

Monday, 29 July 2019 Psalm 60:1-3

To the choirmaster: according to Shushan Eduth. A Miktam of David; for instruction; when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and when Joab on his return struck down twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

O God, you have rejected us, broken our defenses; You have been angry; oh, restore us. You have made the land to quake; You have torn it open; repair its breaches, for it totters. You have made your people see hard things; You have given us wine to drink that made us stagger.

Lord, we see the seen, not the unseen. So we see all crumbling around us, the Church of Christendom in decay, morals, and ethics based solely on self-interest mirroring the culture in which it exists. And as a result, we wring our hands, declaring that all is lost. We see the triumph of Satan and the capitulation of the Kingdom; we refuse to live within the borders of the Kingdom; our faith is a weak reed that collapses each Sunday morning at noon.

Tuesday, 30 July 2019 Psalm 60:4-8

You have set up a banner for those who fear You, that they may flee to it from the bow. Selah That Your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by Your right hand and answer us! God has spoken in his holiness: "With exultation, I will divide up Shechem and portion out the Vale of Succoth. Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim is my helmet; Judah is my scepter. Moab is my washbasin; upon Edom, I cast my shoe; over Philistia, I shout in triumph."

But, Lord, you have called your Body, not as an endless proclaimer of a bitter jeremiad, but as one to declare your Glories to the nations. You have called us to see the unseen and be lifted up by your triumph. To tell all that you are in control, you are advancing the Kingdom, that to have trust and faith in you is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Wednesday, 31 July 2019 Psalm 60:9-12

Who will bring me to the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom? Have You not rejected us, O God? You do not go forth, O God, with our armies. Oh, grant us help against the foe, for vain is the salvation of man! With God we shall do valiantly; it is

He who will tread down our foes.

Oh, Lord, open the eyes of our hearts, give us the sight to see the unseen. To see the unseen is to know your will, to see the unseen is to know that the Kingdom is advancing, to see the unseen is make disciples as we go. To see the unseen is to see You and to bask in Your presence

Thursday, 1 August 2019 Psalm 61:1-4

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. Of David. Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I, for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy. Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings! Selah

Lord, lead me to the Rock! Lead me to that Place that is far above my feeble and faint heart. Your strength, Your wisdom, Your grace, Your mercy, Your love, Your patience, Your kindness Your power are the stones that form an impregnable tower in which I am sheltered and protected.

Friday, 2 August 2019 Psalm 61:5-8

For you, O God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name. Prolong the life of the king; may his years endure to all generations! May he be enthroned forever before God; appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him! So will I ever sing praises to your name, as I perform my vows day after day?

You have set me as a king and a priest before You; You have promised Your steadfast love and faithfulness will always be my portion. It is Your covenant with me. I have sworn a vow of obedience in all things and accepted You as Lord and Master of my life.

Lord, as I go through my day, let the performance of that vow of obedience be a song of praise to Your Name. *Whatsoever my hand finds to do today, let it be done as unto You.*

Saturday, 3 August 2019 Psalm 119:17-18

Deal bountifully with Your servant, that I may live and keep Your Word. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Your law.

LORD, each morning as I watch the unfolding of the day, I receive a new lesson in how Your Word brings light and life to the world. As the light breaks through to reveal the details and beauty of Your creation, so does Your Son, the Word made flesh, He who is the light of the world. Therefore, I no longer need to walk in darkness but do have the light of life.

Thank You, my LORD, for these constant reminders of Your grace and mercy to me and all of Your creation.

Lord's Day, 4 August 2019 Exodus 20:1-2, 16

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 bear false witness against your neighbor."

If I cannot slander or bear false witness, then sarcasm is ruled out too. "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." Colossians 4:6 No slander, no *ad hominem* attacks, no insults. The guiding rule is to build up rather than tear do

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July 29-8/5, 2019

Prayer of the week, based on Paul's prayer in: Ephesians 1:15-17

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

LORD, God the Almighty, we come to You in thanksgiving for this congregation and the many ways that You are using us to bring the message of Your Kingdom to saints throughout our community. Continue, LORD, to increase the working of Your Holy Spirit within us so that we can know You better and bring revelation to those ones You have given us to serve. *Amen*

It is time to revisit some of my earlier meditations. So I am republishing meditations and prayers from about 10 years ago and finding renewed stimulation and instruction,

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