Psalms

Chapter 1

- 1-Happy is that man which walks not in the council of the wicked nor stands in the way of sinners nor sets in the sessions of the scorners¹.
- 2- But rather his delight is in the law of Yahweh and in his law He recites day and night.
- 3- And he shall be like a tree transferred to the streams of water which produces his fruit in this season and his leaf will not wither and all that he does will fluorish.
- 4- Not so with the wicked for he is life the chaff which the Spirit drives away.
- 5- The wicked shall not remain in the judgment and the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6- For Yahweh knows the way of the way of the righteous but the way of the wicked shall be consumned.

Psalms 2

- 1- Why to the nations gather and the people utter foolishness?
- 2 The kings of the earth stand up and the princes give one consent against Yahweh and against His anointed.
- 3 Tear off their bands and snap off from us their yoke.
- 4 He who sets in heaven shall laugh the Lord shall mock them.
- 5 He shall speak to them in anger he shall terrify them in His fury
- 6 And I, I will pour out as King upon my holy mountain Zion
- 7 I will recite the decrees of Yahweh He has said unto me you are my son this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me wealth and I will give it to you and he nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron as a potters vessel you will shatter them.
- 10 And now oh kings be wise be disciplined judges of the earth
- 11 Serve Yahweh with fear and rejoice with trembling
- 12 Kiss the Son lest he be angry and your way be doomed for in a brief moment His anger will blaze. Happy are all who trust in Him.

Chapter 5

- 1- For the director; for the flutes. A Psalm of David
- 2- Give ear to my words O Yahweh consider my utterance.
- 3- Respond to the sound of my cry my King and my God for unto you I pray.

Someone who is proud and haughty (Proverbs 21:24)

One who will hate you for correction Proverbs 9:8; 15:12

One who cannot hear correction Proverbs 13:1

One who cannot find wisdom even if they seek it (proverbs 14:6

Those who we are suppose to punish (Prov 19:25; 21:11)

Is the cause of strife and contention (Prov 22:10)

They are the proud that God opposes in James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:6

The wicked are characterized by several attributes of scorning:

jeolousy, malice, envy, strife, gossips Romans 1:29; Gal 5:20; 2 Cor 12:20; 1 Timothy 5:13-14

¹ scorner:

- 4- Yahweh in the morning you shall hear my voice in the morning I will set in order² unto you my watch.
- 5- For God you have no desire for wickedness and you will not dwell with evil.
- 6- The boastful will not stand before your eyes you hate all the works of evil.
- 7- You will destroy those who speak lies the man of idols and deceitful Yahweh abhors.
- 8- But I, in the abundance of your love, I will come into your house I will bow down towards your holy temple in awe of you.
- 9- Lead me O Yahweh in your righteousness because of the enemy make your path straight before me.
- 10- For there is nothing reliable in his mouth the inward parts is destruction the throat an open grave they speak deceitfully.
- 11- Destroy them O God let them fall through their own scheme scatter them because of their many crimes because they rebel against you.
- 12- All who take refuge in you shall rejoice, forever we will shout for joy, you are a shield and those who love your name shall rejoice in you.
- 13- For you will bless the righteous yourself O Yahweh you will surround him with favor as a shield.

To the director upon Muth labben a psalm of David

- 1- I will give thanks Yahoah with all my heart I will recount all of your extraordinary deeds.
- 2- I will rejoice and be extremely joyful in you I will sing music to your name Most High.
- 3- When my enemies are turned back they shall stumble and they shall perish at your presence.
- 4- For you have maintained my cause and my rights You sat in your throne judging righteously.
- 5- You have rebuked the nations you destroyed the wicked their names you have blotted out for ever and ever.
- 6- The enemies he has completely destroyed you have plucked up their cities for ever the remembrance of them has perished.
- 7- And Yahoah dwells forever He has prepared His throne in judgment³.

² Psalms 5 is the Morning Prayer that we should all participate in. It makes subtle reference to the morning sacrifice and duties of the priest by the use of some of the words that are chosen. At the time of the morning sacrifice it was the responsibility of the priest to place the wood in order upon the altar. They were also responsible to set in order the sacred lamps that they might burn as a representation of the fire and glory of God throughout the day.

This morning we should present ourselves as a living sacrifice to God. We must allow Him to baptize us with the Holy Spirit and fire that our lives might shine as a bright burning light to a lost and dying world. If we will simple come to God and ask Him to lead us His presence and glory will fill our lives and our actions. If we will allow the Lord then He will lead us He will be the one that will protect us form the evil. If we are willing God will lead us in the paths of righteousness for His Name Sake. If we will ask Him for refuge then He will surround us with favor as with a shield.

³ Ps 89:14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

- 8- He will judge the world in righteousness he will judge the people in fairness.
- 9- Yahoah will be a fortress to the oppressed, a fortress in time of distress
- 10- And those who know your name will trust in you for you have not forsaken those who seek you Yahoah.
- 11- Sing to Yahoah who dwells in Zion proclaim His works among the people.
- 12- That the avenger of blood has remembered them, He has not forgotten the cry of the people.
- 13- Show favor to me Yahoah see my humiliation from those who hate me, You Who raises me up from the gates of death.
- 14- So that I may proclaim all of your praises in the gates of the daughters of Zion.
- 15-The nations sink in their self made pit in the very trap they concealed their own foot was ensnared.

For the director of David

- 1- In Yahoah I seek refuge, how can you say of my life flee to your mountain as a bird.
- 2- For behold the wicked string their bows they make ready their arrows on the string in order to secretly shoot at the upright in heart.
- 3- When the foundations are destroyed what will the righteous do.
- 4- Yahoah is in His holy palace Yahoah has His throne in heaven. His eyes behold His pupils examine the sons of men.
- 5- Yahoah examines the righteous but the wicked and he that loves violence His soul hates.
- 6- He shall rain upon the wicked bellows, fire, brimstone and a spirit of scorching heat shall be the portion of their cup.
- 7- For Yahoah the righteous loves righteousness His face shall behold the upright⁴.

Ps 97:2 Clouds and darkness are Isa 9:7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isa 16:5 And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness.

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Our God is a God of righteousness and purity. He is a God of love and mercy. Although, His eyes are purer than to behold evil He has made a way for every evil person to be cleansed and become holy in His sight (Habakkuk 1:13; Psalms 101:4). Once we have been cleansed from our sins and delivered from our iniquity we are responsible to live in righteousness and purity. God does not leave us to our own ability in order to do that which is pleasing in His sight but empowers us with the Spirit of Holiness so that we can walk in the nature of the Righteous One who loves righteousness. Even though God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son for the redemption of everyone the wicked are still far from Him and His face is against them (Proverbs 15:29). God will cut off all wickedness but now He gives everyone a space of time to repent (Psalms 101:8). The blood of Jesus is present to cleanse every person from their sins no matter how wicked they are (Titus 2:14; 1 John 1:7,9; 2:2; Revelation 1:5). The power of the Lord is present to save and transform anyone who will call upon the name of the Lord (Acts 13:30; John 12:32; Titus 2:12; Revelation 22:17; Ephesians 4:24; 2 Peter 1:4; Titus 3:5). Yet we all must be aware of the fact that the Lord will cut off all those who continue to do that which is evil (Psalms 37:28; 2 Peter 3:10-13). His eyes are upon all those who will love Him and walk in righteousness and His ears are open to their

Save us Yahoah, for the godly have ceased; for the faithful have vanished from the sons of men. They speak falsehoods, each man with his neighbor. With flattering lips and a double heart they speak. Yahoah shall cut off all the flattering lips, and the tongue that speaks distortions: those who boast, "By our tongue we are mighty, and with our lips; who shall lord over us?"

"For the oppression of the poor and for the groaning of the needy, will I now arise," says Yahoah, "I will set in salvation for those who long for it."

The words of Yahoah are pure words, as silver refined in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. You, Yahoah, have guarded us; you have protected us from our generation, Oh Eternal One. On every side the wicked prowl, digging pits for the sons of men.

Chapter 15 A Psalm of David

- 1- Yahoah, who shall abide in your tabernacle who shall dwell in your holy mountain.
- 2- He that walks perfectly and does righteousness and speaks the truth in his heart⁵.

Chapter 18

prayers. However, no matter who you are in name or religious beliefs God's face is against those who do wickedly (1 Peter 3:12; Psalms 34:15-16; John 3:36; Romans 2:5; Ephesians 5:6; Colossians 3:6). Some think that this is Old Testament doctrine but they are wrong this is who God is in the past, the present and in the future. God did not transform us by the blood and through the Spirit to remain sinners. He transformed us from sinners to saints (Ephesians 4:24; Romans 1:7; 8:27; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 14:33; Ephesians 1:18; 1 Thessalonians 3:13). If we refuse the faith that God has delivered to us and are unwilling to believe unto righteousness with our hearts then we are not saved we are still in our sins (Romans 10:9-10; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 3:9; 1 John 4:15; Hebrews 4:2).

⁵ David ask a question of God and God answered. Only those who walk perfectly with God and who do righteousness shall dwell in the tabernacle and the holy mountain of God. The eternal dwelling place of God and of His people is often referred to as a mountain (Revelation 21:10; Isaiah 2:2-3; 65:25; Ezekiel 20:40; Joel 3:17). As God commanded Abraham to walk before Him and to be perfect even so He declares that those who will dwell with Him forever must walk with Him in such a manner (Genesis 17:1; Matthew 5:48; 1 Timothy 6:14; Ephesians 1:4; 1 Corinthians 1:8; Philippians 2:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Peter 3:14). God has granted us this ability to walk perfectly before Him by giving us the Spirit of truth who leads us and guides us into all of the truth (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13; Ephesians 5:9; 1 Peter 1:22). The life that lives out a perfect relationship with God is the life immersed in Christ. If we will live by the word and walk in the Spirit then it will be Christ who lives in us.

In the coming age God will make a new heaven and a new earth wherein only dwells righteousness (2 Peter 3:12; Psalms 37:29; 140:13). Through Christ Jesus God has made a way for us to be created anew in righteousness and gifted with the righteousness of God (Ephesians 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus bore our sins in His own body so that we can live in righteousness (1 Peter 2:24). If we will take to heart the commands of God through a love relationship then we will find the divine power of God at work in us giving us the ability to do all those things that pleases Him (2 Peter 1:10; John 14:23-26). If Christ has made us righteous through His blood and given us the power to bring forth the fruits of righteousness then we must realize that we have a responsibility to give ourselves to righteousness and live in it (Romans 14:16; Philippians 1:11; Hebrews 12:11; 2 Corinthians 9:10; Ephesians 5:9).

- 1- For the director from a servant of Yahoah from David which spoke to Yahoah the words of this song in the day Yahoah delivered him from the grip of all his enemies and from the hand of Sheol.
- 2- And he said, I love you Yahoah my strength.
- 3- Yahoah is my cleft in a rock, my fortress, my security, my God, my rock⁶ in Him I will seek refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation my high place.
- 4- I will call Yahoah worthy of praise so shall I be saved from my enemies.
- 5- I was encompassed by the bands of death and in the currents of Belial overwhelmed me.
- 6- The bands of Sheol surrounded me the snares of death confronted me.
- 7- In my distress I called upon Yahoah and unto the God of my salvaton; He heard my voice and my cry for help came before Him it came into His ears.
- 8- The earth shook and trembled and the foundation of the mountains shuddered they shook because of His anger.
- 9- Smoke ascended from his nostrils and fire form His mouth devoured; coals burned forth from Him.
- 10- He spread apart the heavens and came down and a thick cloud was under His feet.
- 11- And he rode upon the Cherub and flew swiftly upon the wings of the spirit.
- 15- Then were the channels of waters discovered and He uncovered the foundations of the world at the rebuke of Yahoah and by the spirit of the breath of His nostrils.
- 17- He snatch me away from my fierce enemy and from those who hated me for they were to strong for me.
- 32- It is God who equips me with strength and he makes my way perfect⁷.
- 37- I pursued my enemies and returned not again until they were brought to an end⁸.

