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Monday 2 November

Psalm 90

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge:
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were born
or the earth and the world were brought to be:
from eternity to eternity you are God.
- 3 You turn us back into dust:
saying 'Return to dust, O children of Adam.'
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday passing:
or like one watch of the night.
- 5 You cut them short like a dream:
like the fresh grass of the morning;
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes:
at evening it is withered and dried up.
- 7 And we are consumed by your anger:
because of your indignation we cease to be.
- 8 You have brought our iniquities before you:
and our secret sins to the light of your countenance.
- 9 Our days decline beneath your wrath:
and our years pass away like a sigh.
- 10 The days of our life are three score years and ten,
or if we have strength, four score:
the pride of our labours is but toil and sorrow,
for it passes quickly away and we are gone.
- 11 Who can know the power of your wrath:
who can know your indignation like those that fear you?
- 12 Teach us so to number our days:
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Relent, O Lord; how long will you be angry?:
take pity on your servants.
- 14 O satisfy us early with your mercy:
that all our days we may rejoice and sing.
- 15 Give us joy for all the days you have afflicted us:
for the years we have suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your work:
and let their children see your glory.
- 17 May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us:
prosper the work of our hands,
O prosper the work of our hands!

Romans 6.3-9

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

Tuesday 3 November

Psalm 9

- 1 I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:
I will tell of all the wonders you have done.
- 2 I will rejoice and be glad in you:
I will make my songs to your name, O Most High.
- 3 For my enemies are driven back:
they stumble and perish at your presence.
- 4 You have maintained my cause and my right:
you sat enthroned as a righteous judge.
- 5 You rebuked the heathen nations,
you brought the wicked to destruction:
you blotted out their name for ever and ever.
- 6 The strongholds of the enemy are made
a perpetual desolation:
you plucked up their cities,
and even their memory has perished.
- 7 The Lord confounds them; but the Lord endures
for ever:
he has set up his throne for judgement.
- 8 He shall judge the world with righteousness:
and deal true justice to the peoples.
- 9 The Lord is a strong tower to those that are oppressed:
he is a tower of strength in time of need.
- 10 All who heed your name will trust in you:
for you have never forsaken those that seek you.
- 11 O sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion:
tell among the peoples what great things he has done.
- 12 For he that avenges blood has remembered the poor:
he has not forgotten their cry.
- 13 The Lord has been merciful toward me,
he saw what I suffered from my foes:
he raised me up again from the gates of death,
- 14 That I might tell all your praises in the gates of Zion:
that I might rejoice in your deliverance.
- 15 The nations have sunk into the pit they dug for others:
in the very snare they laid is their foot taken;
- 16 The Lord has declared himself and upheld the right:
the wicked are trapped in the work of their own hands.
- 17 The wicked shall be given over to death:
and all the nations that forget God.
- 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten:
nor shall the hope of the poor perish for ever.
- 19 Arise, Lord, let no human power prevail:
let the nations be judged before you.
- 20 Put them in fear, O Lord:
and let the nations know they are but human.

Matthew 21.14-22

¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them.

¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David', they became angry

¹⁶ and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read,

"Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies
you have prepared praise for yourself"?)'

¹⁷ He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

¹⁸ In the morning, when he returned to the city, he was hungry.

¹⁹ And seeing a fig tree by the side of the road, he went to it and found nothing at all on it but leaves. Then he said to it, 'May no fruit ever come from you again!' And the fig tree withered at once.

²⁰ When the disciples saw it, they were amazed, saying, 'How did the fig tree wither at once?'

²¹ Jesus answered them, 'Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, "Be lifted up and thrown into the sea", it will be done.

²² Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.'

