Yet more and more we look to the government to supply our needs: SSA, Medicare, SSI, unemployment benefits, and the list goes on. We have abdicated the church's responsibility to care for the poor and sick among us. We allow the massive entertainment industry to amuse us and help us while away our idle hours by providing mindless amusement and satisfying our lusts.

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Friday, 22 August 2014

Psalm 106:24-27

*Then they despised the pleasant land, having no faith in his promise. They murmured in their tents, and did not obey the voice of the LORD. Therefore he raised his hand and swore to them that he would make them fall in the wilderness, and would make their*

*offspring fall among the nations, scattering them among the lands.*

If our calling is to serve as Ambassadors of Reconciliation, and it is, how can the Lord continue to allow our lack of full and complete application to the task? We rail against the government. We despise those who do not follow Your teachings. We attack the character of those who do not agree with our understanding of the Word of God. This is not working for reconciliation, not using our God given talents to persuade and teach.

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*Saturday, 23 August 2014*

*Psalm 106:28-31*

*Then they yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor, and ate sacrifices offered to the dead; they provoked the LORD to anger with their deeds, and a plague broke out among them. Then Phinehas stood up and intervened, and the plague was stayed. And that was counted to him as righteousness from generation to generation forever.*

Lord, heal those men who name You as Lord from the God of Pornography. Heal all those who call themselves Christian from allegiance to the God of Choice. Heal from addiction to the Gods of Drugs and Alcohol. Heal from the fealty to the Gods of Greed and Covetousness. Heal Your people and restore us wholly to You

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*Lord's Day, 24 August 2014*

*Psalm 119:116*

*Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live, and let me not be put to shame in my hope!*

Lord, let your promises be seen by all, let your joy and peace be the hallmarks of my life. Let me not desert and abandon Your promises for that would bring deserved shame upon me and make me an agent of disgrace to Your Name.

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