⁶ God is a place of refuge and safety for all who will trust in Him. Yahoah is called a rock many times in scripture. It was a way of saying that He is reliable (Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 18:2; Psalm 89:26; Psalm 92:15). It was also a way of saying that He is a sure source of protection and strength (Psalm 18:31-48; Psalm 27:5; Psalm 28:1; Psalm 62:2,6; Psalm 62:7; Psalm 94:22; Psalm 3:3; Psalm 84:11; Isaiah 17:10).

We can trust, in full assurance, that God will always be our refuge and protection against every evil thing that the powers of darkness and men would attempt to do to us (Deuteronomy 33:27; 2 Samuel 22:3). We can be certain that if we look to Him, He will strengthen us; so that we can do valiantly, and throw down every enemy of sin, sickness, disease, and poverty that would come out against us (Psalm 46:1; Ephesians 3:16; Colossians 1:11; Zechariah 10:12). Just as David was strengthened by the Lord when He went up against Goliath, we also will find the same ability - if we trust in and rely on the Rock of our salvation. It is the Lord who will lead us in the paths of righteousness for His name-sake (Psalms 23:3; 16:11; 31:3; Proverbs 4:11). It is His mercy that intervenes in our life so that His will is done in the earth now as it is in heaven (Matthew 16:19; Deuteronomy 11:21). It is God who works in us to both will and so of His good pleasure (Philippians 2:13; Ezekiel 36:27). All we have to do is to trust and rely upon Him. If we will respond to the will and desire that God has placed in our hearts to walk with Him then He will show us how. He will nurture us with the sincere milk of His word so that we may grow strong and healthy in the Spirit (1 Peter 2:2; 1 John 2:14; Acts 20:32). The Holy Spirit will strengthen us and teach us in all the ways of God so that we may both understand and do them (John 16:13; Ephesians 3:16; Philippians 4:13; 2 Thessalonians 2:17; 1 Peter 5:10; Isaiah 49:10; Jeremiah 31:9). All we must do is be willing to acknowledge Him and allow Him to lead us. God will enable you to be found perfect on that day of the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 1:8; 1 Thessalonians 3:13; Colossians 1:22).

- 1- To the director of music from David
- 2- In Yahweh's strength the king rejoices and in your salvation how greatly he circles in joy.
- 3-You have given his hearts desire to him and the request of his lips you have not withheld.
- 4- For you set before him the good blessings you will set upon his head a crown of pure gold.
- 5- He ask life of you, you gave it to him-length of days eternal and forever.
- 6- Great is his glory through your salvation majesty and splendor you have set upon him.
- 7- For you have set blessings upon him for ever; you shall make him rejoice with the joy of your presence.
- 8- For the king trusted in Yahweh and in the covenant love of the Most High he will not swerve.
- 9- Your hand shall find all your enemies your right hand shall find those who hate you.
- 10- You shall set them as in a fiery furnace at the time of Yahweh's presence- his anger engulfed them and his fire devoured them.
- 11- Their fruit of the earth shall perish and their seed from the sons of men.
- 12- For they plotted a revolt against you they thought up devices but could not carry them out.
- 13- But you will set their portion with your bowstring you shall aim at their faces.
- 14- Be exalted Oh Yahweh in your own strength we will sing and praise your power.

Chapter 23

⁸ At first glance one may assume that David was talking about himself in this psalm but with a deeper analysis one can discern that he is talking about another. David was referring to one who was surrounded by the bands of hell. When Jesus hung upon the cross there were men standing all around him insulting him but there was also a scene that could not be witnessed with the natural eye. On the cross Jesus was not only bearing the sins of all humanity but was also destroying the one who had the power of death (Hebrews 2:14-15; 2 Timothy 1:10). Jesus was engaged in a battle that would strip Satan and his host of their power over mankind forever (Colossians 2:15; Romans 6:6; John 12:31-32). In the face of this battle Jesus cried unto Yahweh to save Him from the lions mouth from the dogs and the bulls of Bashan that surrounded Him as He hung upon the tree (Psalms 18:7; 22:13-23; Hebrews 5:7; Hebrews 13:20). It was there in the midst of the death of Jesus that a great battle took place that not only delivered mankind but sealed the doom of Satan forever. As the captain of our salvation pursued His enemies the Father responded to the cry of our Savior and spread apart the heavens and came down ridding upon the Cherub flying upon the wings of the spirit (Psalms 18:10-11). In the prophesy David describes how Yahweh engaged in the battle and laid open hell itself (Psalms 18:15-19; Psalms 16:10; 40:2; Acts 2:27,31; Psalms 86:13; Jonah 2:6). The captain of our salvation pursued Satan and his mighty ones until their power was destroyed. He smote them so that they could not rise (Psalms 18:37-38). The Father stepped in and gave His Son the neck of His foes and His enemies were destroyed (Psalms 18:40). Jesus pulverized them like the dust and like the mud in the street he trampled them (Psalms 8:42; Genesis 3:15). Today, those of us who believed have been delivered from the power of the devil and translated from the power of darkness into the kingdom of the Dear Son (Colossians 1:13; Luke 10:19). Our place of authority is in Christ Jesus who has been given a name above all names and exalted in the heavens, all principalities and powers being subject to Him (Ephesians 1:20-21; 2:6; Colossians 2:10; 1 Peter 3:22).

- 1- Yahoah is my shepherd⁹ I shall not lack¹⁰.
- 2- In green meadows he will make me lie down. Near still waters He will guide me.
- 3- My soul He refreshes He leads me into entreachments of righteousness for the sake of His name.
- 4- Even though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for you are with me your rod and your staff they will comfort me.
- 5- You prepare a table before me in front of my advesaries. You anoint my head with oil my cup overflows

⁹ If we believe that the Lord, the Almighty God is our shepherd then how can we ever worry about anything ever again. If the one who has created all things is the one who is both protecting us and providing for us then how can we ever suffer lack if we put our trust in Him. The young lions do lack and suffer hunger but they who seek the Lord shall not want any good thing! Israel may have not have had everything they wanted in the wilderness but they suffered no lack under the watchful care of the shepherd of their souls (Deuteronomy 2:7; Nehemiah 9:21).

It is comforting to note how that David took care of His sheep. He protected them from the bear and the lion (1 Samuel 17:34-36). How much more shall our heavenly Father take good care of us and protect us from any thing that would threaten our lives. There may be many afflictions and troubles that come out after the righteous but it is the Lord who delivers us from them all (Psalms 34:19). There are tribulations that we have to face in the world be we can rejoice knowing that Jesus has already overcome them and they shall not be our defeat (John 16:33). There may be many things that happen that we do not understand but we can rejoice knowing that for those who love God all things work together for the good for those who are called according to His purposes (Romans 8:28). However when we turn our hearts towards the reward of eternity in His presence knowing that His molding and shaping hands are perfecting everything that concerns us then we can be confident that even the chastening of the Lord is cause to rejoice (1 Corinthians 11:32; Hebrews 12:5-11).

Jesus is also that good shepherd who loved us so much that He gave His life for ours and now that we have been made His own how much more shall the Father freely give us all things to enjoy (Romans 8:32). If one of His sheep are missing He will go and search until He finds that sheep. He will relentlessly pursue the wayward child until he has brought them back into the safety of His arms. If there is a need then it will be supplied according to His riches in glory (Philippians 4:19). There is no good thing that our Shepherd will withhold from those who walk upright (Psalms 84:11; Proverbs 28:10; Matthew 6:31-33). It is God's will that you experience the green pastures of plenty the still water of peace, rest to your soul and the continual refreshing of your soul as He anoints you continually with the fresh oil of the Spirit so that your cup runs over with rivers of His pleasure (Ephesians 5:18; John 7:38;Pslams 36:8). Let your heart safely trust in the Chief Shepherd of your soul who is the Great Shepherd of the flock of God Christ Jesus (1 Peter 5:4; Hebrews 13:20).

Poverty and lack is a curse but we can be certain that our God has only planned good things for us. God has given us abundant life through Jesus Christ and He wants to prosper us and brings us into a place of plenty spiritually, physically and material all we need to do is to follow Him (Genesis 39:2-3,23; 1 Kings 2:3; 1 Chronicles 22:13; 2 Chronicles 20:20; Joshua 1:7-8; Psalms 1:3; Jeremiah 17:7-8; 3 John 2). You may rise up in confidence and be certain today that the Lord takes pleasure in the prosperity of His servants (Psalms 35:27). We can be certain that the grace that has been given to us has supplied us with every kind of blessing and brought to us all sufficient to meet every need so that we will never suffer any lack if we follow our Shepherd. We may boldly say send prosperity now Lord, now (Psalms 118:25; 2 Corinthians 9:8)

The Almighty God who is our benefactor and supplier of all our needs will not withhold any good thing from those who walk upright (Psalms 84:11). Everyone who seeks the Lord will not lack any good thing (Psalms 34:10). Walk with the Lord follow the Holy Spirit believe and rely on all of the promises of God and watch as the blessings of the Lord continually increase in your life. Give no place to the thief that would come to steal, kill and destroy, give no place to the devil who lies in wait to ruin all those good things which God has planned for your life. Simply, obey God and serve Him and you will spend all of your days in prosperity and all of your years in pleasure. But if you do not obey you will perish (Job 36:11-12; Romans 6:23).

6- Surely goodness and loving kindness shall pursue¹¹ me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of Yahoah days without end.

Chapter 24

A Song of David,

- 1-The earth and the fullness of it is Yahoah's the world and the inhabitants in it.
- 2- For he fixed it upon the waters and established it upon the rivers¹².
- 3- Who shall ascend into the mountain of Yahoah and who shall stand in the place of His holiness?
- 4- The one with clean hands and a pure heart who has not lifted up his soul to vanity nor sworn deceitfully.
- 5- He shall lift up blessings from Yahoah and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6- This is the generation that resort to him that seek your face; Jacob, Selah.

Chapter 25

1- From David- Yawheh, unto you I lift up my soul.

2- My God in you I trust let not be ashamed let not my enemies triumph over me.

3- Also all who wait for you shall not be ashamed; ashamed shall be the vainly deceitful.

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When we consider that everything that God created was created by the word it allows us to look at this verse with a little more insight (John 1:3,10; Psalms 33:6; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2,10; 11:3). God has not only created everything by His spoken word but has also established everything by His word. It was upon the waters of His word that not only the earth but the galaxies that span the universe were fixed (Isaiah 48:13). It was also by the Word of God that we were created a new. We were begotten of God by His word and it is through and by His word that were transformed. Every miracle of God for our lives comes through our willingness to receive the word of God, which will work with the power of God in those who will believe (1 Thessalonians 2:13). God's word is spirit and life; it is living and powerful and if we will obey His word and allow it to be mixed with faith it will produce every perfect will of God in our lives. It was also by the water of the word that we were washed (Ephesians 5:26). His word is liker the rain that waters the earth so that every good fruit that He has purposed to grow in our life might spring up (Isaiah 55:10-11; James 5:7).

We must also recognize that the earth was not just carved out by the flow of the rivers but it was through the rivers of the Spirit that it was shaped (Isaiah 48:18). When the earth was an expanse of chaos and darkness the Spirit of the Lord brooded over the face of the deep to bring forth the creation of God (Genesis 1:2). It was also by the Spirit that we were begotten of God (John 3:5; Titus 3:5). It is through the watercourses of the Spirit that our lives are shaped and fashioned to bring forth fruits of righteousness unto holiness (Romans 14:17; 6:19; Philippians 1:11). When we drink of the water that is supplied to us by Christ Jesus then it becomes a wellspring on the inside springing up unto the abundant and everlasting life of God Himself (John 4:14). The life of God flows out of us like rivers of living water producing all of the passions, emotions and appetites found within the nature and character of our Creator and Master (John 7:38-39; Revelation 22:1; Ezekiel 47:9; Psalms 36:8; 46:4; Isaiah 41:18; Galatians 5:22-23). Thus everything that the Lord has founded He did so upon His word which He has exalted above His own name and everything that He has established is through the rivers of His Spirit that have found its water courses in our life. If we are going to prosper in all of the good promises of God then we must learn to live by the word and find that all of the strength and power to do those things that pleases God are discovered in the rivers of His Spirit (Galatians 5:16,25; Romans 8:4-5, 26, 16).

