

Unto the Gates of Death

Psalm 107:1 – 113:9

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~ Our Spiritual Safari encounters one of the greatest Psalms of Scripture in Psalm one hundred seven. This Psalm has been utterly misunderstood by even the best of commentators, such as Matthew Henry. The reason its meaning is missed, and a correct teaching is so often misapplied, is because the prophetic aspect is ignored. If you have been on our safari through the Book of Psalms, you will know I approach almost all of them as relating to the Godly remnant of the nation Israel during their time of testing and trials in the Great Tribulation period. Interpretation from that angle definitely brings out the deepest meaning of application; and from that perspective, a new and more helpful awareness will flash out for us today. I have emphasized my interpretation since the onset of this study through Psalms because these truths are almost entirely butchered into meaninglessness today — even by well-meaning preachers and Bible teachers — and an improper setting is the primary culprit of misinterpretation.

An overwhelming majority of people today profess to believe in God, but they don't read the Bible; and even less actually undertake a sincere, educated, proper, correct and complete study of Holy Writ. The Biblical illiteracy I see in religious circles is alarming; but the fact that those same people claim to somehow be Bible masters, whom God seems to speak to out of thin air, is utterly hilarious – and frightening – both at the same time. Imagine someone running an atomic energy facility with an eighth-grade education; or a lawyer defending a capital crime who only has the education of an English literature major. The emphasis in the lives of self-professing believers today just isn't on the Lord Jesus Christ and the Word of God; and that is utterly tragic.

For some reason, Christians have gotten so far away from the Bible that they have no earthly idea what it really means anymore. There is a great need for a right dividing of the Scriptures today. Moreover, you can just forget all of that “... *the Holy Spirit will teach me all I need to know*” business. Of course the Holy Spirit is our only Teacher – but – God uses the

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Word of God, taught by the Holy Spirit, through the man of God. That's His method – His *ONLY* method - and it always will be. So, I hope you will pray for wisdom, judgment and discernment as we embark on this leg of our expedition; reading the entire text first – and then reading this report – and then reading the text again in your own Bible. This may very well be the longest report we have in our entire Spiritual Safari collection on Psalms, too – so, happy reading....

COOO

1 O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

~ We need more “say so” Christians, friends. Instead of constantly complaining and criticizing, we need to tell others how good God really is in our lives. If He isn't good in our lives — something's wrong! If you don't tell others how good He is, no one is going to hear it. The Lord Jesus doesn't have a good Name in this world right now. This lost and dying world isn't seeking Jesus. God's reputation is not just bad – it's terrible! The atheist can only see God as Someone Who will eternally torture those who do not cower under His authority; which they believe means they can never have fun. God does not have a single friend amongst the lost multitudes of this world. There are no allies or champions who will testify on His behalf. No man of the world is taking the witness stand and endorsing the Word of God.

If you doubt that, just look around at the pagan and heathen religions, atheists, and otherwise unbelieving people of the modern world. Their conception of God is horrible and terrifying. They only see God as One Who destroys; never as One Who saves. They perceive God as difficult to get to, not interested in mankind; or as One for which there is no evidence of existence! The one thing the atheist despises most of all is being told that Jesus loves them. They literally come unglued at that proclamation. The average man of the world with even a veneer of civilization, or any

modicum of education, does not see a relationship with Christ as something to cultivate; even those with dabbed-on smears of cold-cream religion keep Jesus at arms length. Christ isn't a good neighbor to them – but merely a concierge at their hotel of fantasy life — or simply too difficult to please on any level — so, they ignore Him.

To most people, the Lord is like a traffic-policeman waiting around the corner to catch them speeding. Most see God as intruding on their right to privacy and freedom; not a friend to hang out with. Someone once gave a very confused recitation of Scripture when they said, “.... *if God be for you, you're up against it.*” Well, if anyone is going to give a positive testimony and make a good declaration for the Lord Jesus Christ, the redeemed are going to have to be the ones to say so. God *IS* good, friends; that's not a simple axiom, either – that is a proposition subject to proof and evidence. Christian's aren't dealing in clichés or slogans; and we're not espousing propaganda. We deal in *truth* – and nothing else....

3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

8 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High:

12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help.

13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.

14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

15 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

17 Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.

19 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses.

20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

21 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.

25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.

28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

31 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground;

34 A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.

36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

39 Again, they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

40 He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way.

41 Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh him families like a flock.

