

Thought for Wednesday

May 6, 2009

My devotions while a District Conference a few weeks ago was in Psalm 63 (vs. 1-8) – Here are some of the thoughts I jotted down at that time...

*O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you.
My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you
in this parched and weary land where there is no water.
I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory.
Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you!
I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer.
You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy.
I lie awake thinking of you, meditating on you through the night.
Because you are my helper, I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings.
I cling to you; your strong right hand holds me securely.*

“I need you God!”

*Aside from air, what is it that is essential to human life? Water and food!
Without food or water a person will soon die.*

David’s prayer: “I need you God!”

The background of Psalms 63 is hard times for David. During a time one of his sons has turned against him and is trying to take the kingdom and his life from him. Because of the threat David had to flee the city of Jerusalem in a hurry. Once again, as in years before, David is thrust out in the arid wilderness. In the face of this crisis there is only 1 person that David wants; and that is God.

Are you able to identify with David’s words? Have you ever cried out “I need you God!” Have you ever prayed as David did “My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water.”

David knew where and to whom to turn in times of trouble and not just in times of trouble but in times of peace and plenty too. David knew that there is one alone to whom one can turn for true satisfaction and deliverance. David knew where to go to get all of his needs met: from the physical to the spiritual.
Do you?

And then, I love David's vocabulary here, and it's what struck me the most profound as I reread verse 8, "I cling to you..." and I wondered, "Is that still in my vocabulary? 'I cling to you'?" It's the same question I'd ask all of us...

Breathe

*This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me*

*This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me*

*And I, I'm desperate for you
And I, I'm lost without you*

I pray that's part of my vocabulary for a long, long time – How about you?

Be Strong, Be Courageous, Be Fearless – and remember...

Christ IS All!

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