- 4- Yahweh cause me to know your ways teach me your paths¹³.
- 5- Lead me in your faithfulness and teach me for you are the God of my salvation it is you I invoke all the day.
- 6- Remember your compassions Yahweh and your covenant love for they are from everlasting.
- 7- The sins of my youth and the transgressions do not remember according to your own covenant love remember me on account of your goodness Yahweh.
- 8- Good and right is Yahweh therefore He shows sinners His way.
- 9- He will guide the humble in judgment and He will teach the humble His way¹⁴.
- 10- All the paths of Yahweh are covenant love and truth to those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

3- Though and host encamp against me I shall not fear. Though war against up me in this I am confident¹⁵.

Before we call God has already answered. He has proactively sent the Holy Spirit to teach us His ways and to lead us in His paths of righteousness. If we would all allow God to give us a revelation of the majesty and splendor of the way in which He conducts Himself we would be overwhelmed as was the Queen of Sheba in the presence of Solomon (1 Kings 10:4). We would be awe struck with desperation for a greater manifestation of His person as was Moses and we would find ourselves unwilling to depart from the place of His manifest presence as was Joshua (Exodus 33:1, 13,18). It was by the desperation that Moses had to know God's ways and to see His glory that He began to shine with the radiant glory of God's

own presence (Exodus 34:35). It is also God's desire that we should arise and shine with His glory and be filled with the manifestation of His presence that all the world might see the light and life of God (Isaiah 60:1; Matthew 5:14; Ephesians 5:8; John 17:21-23; Romans 8:28; Hebrews 1:2).

The anaveem or the humble person is an individual that is willingly obedient. Rebellion and stubborness that are born out of the heart of the proud are both opposites of humility (Proverbs 16:19; James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5). The rebellious and the stubborn are those who must be forced to be obedient. Humility is best characterized by a loving and obedient servant who will do anything for their master. The state of humility expressed in the scripture is one of total dependency upon God. Thus God's people are characterized as sheep devoted to the care of their shepherd (John 10:3,4, 11-16, 27; Matthew 25:32-33). Humility recognizes that without God we are poor and have nothing and can do nothing (John 15:5).

If we will walk humbly with our God then He will guide us and teach us and we will be led into all truth. Humility in the heart will say I do not know which direction I am to go and Father will respond follow me. The proud will devise a plan in His own imagination and forge ahead in his own arrogance and not budge from his own decisions (Proverbs 8:13; Isaiah 11:13; I Samuel 2:3; Psalms 138:6). However if we look to our shepherd then He will teach us the ways that last forever. His decisions and choices will become wisdom and understanding to us and His beautiful ways of righteousness and holiness will become the true description of life (Proverbs 2:6; Psalms 111:10; 119:104; Proverbs 9:10; Colossians 1:9). God in His covenant love for us will not withhold any dimension of Himself or of His blessings from us if we are willing to walk in humility before Him. It is a heart of humility that produces a state of submission and if we will submit ourselves to God then we will receive all that He has abundantly poured out and allotted unto us. Yahweh has shown us what He wants and what is good: we are to do justly love lovingkindness and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8; Matthew 11:29; Philippians 2:5-6).

How can we be confident if a great army rises up against us? We would have to know that those with us are more and mightier than those with them. How can we be confident when every visible thing that we see around us threatens our life and demands that we surrender to its will? We would have to know that there is an unseen realm that stands with us to succeed. Elisha and his servant were faced with a similar situation. All that the servant of Elisha could see was an undefeatable force far greater in number and might; how would it be possible for two people to stand against so many. Yet, Elisha said, "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them (2 Kings 6:16). God has given us many immutable promises for every dimension of our lives: spiritually, physically and materially but we must

2- Give glory to Yahweh worship Him by his name Yahweh in the majesty of holiness ¹⁶.

Chapter 32

Of David- a maschil

1- Blessed (cause for joy and celebration) is the one whose transgressions are taken away (nasa) and sin is out of sight (kasha- 103:12).

realize that there is a great opposition. The opposition has a show of power that threatens everyone of those things that God has promised us. If we are not certain that we can trust God then we will have no confidence to succeed. If we will trust in the Lord and allow the word of God to be that which we believe and the Spirit of God to open our eyes to see that He is faithful to do those things for us that He has promised then we will not fear. Our confidence that comes from trusting God to be true to His love for us and His promises that He has made will result in a great reward (Hebrews 10:35). God is the One who will reward those who consistently seek Him and rely upon Him. We must come to a final decision that we believe that He is our light and our salvation. God alone is our strength and we have no reason to fear. If we will simply devote our hearts to trusting God then we shall not fear because we know that our strength is not in how much money we have in the bank or health insurance that we possess. Our strength is not found in our government or our jobs but in Christ Jesus alone. If we are going to be lead into the greatness that God has for us then we are going to have to allow the Holy Spirit to fill us with the strength of the Lord and the power of His might (Ephesians 3:16; 6:10). Imagine how different things would have been is David had not risked his life to go down into the valley and take up a few smooth stones (1 Samuel 17:40). Impossible odds against so mighty a foe whose sword and spear and killed the mightiest of men. Unless we are willing to lose our lives we will never discover the glorious one that we have in Christ Jesus. The Spirit of the Lord is hear to open our eyes and fill us with the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of the Lord but we must be willing to lift our eyes up above the adversity and see the greatness of the author ad finisher of our faith. Let us not be those who coward behind the rocks and in the caves afraid to believe God for great things but let us instead take up His righteous cause and hold fast to the promise that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13). Surely we shall do valiantly surely we cannot fail so come let us walk on the water with Jesus. Let us leave the realms of the possible and step into the place of the impossible no longer to trust in our ability but solely rely on His.

There are a number of ways to translate the Hebrew phrase "majesty of holiness" (hadarah kodesh). The Hebrew phrase may also be translated "holy adornment," "garments of holiness," "appear in holiness" (1 Chronicles 16:29; Psalms 96:9). God has given us the highest honor that He could bestow upon us by giving us the majesty of His holiness. It is from out of His holiness that all of His virtue, honor and glory comes forth. Because God has made us His people He has clothed us with the same honor and majesty. Just as the Lord dressed Aaron, His high priest, with the majestic garments he has also clothed us with the garments of holiness (Exodus 28:2, 4, 36; 29:6, 29; 39:30). One of the outstanding features of Aaron's holy garments was the grown of glory that he wore. On the crown of glory was written "Holiness to the Lord." Today we have not just been given natural garments so that we may stand in the company of the Almighty we have been clothed with the Holy Spirit Himself (Luke 24:49; Acts 2:4; John 14:16, 26; 16:14; Matthew 3:11; Luke 3:16). We have been clothed with Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:27; Romans 6:3-4; 13:14; Colossians 3:10). We are baptized in the glory cloud of God's Holy Fire and our inner man has been recreated in true holiness and possesses the divine and holy nature so that we are called the holy ones in light (Exodus 3:4; 14:24; Numbers 9:15; Matthew 3:11; Luke 3:16; Acts 1:5; 2:3-4; Ephesians 4:24; 2 Peter 1:4; Colossians 1:12). We are clothed with the light of God, the fullness of Christ, power from on high, the glory of God, rivers of holiness, the armor of God, the new man, the breastplate of righteousness and the breastplate of faith and love (Romans 13:12; Luke 24:49; John 1:16; 17:20-23; Ephesians 4:13; 6:11,14; Colossians 3:10,12; 1 Thessalonians 5:8). Let us come and worship the Lord clothed with His Holiness!

- 2- Blessed is the man who Yahoah does not consider (yachshov- Malachi 3:16) iniquity and neither is deceit in his spirit.
- 3-When I remained silent my bones wore out with groanings all day long.
- 4- For day and night your hand was heavy upon me I was overthrown O Shaddi as drought in summer Selah
- 5- I acknowledge my sin to you and my iniquity I did not conceal I said I will confess Most High my transgressions to Yahoah and you took away the iniquity of my sin
 - (Psalms 86:5- As soon as sin is confessed its effect of destroying the individual and/or the community is rooted out.) For you, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon you (Ps. 86:5). 17

Those who hide in their sins will never be hidden in the mercy of God, Christ Jesus.

- 6- For this let everyone that is godly pray to you in the time when you may be found, In the flood of great waters (trouble and judgment) they shall not reach you (Isaiah 55:6).
- 7- You are my hiding place you keep me from distress you surround me with shouts of deliverance Selah.
- 8- I will instruct you and direct you in the way you must go I will guide you with my eyes.
- 9 Do not be as the horse as the mule unable to discern with bridle and halter his straps to hold him then you can approach him. (A wild and undisciplined horse)
- 10- Many sorrows shall be to the wicked but they who trust in Yahoah will be surrounded by His loving mercy.
- 11- Rejoice in Yahoah and be glad you righteous ones shout for joy all you upright in heart¹⁸.

¹⁷ Ellsworth, R. (2006). *Opening up Psalms* (100). Leominster: Day One Publications.

Those who are stubborn and rebellious will discover that God's hand is heavy upon them. Sin will be punished now and in the future. Those who will learn now will not have to endure the torments of an eternal punishment where there is no opportunity for change. Jesus was very radical about the subject; and simply said that if it is your hand that is the problem - then cut it off; if it is your eye - then pluck it out; because it is better to enter into life having one hand or one eye; rather than have your whole being destroyed in the fires of hell (Matthew 5:29-30; Matthew 18:8-9; Mark 9:47). Because of this great act of mercy wherein God does whatever possible to reach the soul of man, then the stubborn and disobedient

If we want to be right with God, all we have to do is REPENT. The mercy and forgiveness of the Lord is extended to any person who will not keep silent, but will acknowledge their transgressions and sins. If we cry out to God, He will come with shouts of deliverance, and set us free form our sin and our iniquity (Psalm 32:7). All of the past will be remembered no more, and we will be those who stand before God with neither sin nor deceit in our spirit (Psalm 32:2,5; 1 Corinthians 1:8; Philippians 2:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Peter 3:14). If we are unwilling to acknowledge our sin, then we will discover that every sin has a consequence of death. As surely as the act of sin comes, so will the consequence and punishment for that sin (Romans 6:23). Therefore because sin has the inevitable effect of destroying the individual and/or the community, it must be rooted out (Joshua 6:18; Joshua 7:12; Joshua 22:18; Numbers 14:35; Judges 2:2-3; Isaiah 59:2; Deuteronomy 7:26; Haggai 2:13-14; Jeremiah 6:8; 1 Corinthians 5:13; Colossians 3:5-6; Revelation 2:16).

- 1- Psalms 34:1- Of David when he changes his behavior before Abimelech who drove him away and he departed:
- "I will bless Yahweh at all times His praise will continually be in my mouth¹⁹.
- 6- They looked to Him and their faces shine they are never put to shame. (Ps 25:2-3; Proverbs 16:20)
- 7- This poor one called and Yahweh heard and saved him from all his trouble.
- 8- The angel of Yahweh encamps all around those who fear Him and He rescues them.
- 9- Taste and see that Yahweh is good happy is the man who takes refuge in Him (2 Samuel 22:3)

Chapter 37

- 1- To David, do not be worried because of evil doers neither be envious because of the workers of iniquity.
- 2- For they shall quickly wither as the grass and fade as the green grass.
- 3- Trust in Yahoah and do good dwell in the land and feed on faithfulness.
- 4- And delight in Yahoah and He shall give you the petitions of your heart.
- 5- Commit your way to Yahoah and trust in Him and He shall bring it to pass.
- 6- And He shall bring forth your righteousness as a light and your judgment as the noonday.

child will encounter punishments that will cause their bones to wear out with groanings, and their health to be overthrown like drought in the summer (Psalm 32:3-4).

People have one of two choices: they can either be sensitive and obedient to the instructions of God, or they can be treated like a horse or a mule who needs bits and straps to obey. One thing if for certain: God in His mercy and love for us will not easily give up on working to bring an end to disobedience. We can rejoice however in knowing that if we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord; so that we will not be condemned with the world (1 Corinthians 11:32; Hebrews 12:5-11; 2 Corinthians 7:10).

