

Monday, 9 November 2015 Romans 10:14-15

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

We're all familiar with the Red Hat Ladies, that group of women who meet from time to time to enjoy each others company. Did we ever consider that when we get together to worship the LORD and to celebrate our salvation, that we are the Good Feet Club? Sometimes I wonder why we don't spend a major portion of our congregational worship exchanging the opportunities we have had to share the Good News since we were last together. By the way, this is not a job for preachers, it is a job for saints.

Tuesday, 10 November 2015 Psalms 117:1-2

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

As I read this, the shortest of all the Psalms, this morning, I began to wonder how often we are commanded to praise the Lord in the Psalms. And the answer is 34 times in 31 verses. The next question was the frequency of 'praise.' 134 times in 111 verses. I suppose we can chase the statistical analysis too far, but it is significant that many of the Psalms contain an instruction to raise our voices together in praise.

Yes, I know I've written some a few weeks ago on Psalm 150 and its emphasis on praise. But not enough. Please join me as I examine other instances of our instructions to praise the Lord.

Wednesday, 11 November 2015 Psalms 6:4-5

Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love. For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?

There is a very interesting and significant thought buried in this passage. It is the recognition of the Psalmist that not only is praise powerful in life, it will be impossible in Hell.

This thought is carried in other Psalms, (c.f. 30:9,115:17). It hammers home to me the absolute importance of making praise an integral part of my life. Will those poor lost souls be aware of the absolute perfection of the Lord, God the Almighty but unable to praise Him? I believe the answer is yes. I must not let any opportunity to praise Him slip through my fingers--it is a blessing that is beyond my ability to fully comprehend.

Thursday, 12 November 2015 Psalms 7:11,17

God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day... I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

What does it mean to praise God for His righteousness? It means to recognize and dwell upon all those characteristics that are wholly of God.

Please join with me as I attempt to develop a complete sense of what it is to praise God, really praise Him for all He is and to dwell upon the many pieces of evidence of His almightiness.

1 John 1:5

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

LORD, the Almighty, You are light--pure coherent light, intensely bright, with no shading or shadows. I, in my sinful state, could not enter into Your Presence, could not be in that powerful, searing light. But You, as an expression of Your love for Your creation, sent Your Son to remove the stains and enable me to enter into that light.

Praise You, LORD!

Friday, 13 November 2015 Isaiah 45:19

I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, 'Seek me in vain.' I the LORD speak the truth; I declare what is right.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

LORD, You speak **TRUTH**. Not in secret, not in darkness, not in vain, not relative but absolute. Your Word is yea and amen, it is the way to life in the Kingdom; it is the path that leads to a knowing of the Father; it is the Way of Life.

Praise You, LORD.

Saturday, 14 November 2015 Psalms 33:5

He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

Psalms 89:2

For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor

anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 3:17-19

so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Your steadfast, staunch, unswerving, unwavering, unshakable, unfaltering, unbendable, stiff, steady, firm love does surpass my ability to fully comprehend. So beyond my ability to completely absorb; a quality that I can only marvel at and seek to trust in every aspect of my life.

You, LORD, God the Almighty love me. You have always loved me even in my filth and squalor, but You love me too much to leave me in that condition. I have been washed, made fit for Your presence.

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, God the Almighty.

Lord's Day, 15 November 2015

Psalm 119:124

Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statutes.

To deal with me according to Your steadfast love is to deal with me in justice, mercy, and grace. It is the way I learn obedience to Your statutes, the way I learn to adsorb Your Word into my life.

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