

Monday, 13 October 2014

1 John 5:14-15

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Let's see if I have this straight, Lord. You hear me when I ask according to Your will. And whatever You hear, You grant, How do I know I am asking according to Your will? By renewing of my mind (Rom. 12:2 and ! Cor. 2:13-16) Hallelujah!

Tuesday, 14 October 2014

Psalm 115:1-3

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness! Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

"To God be the glory, great things He hath done." "Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me."

Wednesday, 15 October 2014

Psalm 115:4-8

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.

Lord, I pray for Your Church, that we will not be sucked into the world's constructed idols. These idols take

strange and unexpected forms, so subtle and attractive. An article in today's local paper, regarding a family who has chosen to pursue a child's sports career even though it has totally separated them from the Church, breaks my heart. It brings to mind our family's devotion to family activities that took Your place when our children were younger; we are paying the price today. Forgive us, Lord, we have sinned against You. Bring our children and grandchildren to know and love You.

Thursday, 16 October 2014

Psalm 115:9-11

O Israel, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.

Another three step progression. 1st I must understand what it is to fear You for I cannot know what I do not comprehend. 2nd is the development of trust in You, in Your Goodness, in the completeness of Your promises to me, in the knowing that You will never leave me nor forsake me. 3rd is Shalom that invades my very being, that stands as Your help and shield between me and the Evil One.

Friday, 17 October 2014

Psalm 115:12-15

The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron; he will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great. May the LORD give you increase, you and your children! May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth!

Lord, there's that key verb again, 'to fear.' What is it to fear You? Not to be terrified, but to regard with

feelings of respect and reverence; consider hallowed or exalted or be in awe of. Terror has been removed and replaced with an awareness of Your Love for Your Creation. Hallelujah!

Saturday, 18 October 2014

Psalm 115:16-18

The heavens are the LORD's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man. The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any who go down into silence. But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

The earth is ours, Your people's, Your Church to use according to Your will. Not to abuse and misuse but to tend and care for with utmost reverence and respect. We are Your Ambassadors of Reconciliation, called to implement Shalom and carry the Gospel of Repentance and Forgiveness to all nations and peoples.

Lord's Day, 19 October 2014

Psalm 119:7

I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules.

Lord, that my praise of you would be the work of my hands, the path of my feet, and the words of my mouth. That the very essence of me would be You. Guide me, Lord, in a Kingdom life.

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