Monday, 16 March 2015

Psalm 143:7-10

Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

> O Lord, Your steadfast love is manifest to me is so many ways:Your face always before me, the sure leading of the path before me, the impenetrable refuge that shields me from all enemies and the Spirit to lead and guide me according to Your will. Praise You, my Lord and Master.

Tuesday, 17 March 2015

Psalm 143:11-12

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.

> Lord, my preserver, my shield, the One who stands between me and all my foes. Yes, the world may inflict hurts and wounds but my eternal soul is safe in You. May I serve You all the days of my life.

Wednesday, 18 March 2015

Psalm 144:1-4

Blessed be the LORD, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle; He is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and he in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me. O LORD, what is man that You regard him, or the son of man that You think of him? Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow.

> Lord, without You, I am of no more consequence than a shadow that passes across the lawn, providing a momentary blockage of the light and warmth from the sun. But with You, I

am equipped for Your service, trained and armed to carry the message of reconciliation into the domain of the Evil One. Not only do You arm me, but You are my provision of rest and restoration; You are my Lord and my Master.

Yes, Lord, David's question does evoke a sense of my insignificance but the answer is that I am a child of the King upon which You lavish great love.

Thursday, 19 March 2015 Psalm 144:5-8

Bow Your heavens, O LORD, and come down! Touch the mountains so that they smoke! Flash forth the lightning and scatter them; send out Your arrows and rout them! Stretch out Your hand from on high; rescue me and deliver me from the many waters, from the hand of foreigners, whose mouths speak lies and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

> Lord, You do demonstrate the power and faithfulness of Your love each day. In creation and in transformed lives. How You bless Betty and I by allowing us to participate in this work, to be Your messengers of Good News in the prisons. To watch the quieting of B, or when a demon possessed man like R is moved to apologize for his emotional and vulgar outburst in our previous gathering. Evidences of Your Holy Spirit moving to transform lives. Praise You my Lord and My Master.

Friday, 20 March 2015 Psalm 144:9-11

I will sing a new song to You, O God; upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to You, who gives victory to kings, who rescues David His servant from the cruel sword. Rescue me and deliver me from the hand of foreigners, whose mouths speak lies and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

> I will sing of my Redeemer and Your wondrous love for me. On the cruel cross You suffered, from the curse to set me free. Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer, with Your blood You purchased me. On the cross You sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.

> Thank You, praise You, my Lord. You have cleansed me and set my feet upon a solid rock.You have sent Your Holy Spirit to

guide and teach me, to live a life of honor to Your name. I owe it all to You, my Lord and my Master.

Saturday, 21 March 2015 Psalm 144:12-15

May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, our daughters like corner pillars cut for the structure of a palace; may our granaries be full, providing all kinds of produce; may our sheep bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields; may our cattle be heavy with young, suffering no mishap or failure in bearing; may there be no cry of distress in our streets! Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall! Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!

> Lord, my prayer this morning is for that portion of Your church within the prisons of the Vermont Department of Corrections. First for those incarcerated there who have or will come to accept You as Lord and Master; that they will continue to grow in faithfulness, that Your wisdom will infuse their hearts, minds and consciences and that they will be freed from the bondages of anger, addictions, rejection, lusts and others that have been the hallmarks of their past lives. Lead them, Lord, into lives that glorify You. Secondly, I pray for those individuals, employed by DoC, who are known by You and who seek to live according to Your word. Bless them and encourage them for they work in an atmosphere where the Evil One is honored. Thank You for their quiet perseverance. Thirdly, I pray for the DoC and that a spirit of justice will prevail, a determination to seek restoration rather than retribution. Guide and bless all those who are working to this goal.

Lord's Day, 22 March 2015 *Psalm 119:27*

Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

> Lord, I continue to struggle to keep You before me continuously, even that is an overstatement. I am not struggling, I am forgetting, Help me with my unbelief!

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