

Monday, 26 December 2016

Psalms 112:5-10

*It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, **trusting in the LORD**. His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries. He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor. The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and melts away; the desire of the wicked will perish!*

Isn't this a fascinating passage? Trusting in the LORD is the fulcrum of my faith. It is the pivot that enables me to live in a manner that glorifies Him, that brings Him honor. Bad news must not sway me from the course that He has laid out before me.

Tuesday, 27 December 2016

Psalms 115:2-11

*Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them. O Israel, **trust in the LORD!** He is their help and their shield. O house of Aaron, **trust in the LORD!** He is their help and their shield. You who fear the LORD, **trust in the LORD!** He is their help and their shield.*

"trust in the LORD!" Got that, Johnny? Put your trust in the Creator not the created. Become astute in the examination of the source of proposed solutions to challenges. Are they truly of the LORD, or are they a construct of man? If the latter, do not hesitate a moment in rejecting false idol.

Wednesday, 28 December 2016

Psalms 116:4-10

Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!" Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is

merciful. The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. I believed, even when I spoke: "I am greatly afflicted";

LORD, it is not unreasonable for me to acknowledge my afflictions; no need to bury my head in the sand and deny the assaults of the-evil One. But the trust guided life has to be one of watching and waiting as You preserve and save me from the trial before me.

Thursday, 29 December 2016

Psalms 118:5-9

Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

Proverbs 9;10 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.* The fear of the LORD provides the substance that is the basis for trust in Him. I cannot live a life centered on trusting the LORD unless I fear the LORD, God the Almighty One, the Great I AM. He is the Awesome One.

Friday, 30 December 2016

Psalms 119:41-48

Waw. *Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise; then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me, for I trust in your word. And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in your rules. I will keep your law continually, forever and ever, and I shall walk in a wide place, for I have sought your precepts. I will also speak of your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame, for I find my delight in your commandments, which I love. I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes.*

Isn't this a description of a life lived in trust? A life lived in

awareness of the complete applicability of the Word of God to all aspects of my life? A life lived as a testimony in word and deed before everyone in my Personal Mission Field? A life lived in dependence upon the goodness of the LORD, God the Almighty?

Saturday, 31 December 2016

Psalms 119:66-67

Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments. Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.

Should there have ever been any doubt in my mind about the relationship between belief and obedience, these two verses should certainly dispel it. I believe in Your Commandments [and] now I keep Your word. No wishy-washy in those phrases, no room for picking and choosing. I believe--I keep!

Lord's Day, 1 January 2017

Happy New Year

Psalm 119:80

May my heart be blameless in your statutes, that I may not be put to shame!

It is not blameless, I am a weak and broken reed, avoiding opportunities to witness to Your love and mercy. Forgive me and transform me.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



December 26, 2016 to January 1, 2017

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 many 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.