

A Devotion for All Saints

For this devotional, let's look at some verses in Psalms, 1 Corinthians, John's gospel and Ephesians.

We are in a very strange time at this moment. We can lean on the Lord more and more. We are told over and over in the Bible that He is our strength. Psalm 19 verse 14 says: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Psalm 118 verse 14 says this:

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Psalm 71 verse 3 says this:

Be my rock of refuge, to which I can go; give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

And Psalm 62 verses 1 and 2 say this:

My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I shall never be shaken.

God is our strength, our Rock and our fortress. The Psalm writers had no doubt and neither should we. And why not? Because of the cross and then Easter. God sent Jesus to the world to save it. He sent Jesus to be the light of the world - a light we really need to let shine as brightly as we can at this darkest of times. Jesus is the Saviour of the World. He came down to earth to be the light for all people and now we need to be that light for the world now, through Him who is THE light. And we can do so in confidence; the confidence that, through Jesus, God is always with us.

We also need to remember with Easter in mind what it means for us and for all people that we are able to proclaim Christ crucified. In 1 Corinthians 1 verses 22 to 25 it says this:

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and a foolishness to gentiles, but to those who have been called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Because we know that even God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom and God's weakness is stronger than human strength, we know He can and does do amazing things.

Right now, his Wisdom is helping the scientists who are trying to find a vaccine for the virus and His strength is helping us all to find a way through this current problem. We must never lose sight of this truth - God is the true Wisdom and the true power. And he will be with us.

Further to this, we have the words of Jesus in John Chapter 16 verse 53. He says this:

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

So, as Jesus says here, we are having troubles in the world at the moment, on top of any troubles we might already be having. But he is unequivocal with what he says here - take heart, I have overcome the world. Jesus has overcome the world - so too can we overcome this current problem.

Finally, we have these words from Ephesians Chapter 3 verses 14 to 21:

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations for ever and ever. Amen

So my prayer is this - that the whole world would come to know Jesus through this time. I pray that we would all be Jesus to each other in all and every way. I pray that everyone would be able to know the truth that Jesus has overcome the world, and because of that we know we will overcome this current problem.

Know God through Jesus Christ - he is our Rock, our strength and he has overcome the world. Through Him, we too will overcome this time.

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