42 The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

43 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

~ God is speaking of the nation Israel, friends. The children of Israel are the ones who wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way. Israel is the one who found no city to dwell in; and Israel is the one in the Word of God who cried out to the Lord in their trouble. And that's when God delivered them from their distress. This Psalm is the beginning of the fifth and final section of the Pentateuch of Psalms: the Deuteronomy section; where the emphasis will be almost entirely on the Word of God. In the Book of Deuteronomy, God said the nation Israel would be scattered because of their sins. Specifically, God said, "*and the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou*

shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone. And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life....” That’s Deuteronomy chapter twenty-eight verses sixty-four through sixty-six, by the way.

That just happens to be an accurate picture of the nation Israel throughout the ages; beginning when they first disobeyed God, and up until they were expelled from the land. Even so, by His providence, God is going to gather Israel back into that land one day; but the only reason He will do so is because of His promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and for the glorification of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. No other reason. Naturally, there is also an application for you and me today as God reaches out into the wilderness of this world and saves sinners. While we were yet dead in our trespasses and sins, He saved us. We only love God because He first loved us. See, God is not finished with the nation Israel today, friends; and, because of that, we know He is not through with *Y-O-U* – or me. What a tremendous message this really is.

God pardons and delivers prisoners in this Psalm. That is another picture of the Godly remnant of the nation Israel during the Great Tribulation period. Many Israelites were imprisoned in Nazi Germany, but they never got out. I can only wonder how many of them thought about this Psalm and turned to the Lord? Remember how God brought Simon Peter out of prison; He delivered Paul and Silas in the middle of the night. If you cannot realize you were in the prison of *S/N*, and were delivered, then, guess what? – you’re still there. God has given a pardon for you in the Lord Jesus Christ, but you’ll necessarily have to accept that pardon to be set free.

This Psalm also sets forth God’s protection of His people; and how He solves and dissolves their problems, beginning in verse twenty-one. God wants you and me to bring the sacrifice of praise, thanksgiving and worship. That’s what we are to offer to Him. You don’t have to wait until you get to church, though; the fruit of your lips can be your sacrifice. Hebrews chapter thirteen says, “.... *we have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which*

serve the tabernacle. For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” We should praise Him for His protection in which He has brought us up to this present hour in which I am typing this report, and you are reading it.

Verse twenty-three is extremely interesting because sailing was, and always will be, dangerous business. The man who goes out on a voyage doesn't really know if he is coming back or not. Frankly, that's why I have never been interested in ocean cruises. I have embarked on one in my life, and I didn't enjoy it at all. I am not kidding when I say I wasn't sure if I was going to get home again. One good thing about sailing is: you can easily commit yourself to God. Of course, I realize almost everyone who boards a ship, or an airplane, give little thought to God. Well, I do! To say, “... *if it's my time, then it's my time, and I can't do anything about it*” is the philosophy of fatalism – and I'm not a fatalist.

Verse thirty-one brings us the power of God as He delights in His people; and anyone who needs power in their lives for living today will appreciate this section of Scripture. I'm almost sure that *ALL* of us need this power. We seem to be problem conscious — but power ignorant. The early church was well-aware of the *power* of God. Church work today – probably including this Spiritual Safari – is like the Standard Oil Company float in the very first Rose Bowl parade. It was a beautiful display with thousands of American Beauty roses covering it. Well, right in the middle of the parade, the Standard Oil Company float ran out of gas! They had to come and tow it the rest of the way with a tractor. One would think they would have remembered to fuel up — but that detail was overlooked.

This is a definite picture of the church today. We're beautiful with our expensive real estate and magnificent buildings; where well-dressed and

wealthy people congregate for an hour or so each week — but there's no power — and the main reason is because they're not praising Him as they should. The church needs to regain that power; but I'm afraid they never will. Praise goes before power. When we get those things straight, then we will experience church growth, the lovingkindness of God, and the power connected to being His servants. None of those things will happen until we get it right, though. Alright, we must move along now; Psalm one hundred seven is another one of those on which I could write an entire report for every verse....

COO O O ~ (A Song or Psalm of David)

1 O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

2 Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

3 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

4 For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth;

6 That thy beloved may be delivered: save with thy right hand, and answer me.

7 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver;

9 Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph.

