

Mahon Russian Dispatch #10 10.23.09 Love for God and His holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word

Psalms 119:97 & 140

O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day...

Your word is very pure, Therefore Your servant loves it.

Pictures

1_ O Lord Bless Now Your Holy Word.

2_ O Lord Unsheathe Now The Sword Of Your Spirit

3_ O Lord Sanctify Us In Truth Thy Word Is Truth

4_ O Lord Let Not Your Word Go Out And Return Void

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Prayer Requests: For this dispatch I would ask that you concentrate your prayers on the ministry of the Word of God. As you pray for us, please claim the truths in the following passages both for the teaching of the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God and the those who hear its proclamation...

I. *Isaiah 55:11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.*

II. *Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

III. *John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.*

IV. *Psalms 119:125 I am Your servant; give me understanding, That I may know Your testimonies*

V. *2 Thessalonians 3:1-2 Exhortation Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you; and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith.*

VI. *Psalms 19:7-11*

A. *7 The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.*

B. *8 The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.*

C. 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether.

D. 10 They are more desirable than gold , yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

E. 11 Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward.

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Two of my great loves are studying the Bible and teaching the Bible . My love for the Word of God goes back to the first week after I became a Christian. I can remember coming back from the youth retreat (I was 16 at the time) and as instructed by Wyman "Mitch" Mitchell, (the Baptist Youth Minister who lead me to Christ) began to read the New Testament each night before going to bed. I began in Matthew and I could not put it down. What a wonderful glorious book. It was like no other I had every read.

This has remained true till present. Sometimes I cannot get to sleep at night thinking about the great time I am going to have in the morning in my Quiet Time Alone With God, my Reading Program and my current Bible study. I have to be careful not to think about it too much because I get so excited that I will not be able to fall off to sleep. The Bible says of the new heaven and new earth - *Revelation 22:5 "And there will no longer be any night ; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever."* I think one of the benefits of this will be that we will not have to interrupt our time with the Lord with sleep. Sometimes as I drift off to sleep reviewing my Bible verses after my evening prayers I think of how wonderful it would be if there was no night and I could just spend the next eight hours reviewing God's Word, reading God's Word, doing Bible study, meditating on God's Word and talking to God - now that does sound like heaven!! (At least to me it does).

I am periodically contacted by churches about being a missions pastor and I appreciate the interest but my zeal is for the Word of God. At the present this zeal is manifested on the mission field but what I love is God's Word and teaching God's Word. We do organize teams of men to come to the mission field with us but this is just to bless them and bless those on foreign fields. I love teaching men to teach the Word. I love seeing men successfully teach and preach the Word. I love equipping men with the Word and I love to see equipped men use the Word of God in their ministries. This is the great joy in bringing teams to the mission field. I get to not only teach and preach the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God but I have the joy of seeing others do this as well. I mean, why should I have all the fun? As we minister here in Tyumen please pray for the ministry of God's holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word.

I close this email as always with a deep and abiding thankfulness for your sacrificial and effectual prayers which empower and drive this ministry ever forward in the cause of Christ.

By His mercy,

II Corinthians 4:1

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Please allow me to close with dispatch with these three hymns from my prayer notebook that have been especially meaningful to me...

(Psalms 104:33-34 “I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. Let my meditation be pleasing to Him; As for me, I shall be glad in the LORD.”)

How I Love Thy Law, O Lord

How I love Thy law O Lord, Daily joy its truths afford;
In its constant light I go, wise to conqueror every foe.

*Thy commandments in my heart Truest wisdom can impart;
To mine eyes Thy precepts show Wisdom more than sages know.*

While my heart Thy word obeys, I am kept from evil ways;
From Thy law, with Thee to guide, I have never turned aside.

(Refrain)

Sweeter are Thy words to me Than all other good can be;
Safe I walk, Thy truth my light, Hating falsehood loving right.

(Words: The Psalter, 1912.)

As The Deer Panteth

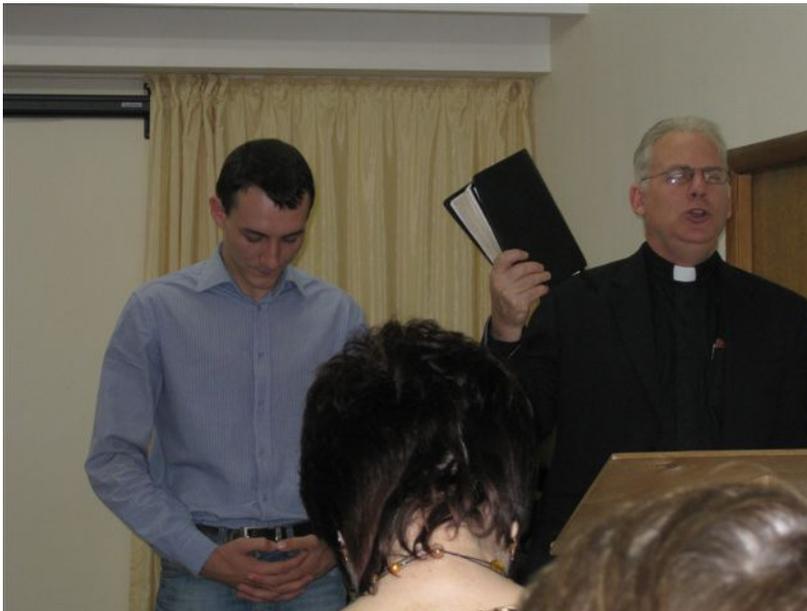
*As the deer panteth for water so my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my hearts desire and I long to worship thee
You alone my strength my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my hearts desire
And I long to worship Thee*

*You are my friend and you are my brother even though you are a king
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything
You alone are my strength my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield
You are alone are my hearts desire
And I long to worship Thee.*

You Are My King

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because you died and rose again
Amazing love, how can it be
That You my king would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true
And It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

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Picture One



Picture Two



Picture Three



Picture Four