

INSPIRED WORD
February 25, 2015

SCRIPTURE / PRAYER

Psalm 84: 1 – 4, 10 – 12: “How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in Your house, ever singing Your praise. For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of the wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; He bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in You.” Father, we trust in You and we know that You are going to watch over us; we know that You are going to prepare the way for us. I ask that You cause us to understand this is a deeper way, that we would come into Your Presence with praise and thanksgiving and magnify, glorify and exalt Your holy Name. For You alone are worthy, worthy of honor, worthy of glory, and worthy of all praise!! Praise be to the Most High God! Worthy are You in every way!! Hallelujah to the Lamb!!

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 17: 7 – 8: Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8: 15 – 17: For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.

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2 Corinthians 5: 1 – 7, 10: Our Future Destiny “For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. For in this tent we groan, longing to be further clothed with our heavenly habitation, if indeed, when we have taken it off, we shall not be found naked. For while we are in this tent we groan and are weighed down, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now the One Who has prepared us for this very thing is God, Who has given us the Spirit as a first installment. So we are always courageous, although we know that while we

are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.” Let us live in this installment, this first installment of the Spirit, which is the foretaste of the heavenly clothing. Our hearts and souls long for this heavenly home. Help us, God, in this time of Lent to let go of the earthly and cling with all our strength, all our might, our hope and our faith to the Lord Who is in heaven. Yet we know, Lord, that You walk among us as our courage, as our strength, and as our support until it is time for us to be with You. Lord, help us to truly reach out to others, to be Your hands, Your face, and Your feet in their presence as You are always in ours. Lord, help us to see You with hearts of faith! Hold our hands as we walk through our days and introduce You to those whom we meet, that they also may hold Your hand and rest in Your arms. We ask this, Jesus, in Your blessed holy Name. For you died and rose again, that the Spirit might be ours here and now and that we may be with You forever and ever in Your heavenly home.