Monday, 21 November 2016 Psalms 25:1-3

Of David. To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

LORD, two thoughts as I read this Psalm. The first is not so much the ridicule of those who refuse to trust in you as it is my fear that I will stand and will allow the witness of my trust to waver.

The second is a prayer for those who wantonly disobey Your Word, but continue to claim the mantle of Christianity. Cause the disobedient among the Church to be consumed by shame. I pray that the unfaithful will be driven to seek Your face.

Tuesday, 22 November 2016

Psalms 26:1-3

Of David. Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind. For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.

LORD, as I sit here in the peace and quiet of my own home, it would be easy to agree with David and claim that I had been unwavering in my trust. Easy but a lie. Prove me and try me, LORD, in the sense of searching for my faults and weaknesses. Teach me to keep my eyes on Your steadfast love and to walk in the cover of Your faithfulness.

Wednesday, 23 November 2016

Psalms 27:13-14

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! I believe/trust/commit/have faith in the goodness of the LORD and will continue to see that while I still dwell in this world.

LORD, that I will wait for You, for that time in Your wisdom when all has been accomplished. Do not let my resolve weaken or my courage flag.

Thursday, 24 November 2016

Psalms 28:7

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

What beautiful pairings in this verse. As I think about the relationship between Him as my strength and shield, it is no wonder that my heart is moved into a spirit of trust resulting in an awareness of His help. My being is moved to an exultation that can only be expressed in a song of thanksgiving and praise.

Friday, 25 November 2016

Psalms 31:6

I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD.

How can anyone put their confidence in worthless idols, whether they be stock markets, politicians, media and sports celebrities, personal wisdom, or ... The list is endless.

To trust in the LORD, God the Almighty, the Creator, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is far more effective, far more complete and He promises to never leave me nor forsake me. Hallelujah!

Saturday, 26 November 2016

Psalms 31:14

But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

To 'trust' is to completely rely upon. It is commitment without reservation.

These words 'believe/trust/commit/obey/faith' do not properly have modifiers. I either trust the LORD, God the Almighty in every aspect of my life or I don't trust at all. I cannot reserved any portion of my being to myself and for my control.

Lord's Day, 27 November 2016 Psalm 119:36

Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!

Lord, that everything I do, every word I speak, every thought in my mind, would be one that testifies to Your goodness, love, mercy and grace. That my life would display Your righteousness in all aspects to everyone I have any contact with. Especially the those who do not love and obey you!

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



November 21-27, 2016

I was dealing with a very difficult and perplexing problem in the spring of 1989 and tackling it by trying to learn everything I could on the subject. One evening, as I continued my studies, God told me very clearly that the root of the problem was that I did not know Him. I put down the book I was reading and picked up a Bible figuring that was where I was going to find Him. That began what has been a 27-year search to know, really know in a John 17:3 way, the Lord, God the Almighty.

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^{*}LORD or LORD, God the Almighty always refers to the Trinitarian God.