

Monday, 8 July 2019 Psalm 57:1-3

To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Miktam of David, when he fled from Saul, in the cave.

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings, I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by. I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me. He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame him who tramples on me. Selah, God, will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!

Lord, part of the joy of my salvation is the knowledge that it is accompanied by Your faithfulness. I have nothing to fear for You are a shield about me, not only protecting me from those who seek my destruction but those who want only to destroy the relationship between You and I. To know that You know the plans you have for me, for my good and Your glory -- that is joy.

Tuesday, 9 July 2019 Psalm 57:4-6

My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down amid fiery beasts-- the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth! They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down. They dug a pit in my way, but they have fallen into it themselves. Selah

The news is nothing but a gushing stream of disaster; the collapse of the world's financial system, the implosion of societal morals and ethics, and the dissolution of the authority of Your Word among the churches. But You are exalted, You are glorified, You are, and nothing moves unless You allow it.

Wednesday, 10 July 2019 Psalm 57:7-10

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody! Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

I am content; I am secure; I am Yours. Let my mouth be

filled with praises, and my spirit overflow with worship. Let there be no holding back, no hesitation to declare Your glory and to give You thanks in all circumstances.

Thursday, 11 July 2019 Psalm 57:11

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

I will give thanks to You among ALL the peoples; I will sing praise to You among ALL the nations. I will sing and make melody in my heart from the rising of the sun until I close my eyes at night. I will exult you Name, I will shout of the steadfastness of your love to the heavens, I will speak of your faithfulness to the clouds, I will declare your Glory over all the earth. I am Yours.

Friday, 12 July 2019

Psalm 119:169-170

Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word! Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word.

Draw me closer, closer to thy precious wounded side. Give me understanding, Lord, that I might walk in your way, shining in the light of your Glory. Deliver me from the attacks of the evil one, keep me from those guilt trips that he constantly throws at me. Keep me remembering that I am washed in the blood, pure in your sight, called to be your servant.

Saturday, 13 July 2019 Psalm 119:171-172

My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes. My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right.

Knowledge, true knowledge results in praise, for your statutes and commandments reveal the right ordering and operation of your creation. Just as they reveal wrongness to those who do not submit to you, they reveal rightness to those who have sworn obedience to you.

Lord's Day, 14 July 2019 Exodus 20:1-2, 13

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ... You shall not murder."

Lord, since 22 January 1973 when the Supreme Court ruled that a woman had the right to abort her child, over 60,000,000 children have been murdered in their mother's womb. The mother's womb, a haven of safety as designed by the LORD, God, the Almighty, has been turned into an abattoir, a slaughterhouse. A child of a minority race has a less than 50-50 chance of natural birth. And the Church is silent.

How many thousands of lives are held in frozen stasis in embryo banks because their parents demanded the satisfaction of owning a child even if the cost is the sacrificed lives of other of their children? And the Church is silent.

Lord, bring us to our knees in repentance. Force us to be the voices of those sacrificed lives, rising to prick the conscience of this nation. If we remain silent, let the stones of the walls cry out. It is no wonder that You withhold revival, we withhold repentance!

For the stone will cry out from the wall, and the beam from the woodwork respond. "Woe to him who builds a town with blood and founds a city on iniquity!"
Habakkuk 2:11-12

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Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



July 8-14, 2019

Prayer of the week, based on Paul's prayer in: 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge—because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

We thank You, LORD, for the grace, given to us in Christ Jesus. In Him we have been equipped in every way to carry our testimony about Christ; through our speaking, writing and living to those You have given us to serve.

Thank You that we do not lack any spiritual gift as we eagerly await our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. We are convinced that He will keep us strong until the end so that we will be presented to You, blameless and pure on that Day. You, who have called us into fellowship with Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, are faithful.

Praise You, LORD, God the Almighty. *Amen.*

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