Wednesday 4 November

Psalms 11; 12

11

- 1 In the Lord I have found my refuge:
how then can you say to me
'Flee like a bird to the mountains;
- 2 'Look how the wicked make ready the bow,
and notch their arrows upon the string:
to shoot from the darkness at the true of heart;
- 3 'If the foundations are destroyed:
what can the righteous do?'
- 4 The Lord is in his holy place,
the Lord is enthroned in heaven:
his eyes search out, his glance tries the children of Adam.
- 5 He tries the righteous and the wicked:
and those that delight in violence his soul abhors.
- 6 He will rain down coals of fire and brimstone
upon the wicked:
a scorching wind shall be their cup to drink.
- 7 For the Lord is righteous and loves righteous acts:
the upright shall see his face.

12

- 1 Help, Lord, for there is not one godly person left:
the faithful have vanished from among
the children of Adam.
- 2 Everyone tells lies to their neighbour:
they flatter with their lips,
but speak from a double heart.
- 3 If only the Lord would cut off all flattering lips:
and the tongue that speaks so proudly!
- 4 They say 'By our tongues we shall prevail:
our lips are our servants—who is lord over us?'
- 5 Because of the oppression of the poor,
because of the groaning of the needy:
'I will arise', says the Lord,
'and set them in safety from those that
snarl after them.'
- 6 The words of the Lord are pure,
as silver refined in a crucible:
as gold that is seven times purified in the fire.
- 7 You will surely guard us, O Lord:
and shield us for ever from this evil generation,
- 8 Though the ungodly strut on every side:
though the vilest lord it over the children of Adam.

Matthew 21.23-32

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴ Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" ²⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸ 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹ He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Thursday 5 November

Psalms 15; 16

15

- 1 Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle:
or who may dwell upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads an uncorrupt life
and does the thing which is right:
who speaks the truth from the heart,
and has not slandered with the tongue;
- 3 Who has done no evil to a friend:
nor vented abuse against a neighbour;
- 4 In whose eyes the worthless have no honour:
but who makes much of those that fear the Lord;
- 5 Whoever has sworn to a neighbour:
and will not go back on that oath;
- 6 Who has not put money to usury:
nor taken a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things:
shall never be overthrown.

16

- 1 Preserve me, O God:
for in you have I taken refuge.
- 2 I have said to the Lord, You are my lord:
and all my good depends on you.
- 3 As for those who are held holy on the earth:
the other gods in whom people delight,
- 4 Though the idols are many that they run after:
their offerings of blood I will not offer,
nor take their name upon my lips.
- 5 The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup:
you hold my lot in your hands.
- 6 The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places:
and a fair land is my possession.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel:
at night also he has instructed my heart.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me:
he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices:
my flesh also shall rest secure.
- 10 For you will not give me over to the power of death:
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life:
in your presence is the fulness of joy,
and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

Matthew 21.33-46

³³ 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son."

³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance."

³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

⁴¹ They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

⁴² Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes"?

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.

⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.

⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Friday 6 November

Psalm 18.1-31

- 1 I love you, O Lord my strength:
O Lord my crag, my fortress and my deliverer,
- 2 My God, the rock to which I come for refuge:
my shield, my mighty saviour, and my high defence.
- 3 I called to the Lord with loud lamentation:
and I was rescued from my enemies.
- 4 The waves of death encompassed me:
and the floods of chaos overwhelmed me;
- 5 The cords of the grave tightened about me:
and the snares of death lay in my path.
- 6 In my anguish I called to the Lord:
I cried for help to my God.
- 7 From his temple he heard my voice:
and my cry came even to his ears.
- 8 The earth heaved and quaked,
the foundations of the hills were shaken:
they trembled because he was angry.
- 9 Smoke went out from his nostrils:
and a consuming fire from his mouth.
- 10 He parted the heavens and came down:
and there was darkness under his feet.
- 11 He rode upon the cherubim and flew:
he came swooping upon the wings of the wind.
- 12 He made the darkness his covering:
and his canopy was thick cloud and watery darkness.
- 13 Out of his clouds, from the brightness before him:
broke hailstones and coals of fire.
- 14 The Lord thundered in the heavens:
the Most High uttered his voice.
- 15 He let loose his arrows, he scattered them on every side:
he hurled down lightnings
with the roar of the thunderbolt.
- 16 The springs of the sea were uncovered:
and the foundations of the world laid bare,
- 17 At your rebuke, O Lord:
at the blast of the breath of your displeasure.
- 18 He reached down from on high and took me:
he drew me out of the great waters.
- 19 He delivered me from my strongest enemy:
from my foes that were mightier than I.
- 20 They confronted me in the day of my calamity:
but the Lord was my upholder.
- 21 He brought me out into a place of liberty:
and rescued me because I delighted his heart.
- 22 The Lord rewarded me for my righteous dealing:
he recompensed me according to
the cleanness of my hands,