The way that we bless the Lord is to give thanks unto His name. Those who are humbled by circumstances should take note of what God has done for others and be glad knowing that He will help them as well. This Psalm tells of the time when David had to run for his life from Saul. He fled from his own country into the land of the Philistines to escape the betrayal and murderous intent of Saul (1 Samuel 10:31). After he came into the land of the Philistines he was discovered and brought before Achish whose dynastic title was Abimelech. In hopes of escaping with his life he acted as though he had gone mad. The Hebrew word for praise used here (tehilla) means to be deeply thankful. So many times I have watched people attempt to approach God in the midst of being self-absorbed with all of their disappointments and self-interest and thanksgiving was not really present as they began to sing. Such activities are not praise at all. The only praise that is true is by the Spirit who brings both the revelation and inspiration of the greatness and goodness of God. The deepest kind of thanksgiving will be offered in delight and joy. Therefore, if we will give ourselves to thanksgiving no matter what the circumstances may be we will discover that even a greater joy and thanksgiving will spring up within us by the Spirit of God. It is in the attitude and disposition of thanksgiving that our trust in God is expressed and from this a mountain moving faith will begin to arise.

It is good to give thanks unto the Lord (Psalms 92:1-2). As we discover who He is and that He is arranging everything for our good as well as protecting and keeping us in all things then we will resolve ourselves to give thanks forever (Psalms 145:1). If we are going to participate in trusting God and allow Him to develop the character that will result in our blessing then we must be willing to give thanks at all times for everything (Ephesians 5:20). The giving of thanks is always God's will for our lives (1 Thessalonians 5:18). If we give thanks and trust in God He will deliver us no matter how impossible the situation may b

- 7- Be still (silent) before Yahoah and tremble before Him. Do not worry concerning him who prospers in his ways because of the man who devises a plot.
- 8- Cease from anger and forsake wrath do not worry because of evil.
- 9- For evildoers shall be cut off but they that wait on Yahoah shall inherit the earth.
- 10- And yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more and you shall not be able to discern their place.
- 11- But the meek shall inherit the earth and <u>delight</u> themselves in the abundance of peace.
- 12- The wicked plot against the righteous and grind on them with their teeth.
- 13- The Lord shall laugh at him for He sees for his day is coming!
- 14- The wicked have drawn their sword they have bent their bows to cast down the meek and the needy to butcher the upright way.
- 15- Their swords shall enter into their own hearts and their bows broken in pieces.
- 16- The little of the righteous is better than the abundance of many wicked.
- 17- The arms of the wicked shall be broken but Yahoah shall uphold the righteous.
- 18- Yahoah knows the days of the perfect and their inheritance shall be forever.
- 19- They shall not be ashamed in the evil time and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied
- 20- But the wicked shall perish and the enemies of Yahoah shall be as the fat of lambs consumed into smoke, consumed.
- 23- The steps of a good man are ordered of Yahoah
- 24- Though he fall he shall not be cast down for Yahoah holds His hand
- 28- For Yahoah loves judgment and will not forsake His saints they are preserved forever
- 32- The wicked watch the righteous and seek to slay him.
- 33- Yahoah will not leave him in his hand nor condemn him when he is judged
- 39- The salvation of the righteous is of Yahoah He is their strength in the time of trouble.
- 40 And Yahoah shall help then and deliver them. He shall deliver them from the wicked and save them, because they trust in him. Chapter 40
- 1-To the chief musician a song of David, Wait, I have waited for Yahoah and he reached out to me and heard my cry for help.
- 2- He brought me up from a roaring pit from the miry clay and He caused my feet to stand upon a cleft in a rock He made firm my steps. (Genesis 37:24; Jeremiah 38:6; Exodus 33:22; Habakkuk 3:19).
- 3- And He hath put into my mouth a new song of praise²⁰ unto our God many shall see it and they shall fear and they shall trust in Yahoah.

²⁰ The Lord has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light so that we can show forth His praises! He has put a new song in our mouth even praises unto our God (Isaiah 42:10; Psalms 98:1). We should now declare His glory among the lost and His marvelous works among all nations (1 Chronicles 16:24). The disposition of joy and thanksgiving cannot be under valued. If there is anything that stands out in a world of darkness it is the bright and joyful countenance of someone who is happy and thankful. The open doors and the opportunities to talk of all the wonderful things that the Lord has done for us are continual when we find ourselves delighting in the Lord. The declaration of the good news cannot be accurately delivered with

- 4- Blessed is the man whose confidence is in Yahoah and does not turn unto arrogance nor swerve to lies.
- 5- Many are your wondrous works Yahoah my God and your thoughts towards us cannot be estimated to us if I were to tell or speak they are to numerous to recount(the incomparability of Yahoah)
- 6-Sacrifices and offerings you did not delight in my ears you opened whole burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.
- 7-Then I said behold I come with a scroll of the book that is written of me.
- 8-I delight to do your will my God for your law is in the midst of my inward parts. (The heart of all that God did in the new testament was to produce His ways in us through the new birth-Hebrews 8:10; 10:16)
- 9-I have preached righteousness in the great congregation behold I have not refrained my lips Yahoah you know this.
- 10-Your righteousness I have not concealed within my heart I have declared your faithfulness and your salvation I have not hid your stedfast love and your truth from the great congregation
- 11- Yahoah you shall not withhold your mercies from me; your steadfast love and your truth shall continually keep me²¹.

a sad and sorrowful countenance so the Lord has provided us a wellspring of joy. The rivers of His pleasure pour out of us as we are filled with the Spirit.

Someone may say how can I be filled? All you need to do is to begin to declare all the things that the Lord has said. Begin to confess what great things the Lord has done and as you do the power of the Lord will come on you and the rivers of His life will begin to flow out. The Lord said that we have to be endued with His power before we could be His witnesses. So let that wonderful supply of the Spirit of God fill you up continually. Do not allow the cares of this life, the stress and the frustration put out the light of His glory in your life rather be filled and speak to yourself in songs of praise and hymns of grace and spiritual songs of Holy Ghost utterances. Sing and give thanks unto the Lord and watch what God will do (Ephesians 5:20; Colossians 1:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Hebrews 13:15). Your enemies will be scattered and the forces that have held you back and shrouded your life will be gone. If we attempt to hang onto our life in this world it will only drowned out the abundantly lift that we have been given in Christ Jesus (Hebrews 3:11; 1 Corinthians 10:10; Jude 16:Luke 8:14; 21:34). So let us decide today that we will no longer live for ourselves but unto Him who died and rose again. Let us embrace the life of the Kingdom of God and live for God. Let us deny a self-centered life and live the life of Christ Jesus. Let us and take up our cross and vow only to live to the will of the Father. Embrace your heavenly calling today and arise and shine for your light has come! If we decide to no longer to live for ourselves but rather for the praises of God a whole new realm of freedom and authority will open up before us. As you cooperate with God and begin to do those things that He has called you out of darkness to do then the revelation of His grace and an increase in His manifest presence will be yours!

²¹ Did you realize that it pleases the Father when we remain confident in Him? Without faith it is impossible to please Him. He wants us to believe the report that He has given of His Son and see acceptance in His continual expression towards us. Father's hands are outstreached towards all men everywhere He invites all to come to Hi through the door Christ Jesus. However, Satan's chief goal is to block the way to the Father through His lies and deception. For those who have already come to the throne of grace and have been made His sons and daughters he attempts to create a breach and make us feel inadequate, unworthy and unacceptable so that he might drive us from the presence of the Lord. Just as Satan stood before Joshua the priest and tried to prevent the blessings and reward of God from coming on the servant of God so he rages against us (Zechariah 3:1). We must not listen to his voice of condemnation. His accusing lies of strife and condemnation must not be heeded. Rather we must see ourselves accepted in the beloved. Jesus alone must become all our righteousness.

We may rest assured that God offers us the blessed privilege of remaining under the protection of his mercy and His steadfast love.

12-For evils surround me until there is no numbering them my iniquities reach unto me until I have no ability to look up they are more in number than the hairs of my head and so my heart fails me.

13-Be pleased Yahoah to deliver me Yahoah make hast to help me.

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Chapter 44

- 3- For they did not gain possession of the land with their swords and their own arm did not save them. For your right hand and your arm and the light of your face for you favored them²².
- 8- In God we boast all day long and your name forever we praise, selah

Chapter 45

1My heart is stirred with a good word I shall declare my work to the king, my tongue is as the pen of an expert writer.

2 You are more beautiful than the sons of man grace is poured upon your lips therefore God has blessed you forever!

3 Gird your sword upon your side mighty One, your glory and your majesty²³.

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God led Israel through the wilderness and fed them manna so that they could learn that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. It was God's desire to give them power to make wealth but before he could do that they had to come to a place of obedience to His word and absolute trust in Him (Deuteronomy 8:16-18; Joshua 1:8). So the prophet Jeremiah says, "blessed it is the man that trust in the Lord that makes the Lord the sole object of His trust" (Jeremiah 17:7). Yet, at the same time he says cursed is the man who trust in the arm of flesh (Jeremy 17:5). We have to realize that the promotion that God desires to give us will not come through our own might or power but by the Spirit of the Lord (Zech 4:6). If God sees that we need to go through a fiery trial of faith or through a wilderness place that we might learn to trust Him and live only in obedience to the dictates of His word then He knows what is best. However, what happens if we draw back and instead of trusting God more we trust Him less? What happens to us if we begin to rely more on what we can do for ourselves than what God can do for us? It is there that we must face our self-reliance and need. We must repent and humbly ourselves under the mighty hand of God and faithfully do all those things that he has commanded (1 Peter 5:6).

When we step into the promises of God on any level we have to realize that it was not by our own abilities or through the strength of our own efforts but it was by the blessing and miracle provision of God that we inherited those things that God freely gave (Proverbs 10:22). Just as Israel we must come to a place where we are willing to say whatever you command us we will do and wherever you send us we will go (Joshua 1:16). Realizing that those of Israel faced a certain death if somehow God failed to uphold them. There actions were those of absolute trust and through their commitment they inherited land and riches that would have otherwise been impossible to obtain. Understand this God has not planned your failure He has planned out your success. Though many would make us a defeated people who do not have the ability to live free from sin and walk in the abundance of God's great riches it does not change the word of God, which is forever settled in heaven. God has put a treasure on the inside of us so that the excellency of His power might be made manifest in our lives therefore, let us not draw back but always press on!

²² There are so many people who struggle to get ahead. They are constantly at war with their finances doing anything to achieve a breakthrough. What many fail to realize is that wealth and success is something that God has purposed for all of His people. However, we must realize that such a blessing only comes to us because we are willing to trust the Lord. We must realize that all of His blessings, provisions and promises come to us by way of a miracle. God absolutely forbids us to trust in our own ability and to rely upon the arm of flesh. We have to be willing to walk in the day-by-day instructions of His word.

To the chief musician of the sons of Korah a song upon Alamoth

- 1- God is our refuge and strength very present in distress.
- 2- Therefore we will not be afraid of the changes in the earth or in its shaking the mountains into the heart of the seas.
- 3- Though its waters rage and foam its mountains heave with its swelling Selah.
- 4- There is a river whose streams²⁴ make glad the city of God the holy tabernacles of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her she shall not be shaken God will help her at the break of
- 6- The nations rage the kingdoms shake he uttered His voice the earth melted
- 7- Yahoah of host is with us the God of Jacob is our security Selah.
- 8- Come behold the works of Yahoah what desolation He has made in the earth.
- 9- He makes wars to cease throughout the earth He breaks the bow and snaps the spear He burns the chariots in the fire.
- 10- Be still and know that I am God exalted among the nations exalted in the earth²⁵.

The sword of the Lord is the word of God. It is powerful and sharp. It is mighty to the pulling down of strongholds. It goes forth to conquer every foe and to subdue the willing heart; to take the vilest of men and transform them into living epistles. The kingdom of God is advanced by the King of Kings who is even now enthroned above all things! The Word of Life has come with authority to subdue and recreate all who are willing into the image of God, in righteousness and true holiness. It must be our duty in life our pledge of consecration to join with His righteous cause that Satan's deceiving power may be stopped. To behold the miracle working power of the sword of the Lord as it dispels the darkness and transforms the lives of men.

²⁴ The rivers of the Holy Spirit that flows through our lives may also be viewed as the river that ran through the paradise of God that was in Eden and the river that flows through the City of God. These are rivers of life and rivers of joy (Psalm 36:9). Where ever these waters of revival flow they cause life to spring up through the touch of God's mighty presence (Ezekiel 47:1:12; Revelation 22:1; Zechariah 14:8; Isaiah 43:20-21; 66:12).

