

Monday, 7 March 2016

Isaiah 51:6

Look up to the skies above, and gaze down on the earth below. For the skies will disappear like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a piece of clothing. The people of the earth will die like flies, but My salvation lasts forever. My righteous rule will never end! [NLT]

The LORD, God the Almighty's righteous rule, His righteousness will never end; it will never change; it is the absolute definition of right and wrong, and good and evil. It is the standard of moral integrity. It provides the means for me to judge all my actions, thoughts and words. Moreover, He provides the Holy Spirit to guide me into an understanding of the application of His righteousness to my life.

Tuesday, 8 March 2016

Psalms 89:14

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

The LORD, God the Almighty's righteousness and justice are the underpinnings of the Kingdom of God. They are the precepts upon which all other manifestations of His rule exist. They are the absolutes! They are never in conflict, without any sense of relativity.

Wednesday, 9 March 2016

Jeremiah 23:5-6

"For the time is coming," says the LORD, "when I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David's line. He will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land. And this will be His name: 'The LORD Is Our Righteousness.' In that day Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. [NLT]

Yes, I know Jeremiah writes regarding the coming of my Lord and Savior, but wouldn't it be an incredible

blessing to have a candidate for office who was seeking to exercise the responsibilities of the office upon the righteousness of the LORD, God the Almighty? Maybe I should be using this as a standard to evaluate my votes next November?

Thursday, 10 March 2016

1 Corinthians 1:30-31

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Christ Jesus, God Incarnate, the LORD, God the Almighty who became man and dwelt among us, provides the window into the righteousness and justice that I need to conduct all facets of my life in a way that glorifies Him. Plus, I have no excuse for not knowing. Romans 1:20 tells me that His invisible qualities--His eternal power and divine nature are clearly displayed throughout His Creation.

Friday, 11 March 2016

Genesis 15:6

And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

And now to the crux of the matter. Just as Abraham believed (had faith, trusted, committed, obeyed) and it was counted to him as righteousness, so must I. He didn't walk perfectly, a couple of instances where he did not trust Yahweh for his safety and lied about his relationship with Sarah come to mind, yet he is counted among the LORD, God the Almighty's faithful. Lord, lead me into a life of faithfulness to You and Your Word. Forgive me for those instances where I allow doubt and anxiety to consume my peace.

Saturday, 12 March 2016

Romans 4:5-6

And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

Catch that--it is faith (trust, belief, commit, obey) that makes me righteous in His eyes. It is not all the things I do in His Name, or the number of times I preach or the books I write, or the consistency with which I read the Bible, or the elaborateness of my prayers, or on and on. No, it is do I trust Him, do I believe His Word, is He Lord and Master of my life?

Lord's Day, 13 March 2016

Psalm 119:83

For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, yet I have not forgotten your statutes.

Yes, Lord, I feel like I am in a swirling cloud of smoke without a clear vision of purpose and direction. Help me to see clearly where Your will is for me and help me to not be diverted.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



March 7-13, 2016

I was dealing with a very difficult and perplexing problem in the spring of 1989 and tackling it by trying to learn everything I could on the subject. One evening, as I continued my studies, God told me very clearly that the root of the problem was that I did not know Him. I put down the book I was reading and picked up a Bible figuring that was where I was going to find Him. That began what has been a 27-year search to know, really know in a John 17:3 way, the Lord, God the Almighty.*

Voices Together has and continues to be, a very important part of that search. It is extracted from my daily meditations and is shared in the hope that others will be encouraged to turn to the Scriptures as a rich source of guidance for prayer and meditation.

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* LORD or LORD, God the Almighty always refers to the Trinitarian God.