

**Monday, 5 November 2018** Romans 8:16-17

*The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

Many times, I had had the experience of knowing that I was speaking to a fellow Believer before more than a couple of sentences had been exchanged. And the other party was likewise experiencing the same. The Spirit was talking to our spirits that we were in good company. Never failed and often was the beginning of a friendship that continues to this day.

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**Tuesday, 6 November 2018** Romans 8:22-23

*For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

Yes, I am reveling in the firstfruits of my salvation, the life of righteousness, peace, and joy that is life in the Spirit in the Kingdom here and now. But oh what joy awaits me when I shuck off this worn and abused hulk. No more aches and pains thinly masked by drugs, potions, and homemade nostrums, but a new body unspoiled by Sin.

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**Wednesday, 7 November 2018** Romans 8:26

*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.*

A frequent problem, a situation arises in which I have absolutely no idea how to pray for the LORD, God, the Almighty to intervene. I am convinced that anyway in which God intervenes will be far superior to all my wildest dreams. I demonstrate trust in the Goodness of the LORD by taking my problem to the Spirit and turning it over to Him.

**Thursday, 8 November 2018** Romans 8:27-28

*And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

So often, I hear someone say, "If only I knew the will of God, I would do it." The underlying thought here is that I don't have to know the will of God, I only have to be willing to seek the intercession of the Spirit and then go through the doors as the Spirit opens them. Sometimes there are multiple doors open. Isn't the Spirit telling me to pick one, go through it, and begin to work for the advancement of the Kingdom in the here and now? He can use me in any of these options.

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**Friday, 9 November 2018** Romans 9:1-3

*I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.*

Paul was expressing the depth and intensity of his desire to bring the Gospel to his fellow Israelites and offering the transformation of his conscience as proof. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit would likewise bring that great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart for any of my children and grandchildren who do not know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

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**Saturday, 10 November 2018** Romans 14:17-18

*For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.*

The Kingdom of God **is** a matter of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Hmmm, the x, y, and z coordinates of the Kingdom of God. I expand the boundaries of the Kingdom of God within my Personal Mission Field as I grow in righteousness, peace, and joy through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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**Lord's Day, 11 November 2018** Psalm 119:54

*Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my sojourning.*

I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever:

I will sing, I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever:

I will sing of the mercies of the LORD.

With my mouth will I make known

Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness.

With my mouth will I make known

Thy faithfulness to all generations.

Lord, today, this day and every day that this would not be a praise chorus with a catchy tune but would be the melody of my life. No, it is to sing of Your mercies and faithfulness to all generations as I sojourn in Your house.

# VOICES TOGETHER

*Daily Meditations from the Scriptures*



*November 5-11, 2018*

**Prayer of the week, based on Paul's prayer in: Ephesians 3:13-16**

*So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.*

LORD, we come before You in thanksgiving and praise, for we have been grafted into Your family. We are no longer sinful scum, but are called into a glorious ministry of reconciliation so that Your Kingdom will be advanced in the here and now.

In recognition of that calling, we are called by Your Name, Your glorious and powerful Name. *Amen*

***To fear or not to fear, that is the question.***

The fear of the Lord, an expression that occurs many times in Scripture, 142 in the ESV in various forms, is not well understood in the Church today. For many, the phrase represents a weak and flabby description of an overly saccharine spiritual being of some sort. It certainly does not include the concept of the LORD, God the Almighty who spoke all things into being and who controls all things.

Join with me in examining the fear of the LORD and seeking an understanding of life in the Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now as guided by that fear.

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