

Monday, 12 September 2016

Exodus 23:20-22

"Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. Pay careful attention to him and obey his voice; do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression, for my name is in him. "But if you carefully obey his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.

Israel had an angel of the LORD, God the Almighty to guard and guide them; I have the Holy Spirit to remind me of all my Lord has taught and to lead me into all truth (John 14:16-17, 16:13)

Tuesday, 13 September 2016

Deuteronomy 4:28-31 [1]

And there you will serve gods of wood and stone, the work of human hands, that neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. But from there you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul. When you are in tribulation, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, you will return to the LORD your God and obey his voice. For the LORD your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.

I may not fall down before a stone idol but I certainly have the inclination at times to put some other god before the LORD, God the Almighty. Sometimes it may be as simple as wanting to check the news in the morning before I take some time with my Lord. I've forgotten that I need to put on the full armor of God before I step out to do battle for Him.

Wednesday, 14 September 2016

Deuteronomy 4:28-31 [2]

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you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.

Seeking the LORD, God the Almighty begins with my spiritual disciplines each morning. A time at the beginning of my day to shape the remainder of the day by a period spent in the Scriptures, in prayer and meditation. The balance of the day needs to be spent in conformance to His Word and in constant communion with Him through the Holy Spirit.

Thursday, 15 September 2016

Deuteronomy 4:28-31 [3]

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Sometimes, when going through a trial or dealing with a temptation, my inclination is to dig my heels in and proceed in my own stupidity and stubbornness. Not a good idea. It is a time to seek the LORD, God the Almighty by returning to Him, repenting of my self-reliance and obeying His voice.

Friday, 16 September 2016

Deuteronomy 4:28-31 [4]

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What a precious promise. Anyone who doubts the permanence of their salvation is living in doubt of this Word from the LORD, God the Almighty. He says, "You are mine

and I have sworn it as One who can never lie." I **CANNOT**, by any action or inaction, turn Him into a liar. I can lose my communion but I cannot lose my salvation. And that communion with the Trinity will be restored when I return to Them and obey the Word.

Saturday, 17 September 2016

Deuteronomy 11:7-9 [1]

For your eyes have seen all the great work of the LORD that he did. "You shall therefore keep the whole commandment that I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and take possession of the land that you are going over to possess, and that you may live long in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give to them and to their offspring, a land flowing with milk and honey.

"Open my eyes that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free"

He has!

Lord's Day, 18 September 2016

Psalm 119:132

Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.

You are gracious to me! You have turned! You do teach me to love Your Name! You are the Great and Compassionate God! You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, are the One who is gracious and loving, You are the One of all blessing, You are the One who died and lives again, You are the One who holds all things under Your feet and in the palm of Your hand. You are the One! Praise You, Lord and Savior.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



September 12-18, 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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