

Monday, 25 April 2016

Mat 5:12

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

If the reviling and persecution is truly because of my testimony, that I am to rejoice and be exceeding glad (KJV). But not because of an eventual reward but because I have been counted worthy to suffer for the Name of my Lord. And to experience a deeper awareness of the righteousness, peace and joy that is life in the Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now.

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Tuesday, 26 April 2016

Mat 5:13

*"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.*

If my 'salt' (witness, testimony) is impure, my saltiness will leach out because of the influence of the world around me--there will be no value to my witness; it will be thrown out and disregarded by the world. I must be constantly alert to the danger that my life and my words are inconsistent with the Word of God.

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Wednesday, 27 April 2016

Mat 5:14

*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

The Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now **cannot** be hidden. No secular power, no alternative religion, no other gospel, no wile of the Evil One can hid the power and effect of the Kingdom.

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Thursday, 28 April 2016

Mat 5:15

*Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a*

*stand, and it gives light to all in the house.*

*Ephesians 5:8-10 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.*

I see this as the process of putting my light on a stand. The Spirit has ignited that Light (1John 1:5) within me and I am to seek to allow that Light to shine throughout my personal mission field.

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Friday, 29 April 2016

Mat 5:16

*In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Am I quick. when someone says, "Good job, John" to give the glory and praise to my Father in heaven? I'm afraid not! Forgive me, Lord, that I am so eager for praise that I hijack that which is rightly Yours.

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Saturday, 30 April 2016

Mat 5:17

*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.*

Jesus' audience recognized the reference to the Law and Prophets as including the entire Old Testament canon and that He was implying that this Word revealed the will of God. He telling them, and me, that He came to fulfill the will of God. Therefore I must be very assiduous in my studies of the Word of God to include the Old Testament and become very familiar with how the Will of God, as revealed therein, applies

to and guides me today.

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Lord's Day, 1 May 2016

Psalm 119:140

*Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.*

I do love Your promises; I find great comfort in them—when I remember them. When will I arrive at that blessed state of totally depending upon Your wisdom and guidance in all things? When will I learn to seek out Your promises on a matter and act upon that promise rather than going my own way until the situation is so bad I must turn to You? Then and only then, You will truly be Lord and Master of my life.

## VOICES TOGETHER

*Daily Meditations from the Scriptures*



*April 25-May 1, 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.

It is published daily on the website of the Fellowship of Ailbe, [www.ailbe.org](http://www.ailbe.org); along with material by other writers to encourage and assist in our walks as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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