

**Monday, 5 August 2019** Psalm 62:1-2

*To the choirmaster: according to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David. For God alone, my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.*

Lord, I confess, sometimes I am shaken, sometimes I am afraid to wait for You, forgetting that You are my Rock and my Salvation, the impregnable Fortress.

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**Tuesday, 6 August 2019** Psalm 62:3-4

*How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence? They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse. Selah*

In this time of trials, Lord, as I watch the rotting away of the moral fiber of the nation and the church following suit, it is difficult to remember that You are in control. Forgive me for not trusting You, for not believing You when You tell me that not even a sparrow falls without Your knowledge. Teach me to trust in Your promises and to take Your word as Your Word.

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**Wednesday, 7 August 2019** Psalm 62:5-6

*For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.*

Lord, it is You and You alone who provides the strength to stand against the Evil One; You are the pillar of my faith and the healer of my wounds. It is to You that I must learn to turn on times of trial; I must learn to wait on Your guidance and instruction, learn to wait until You tell me to move in the direction You would have me go.

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**Thursday, 8 August 2019** Psalm 62:8

*Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah*

My Lord, my Only! The only Trustworthy One, at all times and in all things. In every circumstance and every challenge. The Source of Wisdom and Power, the Source of Grace, Mercy, and Love, the Source, and the Refuge.

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**Friday, 9 August 2019** Psalm 62:9-10

*Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.*

Why is it, Lord, that I am so quick to seek the advice of others, even those who have not demonstrated a love for You and Your word? What does it take for me to learn that You, operating through the Holy Spirit, is all the guidance I need? Teach me, Lord, bring me to my knees.

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**Saturday, 10 August 2019** Psalm 62:11-12

*Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.*

I want to hear that, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." I want to see that what I have done in my life comes out of the fire as gold and silver, not hay and stubble that was consumed. I set my sights on this end, to bring glory to You and your Name, seeking to live in obedience to your Word

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**Lord's Day, 11 August 2019** Exodus 20:1-2

*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 covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."*

Why am I so willing to covet things and stuff but so unwilling to covet a relationship with You? Why do I not spend time in communion with You but spend the time dreaming of trips to exotic lands and far off places? Sometimes, reading the Scriptures seems like a chore, why do I not covet that precious time in Your word and fight against any intrusion? Why are there mornings that I rush through my prayer time so that I can read the morning papers? Help me, Lord, to learn to covet my time with You.

# VOICES TOGETHER

*Daily Meditations from the Scriptures*



*August 5-11, 2019*

*Prayer of the week, based on Paul's prayer in: Ephesians 1:18-19a  
I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.*

LORD, my prayer for the [congregation] is that the perceptions of our hearts would be inflamed and filled with passion by the hope to which we are called; that those saints we are called to serve would be encouraged to display the riches of Your glorious inheritance in every aspect of their lives That none of us would doubt that incomparable great power which accomplishes more than we can ask or imagine. *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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