- 23 Because I had kept to the ways of the Lord:
and had not turned from my God to do evil.
- 24 For I had an eye to all his laws:
and did not put his commandments from me.
- 25 I was also blameless before him:
and I kept myself from wrongdoing.
- 26 Therefore the Lord rewarded my innocence:
because my hands were undefiled in his sight.
- 27 With the faithful you show yourself faithful:
with the blameless you show yourself blameless;
- 28 With the pure you are pure:
but with the crooked you show yourself perverse.
- 29 For you will save a humble people:
but you bring down the high looks of the proud.
- 30 You light my lamp, O Lord my God:
you make my darkness to be bright.
- 31 For with your help I can charge an armed troop:
with the help of my God I can leap a city wall.

Matthew 22.1-14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Saturday 7 November

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
- 2 One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth.
- 5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens,
and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true,
and makes wise the simple.
- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right,
and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,
and righteous every one.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey,
than the honey that drips from the comb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
O cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the mastery over me:
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.
- 14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight:
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Matthew 22.15-33

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' ²¹ They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. ²³ The same day some Sadducees came to him, saying there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question, saying, ²⁴ 'Teacher, Moses said, "If a man dies childless, his brother shall marry the widow, and raise up children for his brother." ²⁵ Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married, and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother. ²⁶ The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh. ²⁷ Last of all, the woman herself died. ²⁸ In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her.' ²⁹ Jesus answered them, 'You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. ³⁰ For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. ³¹ And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, ³² "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is God not of the dead, but of the living.' ³³ And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.

Sunday 8 November

Psalm 63

- 1 O God, you are my God:
eagerly will I seek you.
- 2 My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you:
as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.
- 3 So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary:
and saw your power and your glory.
- 4 For your unchanging goodness is better than life:
therefore my lips shall praise you.
- 5 And so I will bless you as long as I live:
and in your name will I lift my hands on high.
- 6 My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness:
my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips.
- 7 When I remember you upon my bed:
when I meditate upon you in the night watches,
- 8 How you have been my helper:
then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings,
- 9 Then my soul clings to you:
and your right hand upholds me.
- 10 Those that seek my life are marked for destruction:
they shall go down to the deep places of the earth.
- 11 They shall be delivered to the sword:
they shall be a portion for jackals.
- 12 The king will rejoice in God,
and all who take oaths on his name shall glory:
but the mouths of liars shall be stopped.

Matthew 24.21-35

²¹ For at that time there will be great suffering, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.

²² And if those days had not been cut short, no one would be saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

²³ Then if anyone says to you, “Look! Here is the Messiah!” or “There he is!”—do not believe it.

²⁴ For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

²⁵ Take note, I have told you beforehand.

²⁶ So, if they say to you, “Look! He is in the wilderness”, do not go out. If they say, “Look! He is in the inner rooms”, do not believe it.

²⁷ For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

²⁸ Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

²⁹ ‘Immediately after the suffering of those days

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light;

the stars will fall from heaven,

and the powers of heaven will be shaken.

³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see “the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven” with power and great glory.

³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³² ‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

³³ So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

³⁴ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.

³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