10 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

11 Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

12 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

13 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

~ Psalm one hundred eight has been criticized as a patchwork Psalm – but it's not that. This is a picture of the redeemed Godly remnant of the nation Israel being brought back home into their mother land as promised by God Himself. As a result, they are praising the Lord. This depicts Israel altogether back in the land according to Scriptural prophecy, and wholeheartedly praising and glorifying God. So, we can know this is purely eschatological. The Psalmist reveals how the land will be divided in that day, too. Read this Psalm very carefully. I am not trying to pass over this hurriedly, nor do I want to neglect any Scripture, but there are some areas that need prayer and thoughtful consideration of the text more than my commentary; and this is one of those Psalms....

Cox ~ (To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David)

1 Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise;

2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

3 They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause.

4 For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer.

5 And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

6 Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand.

7 When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin.

8 Let his days be few; and let another take his office.

9 Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.

10 Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places.

11 Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his labour.

12 Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children.

13 Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

15 Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.

16 Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart.

17 As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

18 As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones.

19 Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

20 Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, and of them that speak evil against my soul.

21 But do thou for me, O GOD the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me.

22 For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

23 I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust.

24 My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness.

25 I became also a reproach unto them: when they looked upon me they shook their heads.

26 Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to thy mercy:

27 That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, LORD, hast done it.

28 Let them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoice.

29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle.

30 I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude.

31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul.

~ Psalm one hundred nine portrays the humiliation of the Lord Jesus. It is a Messianic and an imprecatory Psalm combined; which means it is a Psalm requesting vengeance, and is quoted in the New Testament. This is quoted

in the first chapter of Acts by Simon Peter before Pentecost, and is applied to Judas Iscariot. Judas was young, never married, and had no children when he hanged himself. There isn't anything more dreadful and fearful than verses six through twenty! The church pays almost no attention to the condition of the lost man today. As far as I know, no one from any organization — religious or otherwise — is defending Judas Iscariot. The Bible makes it more than clear that Judas was a lost man. It was said of Judas that it would have been better if he had never been born. Jesus Himself said, *"he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."* That's John chapter three verse thirty-six.

That's the darkness one experiences when they are away from the Lord Jesus Christ. I'm not sure how the Spirit of God could have made this message any stronger. The modern teaching that, somehow or another, the lost will receive some sort of second chance, or that we ought not to offend the lost person because God may have a way for them that we don't know about is, well, its heresy. There's only *ONE* way for them – and that is Christ. The Word of God says the wrath of God abideth in the lost man – that's horrible judgment. That's exactly what the Lord Jesus Christ bore for you and me on the cross. Let's turn all of that over in our minds a few times, and meditate on exactly what it all really means today....

CX ~ (A Psalm of David)

1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

~ Psalm one hundred ten is also a Messianic Psalm. This Psalm brings us the exaltation of the Lord Jesus; and it begins with His ascension. The quotation in the New Testament is found in the second chapter of the epistle to the Hebrews. It is also quoted prominently elsewhere; and refers to the deity of Christ and the priesthood of the Jesus after the order of Melchisedek. Of course, the writer to the Hebrews emphasizes Christ is superior to the Aaronic and Levitical priesthood of high priests found in the Old Testament. We'll develop that to the inth degree in the Book of Hebrews; because it is also very important to understand.

Hebrews 5: 6 *As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedek. 7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; 8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; 9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; 10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedek ~*

What we have in verse one of this Psalm is Equal speaking to Equal; God speaking to God. This is quoted also in Mark, Luke and Acts. This is something that we simply *MUST* understand properly, correctly and completely. Anyone who says the Bible does not teach the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ is simply not educated in this section of the Word of God – you can be sure of that. We couldn't have God make this any clearer than He has made it in these passages. Further, this speaks of the Lord Jesus coming to the earth in His second advent to rule in Zion. Jerusalem will be the

center of government on this earth in that day; and the Preterist theory is utterly discredited with that truth.