Today there is a river that flows out of our innermost being. God has made us His tabernacles because the glory of His presence resides in our lives. Where ever His presences is felt His river of life causes that which was barren and lifeless to spring up with the abundance of His life. His rivers of life produce joy and purity and bring forth the same miracles that the presence of Jesus produced when He ministered to the desolate wilderness of mankind's life nearly 2000 years ago (Isaiah 36:6-10). The ministry of Jesus lives on today as the rivers of God flow forth from His tabernacles (John 7:38-39; 1 Corinthians 3:16). The presence of the Lord is to us as broad rivers in a dry place (Isaiah 33:2; 33:21). We have rivers of life flowing out of us that makes the lamb to walk and the blind to see. It opens prison doors and sets the captive free!

The Hebrew word that we translate "be still" may also be translated "relax." The God of our slavation

and deliverance is saying, "Come find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:29; Jeremiah 6:16). The Shepherd

²³ The sword of the Savior is His glory and majesty! He cuts through the doubts and unbelief with the power of His mighty signs and wonders. He comes with His mercy to heal and to save, with outstretched arms welcoming all who would come into the fellowship of His love. Jesus turned the water into wine that He might show forth His glory with mighty signs and wonders he turned back His enemies (John 2:11; 4:48). He was anointed above all others with the oil of joy so that the joyful sound of deliverance might be heard by everyone (Psalms 45:7; Hebrews 1:9). He was anointed with the Holy Ghost and power that by His majesty and splendor every yoke would be broken and every work of Satan destroyed (Acts 10:38; 1 John 3:8; Matthew 8:17; 10:1; 12:28; Mark 1:34,39).

11- Yahoah of host is with us the God of Jacob is our security Selah.

Chapter 49

To the director to the sons of Korah a Psalm

- 1- People everywhere hear this, all inhabitants of the world listen!
- 2- Also sons of Adam also sons of men the rich and poor alike.
- 3- My mouth shall speak wisdom and the utterance of my heart insight (understanding).
- 4- I will bend my ear to a parable I will open my dark sayings upon a string instrument.
- 5- Why should I be afraid in the days of evil or the iniquity of slanderers that surround me.
- 6- They trust in their wealth and in the multitude of their riches they boast.
- 7- Alas no man can ever redeem himself nor pay to God His ransom price.
- 8- For the ransom of their souls is precious forever ceasing.
- 9- When he could have lived yet more (jubilant) forever and not seen the Pit (cave).

Chapter 50

23- He that offers thanksgiving honors me and he who is set in My way I will cause to see into the salvation of God²⁶.

and Bishop of our souls will protect and defend us, He will never leave nor forsake us. He will calm the storms that would rage against us and will continually say, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

Whatever calamity you may be facing, or desperate situation that you may find yourself in, just stop and listen and hear the Lord say, "Relax, be still." As He said to Moses and to the people of Israel when they were faced with the Red Sea on one side and the armies of Egypt on the other, He will say to you today: "Be still - for the Lord will fight for you" (Exodus 14:13-14). Let your heart be comforted with the same words of assurance that God comforted the heart of Jehoshaphat with, when Jahaziel prophesied saying, "Stand still... for the Lord will be with you" (2 Chronicles 20:14-17). It is in this stillness and confidence that you will find His strength (Isaiah 30:15). If these men had been unwilling to trust the Lord, then there would have been a lost opportunity for God to be exalted among the nations, and exalted in the earth. Let there be no lost opportunities among us.

If we will put our trust in the Lord, then we will discover that there is nothing too difficult for God. The reality that Christ Jesus is exalted above all powers and authorities is expressed through those who trust and obey Him. The Almighty God is here to lead us and guide us, to protect and defend us; but we must be willing to follow Him and put our trust in Him. We cannot rise up in defense for ourselves, or turn to our own abilities to provide a solution if the Lord is to be exalted. If we will turn to the Lord Jesus and cry out to Him, then surely He will perform a miracle for us today! We can rest assured that everything opposed to the good will and pleasure of our God will come to an end. The Almighty God and His will alone will be exalted among the nations, and exalted in the earth. Today put your trust in the faithfulness of the Lord, and His will shall be done in your life as it is in heaven. Let us all say with stout hearts and in full assurance of the faith, that our God reigns - and He will come and deliver us!

²⁶ The word of God is given to us to make us wise (Proverbs 1-3; 1 Timothy 3:15). It reveals to us the way of the Almighty and the ways that last forever. If we are willing to set ourselves to keeping the word of God it shows us how to depart from evil (Acts 13:26; Ephesians 6:17; Job 28:28; Psalms 37:27; Proverbs 16:6). If we will depart from evil then the wisdom of God will fill our hearts and causes us to have insight and understanding into the ways of the Most High (Psalms 111:10; Proverbs 1:7; 9:10; Deuteronomy 4:6; Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 1:17-23).

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of my God. I will trust in His mercy²⁷ for ever and ever.

Chapter 55

17- Evening and morning and at noon I will pray and cry aloud and you shall hear my voice²⁸.

As we walk in obedience to God He satiates our souls with His goodness and causes us to drink of the rivers of His pleasure (Ps 36:8). The rivers of His pleasure produce a wellspring of joy and love and every dimension of His own nature (Romans 8:29; Hebrews 1:3; Galatians 5:22-23; John 7:38-39; Ephesians 5:9; Philippians 1:1; Isaiah 35:5-8; Amos 5:24). If we will continue to drink of His Spirit through praise and thanksgiving we will discover depths of His love that are deeper than we have known, higher than we can imagines, longer than the length of the ages and broader than time itself (Ephesians 3:18-19).

When the Almighty God revealed His name to Moses the first thing He said about His name and Himself was the He was merciful. The innocent do not need mercy only the guilty need mercy. Charles Finney said "Mercy ask that justice be set aside." When we have become aware of our wrongdoing and our guilt before God we can do nothing but trust in His mercy. Is that trust properly placed? Yes, because His mercies endure forever! His mercies are new every morning!

We must not make the fatal mistake of attempt to justify wrong doing otherwise we will not plead for mercy. It is only in a conscious awareness of wrongdoing that we are able to plead for mercy. God does not show mercy in such way as to remove all constraints and allow all men to commit whatever acts of iniquity that they feel. Rather He gives mercy to the one who has a repenting heart. The mercy of God is there for the one who has a deep desire to do what is right and live the life that God demands. The one who looks with such a heart to the mercy of God will find forgiveness or pardon 490 times a day. God only looks for our confession and our eagerness to continue in the paths of His righteousness. With such a heart of sincerity the needy person will always find a merciful God who has provided the blood of Jesus to be the fountain of cleansing and the fountain of life. Yes, we may safely trust in the mercy of God forever!

There was a commitment by the psalmist to pray three times a day bowing before God to express the strong feelings of His soul. The psalmist along with many others for many generations came three times a day to bow before the thrown of God to honor Him and recognize that all things belong to Him and to make known their intense desire to please Him in all that they did.

One of the first things that we may think of when we consider a person who prays three times a day is Daniel. Daniel prayed three times a day and gave thanks before his God (Daniel 6:10). Praying three times a day is reported to date back to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. However, from a clearly biblical point of view we know that God command that the evening and morning sacrifice be offered up every day (Exodus 29:38-42). When we consider that the lifting of our hands to the Lord can be as the evening sacrifice then we may also understand more about how we participate today as those living sacrifices that offer up spiritual sacrifices to the Lord with our pray and praise (Psalms 141:1; 1 Peter 2:5; Romans 12:1. The evening and morning prayer and praise that was offered by the people of God is further realized by the times of worship set up in the tabernacle (1 Chronicles 23:30). We also know that the noon hour of prayer was kept and also extended over into the New Testament witnessed by the time that Peter went to prayer (Acts 10:9).

The lifting of our hands is not only like the evening sacrifice but our prayer is as the incense that was also offered unto the Lord in the evening and in the morning each day (Psalms 141:2; Revelation 8:3-4; 2 Chronicles 13:11). The prayer that we give to the Lord is to be offered through the fire of the Holy Spirit that burns within us (John 4:23; Matthew 3:11; Acts 2:3; Leviticus 10:1; Numbers 3:4). There may be those who think that gong to prayer three times a day is nothing but religious ritual but what everyone must also consider is that it can be and act of intimate relationship. What an honor and privilege to have access to the throne of Grace where we can come and bow before the Ancient of Days. If we really believe that we have

2- I will cry to God Most High; to God who accomplishes it for me²⁹. Chapter 59

16 I will sing of your power and rejoice in the morning because of your mercies for you have been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble³⁰.

such an opportunity and that the act of prayer and praise delights and the Fathers heart how then could we do anything less?

The most important thing that we must come to understand is how important it is to God that we trust Him, and Him alone. The Lord is not going to allow His glory and honor to be mixed with other things. He will not be confused with the help and provision of men. If we are going to receive God's help, then we must be willing to come over to His side and realize that He does not need a supporting team; He has the power and willingness to be the sole provider and rewarder of all who will put their trust in Him. God stands opposite of the world and the arm of flesh, and refuses to be in anyway associated with the vain and distorted help of men (2 Chronicles 32:8; Jeremiah 17:5; Psalm 60:11; Psalm 146:3).

When Asa king of Judah decided to rely upon the help of Benhadad instead of making God the sole object of his trust, the prophet Hanani came to him with these words from God: "Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD your God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of your hand. Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge ?host, with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you relied on the LORD, he delivered them into your hand. For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward him" (2 Chronicles 16:7-9). Asa received the praises of God and the help of Godwhen he turned his whole heart towards God and relied on Him alone (2 Chronicles 14:11). Yet somehow he lost sight of the fact that it would only be through this same kind of confidence that he would continue to receive the divine help of the One who was and is in control of all things.

Later, Jehoshaphat his son had great wealth and power and a mighty army that he could rely on; but instead he choose to put his trust in the Lord. When Jehoshaphat was faced with trouble, instead of looking to his own power or strength or the help of others, he humbled himself before the Lord and said, "O our God, wilt thou not judge them? For we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee" (2 Chronicles 20:12).

Today there is trouble on every side. There are spiritual, physical, and financial problems everywhere we turn. The nations reel like a drunken man, and stagger on the brink of collapse and self-destruction, because of their wickedness and iniquity. Should the people of God be moved? Should we bow to the circumstances and the cares of this world? Should we be afraid, and look to men or to our own strength for help? By no means! We are not appointed to partake of the judgments of this world; we are those who are to arise and shine. We are those who are given power to prosper in the time of famine (Jeremiah 17:7; Genesis 12:8, Genesis 13:1-2; Genesis 26:12). We are those who trust in the Lord and are continually under the shelter of His provision (Psalm 91:1-16; Psalm 1:3)!

³⁰ It is because of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed it is because His compassions fail not (Lamentations 3:22-23). Our lives should be about celebrating the mercies and the lovingkindness of our God! When we arise in the morning we should offer up praise because of His mercy that endures forever! When we gather in His sanctuary our shouts of praise should ring out with gratefulness for His great mercy. Our gathering unto Him should be a celebration over His mercy and a time of being carried away with rejoicing over His great love for us.

It is time that each person received the revelation of truth that the Holy Spirit desires to give to each one of us; the revelation of God's great love and of His great mercy that He has shown to us (Ephesians 1:18; 2:4). We must be willing to believe the great things HE has done! To often we are consumed with the sense of our own selves and in a depressed state attempt to offer praise. This is not the sacrifice that is acceptable unto the Lord rather it is the sacrifice of praise that the Lord requires (Hebrews 13:15; 1 Peter 2:5; Romans 12:1). The heart that response in full assurance of the faith and rejoices over the great things that the Lord has done is the heart that accepts what God has said! Let us sing the songs of joy and rejoicing because of his great mercies let us sing now and forever (Psalms 89:1). Let us not rejoice in part but rather with all of our heart our soul and strength. God has freely given mercy without end. His lovingkindness and

9- For the zeal of your house has eaten me up and the reproaches of your reproaches have fallen on me³¹.

