

Monday, 2 September 2019 Psalm 65:1-3

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. A Song.

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.

LORD, it is so amazing that before the foundation of the world, You had Your plan of salvation in place, fully worked out in all details. You knew all the facets of my sin; You knew precisely how You would provide the One who would take my place and be my substitute bearing Your wrath for my sin. You are, indeed an awesome God.

Tuesday, 3 September 2019 Psalm 65:4

Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

Lord, You have atoned for my transgressions, You have brought me into Your courts to be near to You. It is good to dwell in Your house forever, to bask in the radiance of Your holiness and the warmth of Your glory. You chose me before I was in my mother's womb to be one of Yours, a prince of the Realm.

Wednesday, 4 September 2019 Psalm 65:5-8

By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas; the one who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with might; who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples, so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs. You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

You are not a clockwork god, one who winds up his creation, sets it down and lets it run willy-nilly as it wants and where it wills. No, You are a God who supervises and manages His creation with loving care; a God who enjoys the beauty of what He has fashioned and is determined to restore it to its pristine beauty in spite of the spoilage wreaked by man's sin and self-will.

Thursday, 5 September 2019 Psalm 65:9-13

You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Lord, You speak to me each day through Your righteousness, Your awesome Power and Your infinite care of the infinitesimal. You who cause the stars to birth are the cause of each molecule moving; as You cause the galaxies to move in their paths, so you cause the gentle breeze to refresh and the rains to nourish. All creation shouts for joy as it experiences the goodness of Your hand,

Friday, 6 September 2019 Psalm 119:41

Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise;

I know, Lord, that your steadfast love does come to me, but I plead for the out-working of your salvation in my life. I plead for the continuation of that good work which you have begun, Lord, show me the unseeable, teach me the unknowable, let me hear the unhearable, feel the untouchable; to know you and the Father who sent you.

Saturday, 7 September 2019 Psalm 119:48

I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes.

I love your commandments; they speak and guide me to you; they reveal the beauty of you to me, providing a structure for me to live within.

Lord's Day, 8 September 2019 Exodus 20:1-2, 7

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 take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his

name in vain."

Lord, guide me today so that all my actions, deeds and conversation will exult you and bring honor to your name; that name which is above all other names and to which every knee shall bow, every tongue shall confess that you are Lord.

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Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



September 2-8, 2019

Prayer of the week, based on Paul's prayer in: Ephesians 3:13-21

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. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

LORD, I pray for my fellow brothers of the [congregation] and its leaders, that we would be filled out of that treasury of Your glorious riches, that we would be completely equipped to carry out those works that You prepared for us before the beginning of time. I pray that each of us would be equipped with hearts that are Your dwelling place, hearts that are powered by faith, hearts that display lives of trust and obedience. May You be glorified through us. Amen

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