Matthew 22: 41 *While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David. 43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, 44 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? 45 If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? 46 And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions ~*

Hebrews 1: 13 *But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? ~*

In that day, the world will see the greatest numbers of turning to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation that they have ever seen. Spurgeon said, “... *God will have more people saved in that day than there will be lost.*” So, let’s not press our noses up against the window of the present moment to attempt to see around the corner to the future because, I’ll be the first to admit, it doesn’t look as if God is progressing well in this connection. What must be considered is that eternity future is a whole lot of time. God has great and wonderful plans for an expansive future – the likes of which you and I know nothing about. We saw in Psalm two that the Lord Jesus Christ is going to return in fierce judgment to establish His Kingdom on earth. He will break them with a rod of iron and dash them into pieces like a potter’s vessel. That hasn’t happened today, so the Preterist theory ultimately concludes with a denial of the deity of Christ – which reveals they are merely simple-minded unbelievers....

CXO

1 Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

2 The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3 His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

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1 Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

5 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.

9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

~ Psalms one hundred eleven and one hundred twelve are acrostic hallelujah Psalms. This is the beginning of the *Hallel* Psalms. Hallelujah means “*praise ye the Lord!*” Both of these Psalms are perfectly alphabetical, and, in Hebrew, they are like our beginning-readers books, with “A” for Apple, and “B” for Baby – and so on. Naturally, we do not see that in the English translations. There are twenty-two letters that comprise the Hebrew alphabet; and all are accounted for perfectly. These are praises to God because of His works and because of His redemption; and redemption is the new song that will be sung in Heaven! The old song is the song of creation.

When the atheist attempts to relegate the origin of the universe to natural causes, what they are really trying to do is strip God and Christ of their glory; even though they say they do not believe in God. The atheist is wholly and blindly ignorant. The same is true and on equal par with denying the redemption available through Jesus Christ as our Savior. To accept Christ as our Savior necessarily means to accept Him as our Creator. God is called “*reverend*” in verse nine of Psalm one hundred eleven; and “*reverend*” is *NEVER* to be applied to any preacher-man *for any reason!*

Only our Holy God is Reverend, friends. Anyone assuming that title has profound spiritual cancer. That's another reason God is to be praised; and we can never go wrong praising the Lord Jesus Christ!

Now, praising God for His righteousness also means that God will simply have to judge sin. There's no way around that. God is good; and He never deceives us, and He never lies to us; as the devil does without compunction. God is going to make things right by judging sin, friends. I do not know about you, but I want God to make things right; because there are so many things in my life that are completely wrong. That's where the fear of the Lord comes in. Some modern expositors of the Word of God replace "*fear of the Lord*" with "*reverential trust*" – and I can accept that — but — reverential trust is still fear. Despising His commandments is the beginning of His wrath in judgment. Anyone who is honest will realize they come *FAR* short of God's standards. Many people are separated from God by their sin, but they do not realize it; and, all the while, they sing in the choir, teach Sunday school classes, preach sermons, carry out missionary work, and even deign teach the Bible.

You and I have no capacity to understand and realize how wonderful and good — and merciful — God really is. If we did make that realization, we would fall at His feet as dead. We can thank God He isn't going to lose track of us in eternity. I'm looking forward to the day God is going to give the poor a righteous judgment. That's what I need; make no mistake about that. God's poverty program is the only one that can ever succeed, too. Politicians regularly announce how they're going to solve poverty; but they never do — because they aren't interested in doing it God's way. They want to do it *their* way. What abject fools; what glaring hypocrites they really are. The rich man doesn't have a poverty problem; accordingly, there is literally *NO WAY* they understand my problem of poverty. That would literally be impossible. The rich politicians do well for themselves — but they do *nothing* except further oppression and poverty — all while claiming to help others. Their day is coming....

CXDDD

1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

2 Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high,

6 Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;

8 That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.

9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.

~ Our Spiritual Safari ends this long leg of our expedition through the entire Word of God with yet another hallelujah Psalm! We'll have more as our safari camel train rolls along, continuing across the blossoming desert of the Book of Psalms; and we have quite a ways to go. These hallelujah Psalms were sung at Passover; and some people say they were sung at ALL of the feasts. While we should be praising the Lord, most people are taking His Name in vain. There is no way we could ever exhaust praise for the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Lord of creation, and the Lord of redemption. Blessed be the Name of the Lord from this time forth and forever!

God is so high and lifted up that He has to stoop down just to look into Heaven; oh, yes, it says so right there in verse six! One of these days, our wonderful God is going to raise the poor out of the dust and lift the needy out of the dunghill. You may not be poor and needy – but I am – and, if you

aren't, I highly doubt you ever read any of these reports anyway – because they aren't written for you. Obviously, you aren't called. See, these things are only written to those whom God has chosen ~

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