Chapter 73

25 Who do I have in heaven but you and with you I have no delights on earth³².

Chapter 84

compassions abound without limits to us in Christ Jesus. So lift up your heads and begin to sing and the King of Glory will come in! Our God is a God of mercy and His mercy triumphs over judgment His faithfulness is without end (Deuteronomy 4:31; Nehemiah 1:5; Psalms 86:15; Jeremiah 9:24; James 2:13). There is no force or power greater than our God's who will keep and protect us unto that day (2 Timothy 1:14; 1 Peter 1:15.

David, along with all who have ever been anointed by God experienced the rejections of Christ. Little would have David realized all that he would have had to suffer for the anointing that he received when the oil was poured upon his head by Samuel. The man whom God anointed king would be ultimately abandoned by everyone and would have to slobber all over himself and scratch like a dog before Abimelech (1 Samuel 21:13; Psalms 34:1). He was chased from one end of Israel to the other hiding in the rocks and caves because of the anointing that was upon his life. Similarly, Mary one of His descendants would have to bear the reproaches of Christ when it was discovered that she was with child by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:20). Yet, she gave the reproach that would be laid upon her by men little thought but instead said, "For He that is mighty hath done great things, and holy is His name" (Luke 1:49).

Moses looked upon the reproaches of Christ and those who were anointed of God appeared to him to be more glorious and desirable than the lavish wealth of Egypt and the fame of Pharaoh (Hebrews 11:26). Oh how deeply it must touch the heart of the Father when we are willing to bear the insults and mockery of men that are actually directed towards Him. Our willingness to be totally identified with Him in everyway and endure the persecutions of men and devils for His sake is not for one moment overlooked by heaven (Hebrews 12:1-2; Acts 7:56; Luke 12:8; 1 John 4:15; Mark 8:38). The reproaches of Christ were such a glorious thing to Paul that he said, "that I might know Him in the fellowship of His suffering" (Philippians 3:10b).

The splendor and glory of God that is found in the anointing is far more beautiful than anything that can be found in the ivory palaces of men. The privilege to be allowed of God to have His identity and be numbered with those who stand in His company and follow Christ surpasses all other titles and positions in this world and the world to come. We are allowed of God to come and gather around a despised and rejected cross where the pride of men can only see defeat and shame but for us it is the power and wisdom of God. We are awarded with the great prize of baptism in the Holy Spirit whose demonstration through our lives is foolishness to the world (John 14:17; 15:18; 1 Corinthians 2: 1-14). Let us not draw back nor be ashamed of who were are but rather esteem the reproaches of Christ greater riches than anything else that can be acquired. Let us be bold and confident of who we are and what we are called to be. Do not allow the rejections of men to drive you to compromise but rejoice and be exceeding glad for great is your reward (Matthew 5:11-12).

There is a realm of pure delight walking with the Master; a prosperity and pleasure that no earthly thing can give. The discovery of this is only found by being in His presence. It is there we find fullness of joy and our affection are turned towards heaven (Colossians 3:1-4). There are days of heaven on earth for us now if we are willing to live them. All our days can be full of prosperity and our years with pleasure (Job 36:11). Don't let darkness shroud you and intimidation blind you from the truth. It is time to take your place among the saints in light (Colossians 1:12). With confidence and assurance boldly command how things are going to be. Rise up in relationship with God and the authority as His sons and daughters and live the life that Christ has given, let God be your treasure.

- Blessed is the man whose strength is in you their heart are a highway. (the highways are in their hearts) (Proverbs 16:17; Isa 35:8)
- 11- For Yahweh God is a sun and a shield Yahweh gives grace and glory He will not withhold any good thing from those who walk uprightly³³. Chapter 89
- 14- Righteousness and judgment is the foundation of your throne mercy and truth shall go before your presence³⁴

³³ Our God is our protector and provider so we have nothing to fear. Just as He told Abraham not to fear we should hear the same reassuring voice of God telling us that He is our shield (Genesis 15:1; 1 John 4:17-18). If we will make the purposes of God first in our life then God will give us all those things that men spend their lives seeking for. If we are willing to walk with God then we will surely discover that He is our exceeding great reward (Matthew 6:33; Mark 10:28-30; Philippians 4:19; Hebrews 11:6). God's grace and glory are everything that we need to walk in the fullness of His blessings. God's grace is the means by which we are empowered to do everything that He has purposed for us to do. His grace provides us with His wisdom and understanding and the ability to accomplish every task. God's glory carries with it every attribute of His power and wealth. If we are willing to walk upright, God will honor us in this glorious way. For He desires to show the immeasurable riches of His grace that He has given to us through Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:6-7; 1:3; Proverbs 22:4; 1 Chronicles 16:27; 2 Peter 1:3). The most important thing is the manifest presence of Jesus that is brought to us by the Holy Spirit (John 16:13-15; 1 John 3:24). The Holy Spirit has come to help us and to teach us how to increase with the increase of God (Colossians 2:19; 1 Thessalonians 4:10; Ephesians 4:15; 2 Thessalonians 1:3; 2 Peter 1:8,11). As our soul prospers in this relationship with God there will be an increase in His manifest presence in our lives (3) John 2; 2 Peter 1:3; Ephesians 1:18). As the glory of His manifest presence increases in our lives so will everything else. As a result, we will prosper and be in health in direct proportion to the prosperity of our souls. We should recognize that God has a fast track for our increase. If we will be obedient we will have a thirty fold, sixty fold and even a hundred fold increase in every dimension of our lives especially in the realms of the Spirit. The word of God and the Holy Spirit are given to us so that we may learn to walk uprightly (Matthew 13:23). We must not allow hard and stony places to prevent our growth and maturity in the things of the Spirit. We must be mindful not to allow the thorns of life to grow and choke the word of God that would otherwise bring forth the fruits of this abundant life. Jesus uses these impediments to the successful growth of a plant (such as hard ground, stony ground and thorny ground) to describe among other things the cares of this life, the deceitfulness of riches and the pleasures of this world (Luke 8:14; Mark 4:19). Besides those things that would prevent our spiritual growth we must also recognize the thief that would come to steal, kill and destroy. Sin is that thief that would not only rob us of all the blessings that God has intended for our lives but even destroy our souls as well (John 10:10; Jeremiah 5:25). If we will walk uprightly and seek God we will discover that God rewards those who seek Him and that He will not withhold any good thing from those who walk upright.

It is said in the Talmud that this song was sung every Friday by the Levites in the Temple. In the Septuagint we read: "A Praise song of David, for the seventh day towards the evening, because the earth is established."

- 1- Yahoah is the King; He is clothed with majesty. Yahoah is clothed with strength; He has girded Himself. The inhabitable world is also established, it shall not be moved.
- 2- Your throne is established from then, you are from eternity.
- 3- He has raised up the floods: Yahoah has raised up the floods, the roaring sound of the floods rose up.
- 4- Yahoah in His high place is wonderful, wonderful as the sound of many waters, the waves of the sea.
- 5- Your testimonies they are well established, Yahoah! Holiness belongs to your house, for as long as there are days.

Chapter 96

9- Worship Yahoah being adorned with holiness tremble before Him all the earth³⁵.

³⁴ Everyone desires to be happy, but few understand the way of true happiness. Happiness is found in those things that we enjoy - and it seems that many do not know how to enjoy relationship with God. There is a rut of condemnation and rejection that many good people fall into. They become overwhelmed with their faults and failures, and become entrapped with satanic lies. What we must understand is that although God is a just judge who will not pardon the guilty nor condemn the innocent, His mercy is always before Him and is extended to all who will receive. He has brought us into a covenant of love and mercy where we can find grace and help, no matter what our problems and faults may be. All we must be willing to do is reach out and lay hold on the mercy of God. When we do, we will discover the overwhelming glory of His presence as we worship the One who has loved us so freely.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit is a ministry of righteousness, in which God is calling all to come and receive mercy and truth. The ministry of condemnation passed away with the law, for all the people of God. Today we are invited to come into an uninhibited relationship of union with the Father, not based on any works of righteousness, which we have done. God has given us His righteousness and we now live in the ministry of righteousness and truth. Our lives have been changed into the righteousness of God by the Spirit; and the Spirit of truth resides within us (2 Corinthians 3:8-9; John 3:3-6; 14:17; 15:26; 16:13; Ephesians 4:24; 5:9). Each day we are taught by God and led by the Spirit - if we are only willing. When we receive the cleansing that is provided for us in the blood of Jesus, and the mercy that God gives in His love, should not our sorrow be turned to laughter and our heaviness into dancing?

In the presence of the Lord there is mercy and truth, so in the presence of the Lord there is fullness of joy! (Psalm 16:11). The Hebrew words for mercy ('chesed') and truth ('emet') may also be translated "lovingkindness" and "faithfulness." When we step into the presence of the Lord by the blood of Jesus, we are not met with judgment - but with mercy and truth, with lovingkindness and faithfulness. Joy should overwhelm our souls by such a greeting from our God. Our hearts should leap within us that we are so accepted and loved. This is not the time of wrath and rejection. There is no voice saying "draw not nigh;" rather God is calling for all to come, saying: "Peace to those who are both far away and near!" Can you hear the joyful sound?

³⁵ There is a glorious fellowship with the Lord that each person should come to know. It is a fellowship that takes place in worship. The Holy Spirit wants to fill our worship with awe and revelation of God and His ways. If we will make worship the sacred interaction with God that it should be, then we will see a greater manifestation of His glory. Worship must become a deep expression of hunger to fellowship with God. In this deep desire to know Him, we will be filled to overflowing with His presence. True worship only takes place by the Spirit of Holiness (John 4:23; Philippians 3:3). It is a holy communion that we enter into by

- 1 A Song of Praise- Make a joyful shout all the earth³⁶!
- 2 Serve the Lord with rejoicing³⁷ come before His presence with shouts of joy! 3-
- 4- Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, His courts with praise be thankful unto Him, bless His name

the Holy Spirit, and by a true and sincere heart. If we are willing to come into the presence of the Lord and drink of the waters of life, then we will be filled with prophetic songs and hymns and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:18-19; John 4:14; John 7:37-38).

The Holy Ghost desires to clothe us with the garments of praise, and produce within us a holy fellowship of worship that causes our hearts to be yielded to the presence of God. As we yield to Him we are adorned with the splendor of His glory, and filled with the beauty of His presence. In worship the Holy Spirit translates us to a place where all earthly things disappear. It is here in the Holies of Holies - where nothing but God exists - that we find ourselves engaged in true worship. Being adorned with holiness and raptured by the Spirit, our mouths become filled with praise and our hearts begin to tremble. In the beauty of holiness we find a place among all of those who cry out continually: "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord; the whole earth is filled with His glory!" (Hebrews 12:14; Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8; Exodus 28:36). It is here that our eyes are opened to all that His hands have made. In this place of glory, our hearts are filled with understanding and revelation in the knowledge of Him.

³⁶ The fundamental attribute of praise is the shout of joy. Everyone who puts their trust in Christ Jesus and everyone who loves Him are to forever shout for joy (Psalms 5:11; 32:11; 35:27; 95:1; 132:16 Isa 44:23; Zeph 3:14). All who are righteous and upright before God are to shout for joy for it is this kind of praise that is beautiful to Him (Psalms 32:11; 33:1). The joyful shout of praise glorifies the Lord and magnifies His name (Psalms 35:27). Through Christ Jesus the oil of joy has been poured out upon us and the shout of joy put within us therefore, let us shout for joy (Psalms 132:9,16; Isaiah 61:3). It is this kind of joyful praise that the Lord demands and it is this kind of praise, which the Lord provides to us through the gift of the Holy Ghost (John 4:14; Psalms 87:7)!

Joy is one of the manifestations of the kingdom of God (Romans 14:17). Joy is an evidence of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives (Galatians 5:22; Romans 14:17; 15:13; Psalms 46:4). It is not only by joy and rejoicing that we enter into the presence of the Lord but it is also the expressions of life that come from being in His presence (Psalms 16:11; Matthew 25:21, 23; 1 Sam 4:5;). Shout for joy and watch God do wonders for there is a creative power of God at work when the sounds of joy are heard (Job 38:7; 2 Chronicles 20:22; Nehemiah 8:10).

³⁷ Most of God's people are serious about wanting to serve the Lord. Now, there are certainly many ways to serve the Lord because there are many things that need to be done. Yet, in this passage of scripture we come to understand how God wants us to serve Him. He wants us to serve Him with rejoicing! This is similar to what Paul said when he told us that "for this is the will of God concerning you in Christ Jesus that in all things you give thanks" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Yes, there are many things to do in the kingdom of God but the attitude in which we do them are extremely important to our Father in heaven. Above all other things the Lord wants us to worship Him with rejoicing and with shouts of joy. Far too many people enter into the place of worship on Sunday morning with all of their earthly cares and concerns. The stress and disappointments of life overwhelms their hearts. They fail to realize that they have a responsibility to get happy. Praise and thanksgiving are synonyms and to be thankful and give praise you must be happy. They bring their offerings of money but fail to realize that God wants the offering of glad and joyful heart. The only worship that the Father is looking for is that worship that is produced by the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit produces joy and gladness not sorrow and sadness of heart (John 4:14,23; Isaiah 51:11). He is the Comforter who causes us to rejoice evermore (1 Thessalonians 5:16; Philippians 4:4)! The abundant life that we have received produces a joy that is a joy unspeakable and full of glory (1 Peter 1:8; Isaiah 61:10). We must not allow our hearts to be so overwhelmed with the affairs of this life that the river of God has no watercourse within our souls (John 7:39; Psalms 46:4).

- 1- A song of David, I will sing to you of your steadfast love and judgments Yahoah I will sing.
- 2- I will behave myself wisely in a way that is blameless. When will you come to me? I will walk in the midst of my house with a perfect heart³⁸.
- 3- I will set no wicked thing³⁹ before my eyes I hate the works of rebellion none of it shall cleave to me⁴⁰.

³⁸ With every passing day we step that much closer to our eternal home. Living and dwelling in the presence of God and participating everyday with the culture of the kingdom of God is something that we can all begin to function in right now. We are the standard that God would lift up against the tide of wickedness (Isaiah 59:19). The church is the force that holds back iniquity (2 Thessalonians 2:6-7). We are the light of truth and the witness of the love and power of God in the world (Matthew 5:14; Philippians 2:15). We must take our responsibility to heart and recognize that our conduct must be that of priest and kings, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ Jesus (Revelation 1:5; 1 Peter 2:9; Romans 8:17; Galatians 4:7). We need to live out or lives as a royal priesthood and a holy nation and enjoy the fellowship that will continue to increase more and more until the day that we take on the glory of the resurrection even as our Lord Jesus has shown us (1 Corinthians 15:23, 52; 1 John 3:2-3).

Satan is fighting a very real war against the church and against the children of God (Ephesians 6:10-12; Luke 10:19; 1 John 3:8; Romans 16:20; Mark 16:17). If we are willing to walk with God we will remain in a place of absolute authority and power over all of the works of darkness. It is our job to cast out devils and lay hands on the sick and reveal in everyway God's love for all mankind. We are to go everywhere and preach this gospel of the kingdom both in conduct, word and power. We are in the Father's house and under the sovereign reign of the King of kings, Christ Jesus. If we are willing to believe this and walk it out we will discover an ever increasing dimension of faith and power manifested in our lives as we participate with God in His plan and purpose to bring to pass His will in the earth. Let our hearts continually cry, Your kingdom come your will be done in earth even as it is in heaven!

The Hebrew text actually says, "I will set no thing of Belial before my eyes..." Belial is actually a synonym for Satan and lawlessness. Paul uses this word to describe everything that belongs to the satanic realm in 2 Corinthians 6:15, "What agreement does Christ have with Belial or what does a believer share with an unbeliever?" The Septuagint translates Belial with the Greek word 'anomias' which is the word to describe the "man of iniquity" and the "mystery of iniquity," in 2 Thessalonians 2:3,7. Those who are of Belial have cast off the voke of God and they have become lawless (Psalms 2:3; 2 Thessalonians 2:7; Hebrews 1:9). Although, we are not under the law of Moses in the New Testament we are still under the law of God and the righteousness of God (Romans 3:21,31; Romans 8:2,4,7; 1 Corinthians 9:21; Hebrews 8:10). We are bound to the law of moral and ethical codes of godliness, righteousness and holiness (Romans 8:4; 1 Peter 1:15-16; Titus 2:14; Romans 6:19; Hebrews 12:14; Ephesians 4:24; Romans 14:17; Isaiah 62:1: 2 Timothy 2:19.22). There are far to many people who are suppose to be the saints (holy ones) of God who both live and confess lawlessness and by definition this is the apostasy, this is lawlessness and iniquity (Luke 13:27; 2 Thessalonians 2:3,7; Matthew 24:12; 2 Timothy 3:1-7; Hebrews 3:8). Therefore, we must recognize that just as there were sons of Belial among those of the First Covenant there is now sons of Belial in the midst of the church of the new Testament. Be certain that you are one who follows Jesus and are lead by the Spirit (1 Peter 2:21-22; Galatians 5:16; Romans 8:14; 1 Corinthians 5:11; 11:1; Ephesians

⁴⁰ A Practical Application

Recently, I read a discussion by an Orthodox Jewish group regarding the internet. Their conclusion was that the internet should be banned from the world - a conclusion that I am certain is in keeping with God's own opinion. The reason for this judgment is based on all of the potential immoral and decadent sites that one brings into their lives and their homes by virtue of the fact that such sites are at one's fingertips (of course this can also be said of cable and satellite networks such as HBO and Showtime). These sites destroy both the spiritual and ultimately the physical well-being of all who look upon them (Romans 6:23; Galatians 6:8; 1 John 2:17). Therefore, we have to become responsible to block those sites from our own communities. First the community of our home and family, second the community of our church and congregation, and third the community of our work place.

7- He that does deceitful things shall not dwell within my house he that tells lies shall not tarry in my sight⁴¹.

Chapter 103

- 2- Oh my soul bless Yahweh and do not forget all His benefits.
- 3- Who forgives all your iniquities and heals all your diseases⁴².

How can we effectively do this? We must buy the appropriate filters, as well as participate in monitors. We cannot set evil things before our own eyes, and we must not be responsible for placing evil things before the eyes of our family and communities (Psalm 101:3; Habakkuk 1:13; 1 Peter 1:16). We are not to gaze or even glance at a woman who is immodestly dressed (Matthew 5:28; Job 31:1). God has commanded us to not enter into the path of the wicked, and to not go in the way of evil men. We are to avoid it, to turn from it, and pass away from it (Proverbs 4:14-15).

My recommendation is that you have a brother or sister that is an extended family member set the password on the filter that you set up. An accountability structure that would serve as an additional and needed safeguard would be the web monitoring system. Once again, this system should be set and monitored by someone that you are willing to be accountable to. One excellent way of doing this is to make yourselves accountable to each other. Therefore the person that you allow to monitor your computer(s) should in turn allow you to monitor their computer(s). You will have to be patient and work through the restrictions that will be placed on sites that you may need to visit that are blocked, even though they contain no harmful material/pictures. The effort will be more than worthwhile, as you will save your soul from a snare; as well as those that are around you.

⁴¹ There should be no doubt in anyone's mind that the Lord demands righteousness and true holiness in our lives. The Lords eyes are upon the righteous and His ears are open unto their prayers but His face is against them that do evil (1 Peter 3:12; Psalms 34:15). Those who walk righteously and speak uprightly shall dwell on high (Isaiah 33:15-16). If you expect to ascend into His holy presence then you must have clean hands and a pure heart. The clean hands and pure heart can only come to us through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. He purifies us from our sins and fills us with the Spirit of Holiness (Psalms 24:4; Hebrews 10:19). Our lives are the temple of the Lord and all sin and iniquity defiles the temple. God has made it very clear that those who defile His temple he will destroy (1 Corinthians 3:17).

One of the most grievous things to God is a lying tongue and a slanderer (Psalms 15:13; 31:18; 40:4; 58:3; 59:12; 62;4; 63:11; 119:163;101:5; 140:11; Proverbs 6:17-19; Proverbs 12:19). God characterizes the workers of iniquity as those who give their mouth to evil and those who tongues frame deceit (Psalms 50:19; 120:2). God says that every liars shall have their part in the lack of fire and every slanderer and anyone who misrepresents things shall be cut off (Revelation 21:8; Psalms 101:5).

The goodness of God that leads men to repentance has made a way for all of us to escape damnation and the wrath that is to come upon all the wicked. The Lord Jesus has invited us all to come for a cleansing and be washed in the blood of the Lamb. God is devoted to leading us and guiding us into all of the truth and establishing us in His love. All we have to do is forsake and abhor the evil and cleave to God. He will not forsake us nor give up on anyone who is willing to walk in His ways.

⁴² It is so important the we find a continual place of praise and thanksgiving for all that God has supplied to us and guaranteed that He would do. If we will not let the situations around us dictate what we feel and what we believe but instead will rejoice in what God has declared in His word we will discover the blessings of the abundant life. All we need to do is to hold fast the confession of our faith without wavering for God is faithful who has promised (Hebrews 10:23). If we are willing to talk about what God is doing then we will experience what He has supplied. If we are willing to talk about the things of the Spirit then we will experience what the Spirit is supplying. If we are willing to talk about heaven then we will experience heaven. If we are willing to talk about the goodness of God then we will experience His goodness.

The greatest miracle of our lives took place when we confessed with our mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord and believed in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead (Romans 10:10). We simply did what the word of God said and the Holy Spirit inspired; the result was the greatest miracle that anyone could imagine, we were born of God! We are called to continually magnifying the Lord (Psalms 40:16; 35:27. If

- 17- He sent a man before them sold as a slave, Joseph.
- 18- They hurt his feet with fetters, iron came upon his soul.
- 19- Until the time that his word came a word of Yahoah purified him⁴³.

Chapter 110

A Song of David

- 1- Yahoah said to my Lord sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a stool for your feet.
- 2- The rod of your strength Yahoah shall send from Zion; rule in the midst of your enemies.
- 3- Your people shall be willing in the day of your power in the splendor of holiness from the womb of the morning: you have the dew of your youth.
- 7- He shall drink from the river on the way therefore He shall be exalted as the head).

Chapter 112

2- Mighty upon the earth shall his children be the generation of the upright shall be blessed 44.

we will talk of all His wonderful love and live by the things that He has revealed in His word we will discover that the miraculous power of faith has come alive in our hearts and is working through the things that we declare. Even to the point that whatever we ask He will do (John 14:13-14; 1 John 3:22; Ephesians 3:20).

that God would use him in a way superior to all of his brethren. However what he would soon discover is that the word of the Lord that was given to him would be tried in him. God would examine Joseph in a circumstance opposite to the things that he believed would come to pass in his life. Instead of being exalted to a place of greatness he was humbled to a place of slavery. Instead of the greatness of a throne where he would govern men he was bound and sent to the lowest prison where the bases of men governed him. These harsh and cruel circumstances were a furnace of fire where the life of Joseph was smelted in the fire of faith. The imprisonment of Joseph may have lasted over ten years. Yet the character and confidence of Joseph was unwavering as he set about to be the best prisoner that was ever chained up in Pharaoh's jail. In the cruelest of circumstances Joseph arose to the place of leadership and authority until the time that the word that was given to him came to pass and he was made ruler of the world. Joseph was willing to be humbled before he was exalted. He was willing to be faithful to God even when it did not seem that God was on his side. Truly Joseph was an example of holding fast the confession of his faith without wavering for God who promised is faithful (Hebrews 10:23).

If we will walk with the Lord and do those things that are pleasing in His sight, then our children shall be mighty upon the earth (Proverbs 20:7; Psalm 25:12-13; Psalm 127:3-5). If the inheritance that God intends to bestow is to be realized, then each generation must make the decision to follow the Lord. Every type of lifestyle is a seed that is sown. If we sow to the ways of the Spirit of God, then we will reap the benefits of an abundant life (Galatians 6:7-8). While it is true that God has promised prosperity and wealth for our children if we walk in His ways, there is something even greater that He desires to give them: His anointing. It is the anointing that imparts special abilities and divine power that make the difference as to how mighty our children will be. When Isaac was dying he blessed Jacob, and that blessing turned into a special anointing and a divine ability to not only make wealth, but also to know the living God (Genesis 27:28-29; Genesis 28:12-22; Genesis 30:27; Genesis 32:24-30).

3- Wealth and riches are in his house 45 and his righteousness remains forever.

Chapter 116

- 5 Yahoah you are gracious and righteous, and our God of mercy⁴⁶.
- 15- Precious in the eyes of Yahoah is the death of his saints⁴⁷.

It is time that God's people, who have been born of His Spirit, take their place in every dimension of greatness in the earth today. If you will serve the Lord, then He will increase you more and more; both you and your children (Psalm 115:14). Let's seek the Lord and believe His good promises; and watch as God raises up our children to the ranks of the mighty, in every area of inheritance (Isaiah 54:3; Psalm 25:13; Psalm 144:12-13; Isaiah 44:3).

⁴⁵ The man who fears the Lord and walks in His commandments will be happy and blessed. These are those who are undefiled in the way, and who do no iniquity (Psalm 119:1-3; Psalm 1:1-3; Psalm 24:5; Jeremiah 17:7-8). These are those who will walk in the honor and majesty of the Lord. In their houses are wealth and riches. Riches and honor are with those who will walk in the wisdom of God's commandments (Proverbs 3:16; Proverbs 8:18; Proverbs 15:16; Isaiah 33:6; Matthew 6:33; Philippians 4:19). Men will spend their lives chasing success and wealth, only to find that it was an empty hope; while all the time their desire - and even that which goes beyond all expectation - could have been found in walking with the One whose love for us goes beyond description.

Sin and iniquity are thieves that come to rob us of the joy of life and the abundance that God planned for every man (John 10:10; Psalm 107:17; Genesis 2:8-15). Every act of sin carries a consequence. Sin produces a harvest of destruction and corruption (Galatians 6:8; Romans 6:23). There is no blessing of God in sin; only shame and despair. I pray that God will give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in His knowledge, so that you will choose life - and live abundantly. If you will walk with God, you will not only be blessed; but it will also become an inheritance to your children (Psalm 112:2).

⁴⁶ When the Almighty God revealed His name to Moses, the first thing He said about His name and Himself was that He was merciful (Exodus 34:6). The innocent do not need mercy - only the guilty need mercy. Charles Finney said, "Mercy asks that justice be set aside." When we have become aware of our wrongdoing and our guilt before God, we can do nothing but trust in His mercy. Is that trust properly placed? Yes, because His mercies endure forever! His mercies are new every morning!

We must not make the fatal mistake of attempting to justify wrongdoing; otherwise we will not plead for mercy. It is only in a conscious awareness of wrongdoing that we are able to plead for mercy. God does not show mercy in such a way as to remove all constraints and allow all men to commit whatever acts of iniquity that they like. Rather He gives mercy to the one who has a repenting heart. The mercy of God is there for the one who has a deep desire to do what is right, and live the life that God demands. The one who looks with such a heart to the mercy of God will find forgiveness (or pardon) 490 times a day. God only looks for our confession and our eagerness to continue in the paths of His righteousness. With such a heart of sincerity, the needy person will always find a merciful God who has provided the blood of Jesus - to be the fountain of cleansing and the fountain of life. Yes, we may safely trust in the mercy of God forever! (Psalm 52:8).

⁴⁷ God subjected man to death, in order to grant him a future (Romans 8:20). Because of Adam's sin, all mankind must return to the dust from whence God shaped the first man Adam. But it is only for a short time; for all shall come forth in the resurrection. All those who die in the Lord are those who belong to His covenant love - the covenant that is once and for all complete in Christ Jesus. When the saints die, they take their place with all the other saints that have gone on before them. There is a special care that God gives to those who die in His covenant, the angels carry them into His glorious presence (Luke 16:22). When Steven died, he looked up to see the Father and the Lord Jesus watching as His death unfolded (Acts 7:55-56).

It is through death that we come into newness of life: first spiritually, through the death of our Savior Jesus Christ, when we are raised up together with Him unto a spiritual resurrection and new birth. Secondly, when we die physically, and our inner being is carried away to be with Him in glory; and finally, when just as Jesus was raised up from the dead with a glorious body, we are also raised up in the First Resurrection. Blessed are those who die in the Lord!

24 This is the day Yahweh made we will rejoice and be glad in Him⁴⁸.

Chapter 125

1- A song of ascent- They that put there trust in Yahoah will be as Mount Zion which cannot be shaken but abides forever⁴⁹.

Chapter 138

2- I will worship toward your holy temple and I will praise your name for your covenant love and for your truth because you have magnified your word above all your name⁵⁰.

⁴⁸ When we consider all of God's goodness and the blessing if we were in our right mind we would not be able to contain ourselves for the joy (Hebrew- giyl) and gladness (Hebrew samach) that should be expressed. Unfortunately, many of Gods people allow the cares of this world to choke out the joy and excitement of life. We become so overwhelmed with our responsibilities and wants that we become prisoners of disappointment and greed failing to recognize the overwhelming riches that are ours in Christ Jesus.

This day did not happen by itself. It is not a product of natural laws but the very act of a joyful and loving God who invites us to come and share it with Him. Yes, there is work that needs to be done and responsibilities that need to be meet but they can be done joyfully. If we would cast aside our self interest and fears and recognize that the provider of the day is also the provider of all that we have need of we can rejoice in knowing all is well. No matter where we find ourselves we can begin to dream for bigger things in God and take courage that He is devoted to our success. Decide today that from now on you are going to, "Glory in His holy name," and realize that all who seek the Lord must find rejoicing in their heart (Psalms 105:3; Deuteronomy 12:7). Let the joy of the Lord be your strength for as you rejoice in God the Holy Spirit will strengthen you in your inner man (Nehemiah 8:10; Ephesians 3:16). When you see a mountain of hindrance before you do not lose heart or become sad and discouraged but rise up in shouts of joy and begin to proclaim grace, grace! (Zechariah 4:7). There is only one way to welcome the King of Kings into your life who will come an fight your battles and promote you into all the things that He has purposed for your life and that is with shouts of joy (Matthew 21:9; Nehemiah 12:43; Psalms 24:7-9).

⁴⁹ Those who trust in God are by definition believers. Those who are believers are secure and have no need to worry about anything (Isaiah 54:10). As part of our ascent into the presence of God through worship we declare the promises of this psalm which proclaim our confidence that God will watch over us and shelter us from all harm. We must remember that the only way that we can please God is to believe those things, which He has promised and to hold fast our confession (Hebrews 10:23; 11:6). We can rest assure that God's love for us is so great that just as the mountains surround Jerusalem even so the Lord sis all around His people to care for them and to protect them (Psalms 34:7; Psalms 18:36; 37:31).

Our God in whom we trust is enthroned in Zion and as certain as His throne shall last forever and His dominion is an everlasting dominion we can be sure that His promises will not fail (Hebrews 12:22; 2 Corinthians 1:20). There is a condition however and that is that we place our trust in Him Situations will attempt to shake our trust and overthrow our confidence but we must remain faithful. If we will dwell in the intimate place of relationship with Him, the secrete place of the Almighty, we will find the strength and assurance to abide under the shadow of the Almighty (Psalms 91:1). In this place of habitation sin sickness, disease, poverty or oppression of any kind will be able to enforce its will against us but we will abide safely now and forever.

⁵⁰ If God has so magnified His word that it takes superiority over His name, how much higher then should we place His word above all that we believe, perceive, or think. If God has declared that His word is settled

A song of David to the directors

- 1 YHWH you have searched me and you know.
- 2- You know when I sit down and when I rise up you discern my thoughts that are far away.
- 3- My wandering and my lying down you winnow and you are familiar with all of my ways.
- 4- For there is not an utterance in my tongue but lo Yahowah you know it all.
- 5- You have surrounded me in front and behind and you have placed your hand upon me⁵¹.
- 6- This knowledge is incomprehensible to me it is beyond what I can grasp (it is inaccessibly high I cannot grasp it)
- 23- Search me God and know my heart examine me and know my distressing/anxious thoughts.
- 24- See if there are any hurtful ways in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

Chapter 143

3- And do not enter into judgment with your servant; for of all the living, none are righteous in your presence⁵².

in heaven, should we not agree with Him and recognize that it is that much more settled in earth, and in our hearts (Psalm 119:89,152)? All we need to do is to be obedient to His word and not waiver at His promises. If we are going to recognize that God is eternal and that He is a loving God, then we must equally recognize that He is faithful and true.

The word of the Lord shall endure forever (Isaiah 40:8; 1 Peter 1:23,25; Psalm 105:8; Psalm 119:89,160).

Everything that God has said, even down to the smallest detail, shall be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but not one single word of God shall ever cease to exist (Matthew 24:35). It does not matter what we think or what we perceive, God's word is settled. It is not good enough if we have faith that God did all those things that He promised in the past, and that He will do all those things He has promised in the future; it must be personalized, and we must believe that all of His word will be fulfilled in us. Do not let the powers of darkness, nor persecution, disappointment or selfish pride cause you to be unfruitful in the knowledge of the Lord; but having done all to stand - do not back down (Matthew 13:19-22; 2 Peter 1:8)! ⁵¹ Isa 49:16- Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me. Hand of the Lord upon me: Ez 33:22- Now the hand of the LORD was upon me in the evening, afore he that was escaped came; and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb. Ez 3:14,22; 8:1; 37:1; 40:1; Neh 2:8, 18; Ezra 7:28; 1 Chron 28:19 Why is it impossible for a man to be justified in the sight of God? Because Adam sinned; and when he did he died spiritually, and came under the penalty of eternal death (Genesis 2:17; Genesis 3:24; Romans 5:12-21). Subsequently, every person who has come into existence is under the same penalty of death that came upon our father Adam. There is no one who is exempt. Furthermore, the law only stood to declare man's sin and transgression against God; and therefore it was a witness to man's prohibition from the presence of God, with God's own voice crying out, "Do not draw near" (Exodus 3:5; Exodus 19:21,24; Romans 3:20; Romans 5:20). On the curtain of the tabernacle were the symbols of the cherubims that stood to keep Adam and his descendants out of the paradise of God (Genesis 3:24; Exodus 26:1; Exodus 36:8). These cherubims were also

embroidered upon the veil that separated the Most Holy place, as a witness that man had

Chapter 149

1Halelu Ya sing to Yahoah sing a new song praise Him in the assembly of the godly. 2 Let Israel rejoice in Him who made them the sons of Zion shout for joy over their King!

- 3 Let them praise His name in the dance with the tambourine and the harp let them make music.
- 4 For Yahoah takes pleasure in His people He will beautify the meek with salvation.
- 5 Let the godly rejoice in glory let them cry out for joy upon their beds.
- 6- Let the high praises of God be in your mouth and a two edged sword in your hand
- 7 To execute vengeance upon the nations and punishment upon the people.
- 8 To bind their kings with fetters their nobles with iron fetters.
- 9- To execute the judgments written this honor He has given to all His godly ones Halelu Ya

been driven out from the presence of God; and as yet there was no way back in (Exodus 26:31; Exodus 36:35; 2 Chronicles 3:14; Hebrews 9:8).

There is only one way to break the power of death and the dominion of sin; and that is by the name and by the blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus came and condemned sin in the flesh; that the righteousness of the law, which is the righteousness of God, might be fulfilled in us (Romans 8:3-4; Romans 3:21-22; Romans 9:31-32; 2 Corinthians 5:21). Now we may come into the presence of the Almighty with all boldness, being granted access by the Spirit (Hebrews 10:19; Ephesians 2:18; Ephesians 3:12). And even more than just access into His presence, we are made one with the Living God; and now enjoy perfect communion with Him as His sons and daughters. It does not matter what your religious beliefs are - whether you call yourself a Jew, a Christian, a Muslim, a Mormon, a Hindu, or a Buddhist - to be accepted by God you must be born of God. The only way that you can be born of God is through the miracle of salvation that comes through Christ Jesus alone. Jesus is the One who broke the power of death and the power of Adam's transgression. Those who believe and call upon His name are answered by the Spirit of God, who creates a new heart and a new spirit. Now as a new creation, we are justified and shown to be righteous in the presence of God (Jude 1:24; Colossians 1:22,28; Titus 2:14; 2 Peter 3:14; Hebrews 13:21; 1 John 4:17; Luke 1:75; John 17:21-23; Ephesians 4:24; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 1:21; Philippians 3:20; etc.)!