

To Deliver Their Souls from Death

Psalms Chapters Thirty-Two and Thirty-Three

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~ Our Spiritual Safari laid the foundation for this wonderful and brief thirty-second Psalm in our last report. The introduction I gave was longer than the Psalm itself — because it's just that important; and if you have not read our previous report, I highly suggest you go back and do so now. This is a Psalm of 'Maschil' — that means *instruction*. This is an instruction of wisdom; directly from King David himself. Further, although this is technically classified as a penitential Psalm, I do not accept that classification, because David's confession and repentance is recorded in Psalm fifty-one. Perhaps you will want to turn over in your Bible and read Psalm fifty-one to compare with this one before you read this report. David tells the Lord that, if He will forgive him, then he will teach and instruct transgressors in God's ways; and teaching and instruction is exactly what David did. See, friends, it helps to actually understand the entire Word of God before we go dabbling in Revelation — or worse: deigning to teach that which we are totally and completely ignorant of....

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1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

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~ David is telling us he has now confessed those sins and has been forgiven. David has received forgiveness as he wrote this Psalm, and the joy of his salvation has been restored completely. That's the only way we are going to find shelter in God, my friends; and a daily and continuing confession of sins is the only way God will give us a genuine everlasting songs of praise in our heart. Blessed is he who doeth these things! *'Blessed'* means *happy* – which is the Hebrew word used in verses one and two. The same word appeared in Psalm one; and that blessedness is a *happiness* that only a perfect man can enjoy.

So, I don't know about you, but I am not perfect. I understand many of you dear readers think you are perfect – even though you publicly state you don't believe you have reached perfection – you secretly believe you are perfect. Well, you're not. You can recklessly and irresponsibly misquote Scripture all day long, and you still won't be perfect. Only the Lord Jesus Christ was a man of perfection on this earth; and as long as you are down here – you aren't, and you won't be, perfect. John said when we go to meet Jesus in the air, we shall be changed to be like Him. Is your delight truly in the law of the Lord? It should be; and, if it is, you will know the law condemns – not justifies. The law condemns us; but it didn't condemn Christ!

The laws written in ordinances and commandments can never give man a blessing; because it demands a perfect obedience that you and I simply cannot offer. The law is a curse; and we learned that clearly in chapter three verse ten of the epistle the apostle Paul wrote to the Galatians. No man can honestly stand up and say he measures-up to God's standard. If you *REALLY* think you have achieved perfection, then tell the Lord Jesus to get off your throne at the right hand of God, because that's your seat. In fact, just tell Jesus to take the seat to the left of the Father so you can have your rightful place in Heaven! Ready? GO!....

6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

7 Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

~ The Lord Jesus died for our sins and has been raised for our justification - and *THAT* is the blessedness and happiness of perfection you and I have today. I cannot stress to you the importance of understanding this. Christ met and satisfied the righteousness of God in His death on the cross; because He is the only One Who was perfect. Now we have a Savior Who is capable of justifying everyone who will turn to Him. Only when faith in Christ is exercised is it counted unto us for righteousness. That is for him who worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, is thereby justified by faith. Looking forward to the coming of Christ is the way thousands of Old Testament believers — from before Abraham to after Malachi — was saved.

Well, that work will only be fully finished in us when we are called in the air to meet Jesus, and we are then changed to be like Him. I know that redemption is complete by the cross, but *Y-O-U* are not complete down here in this regard. He who has an ear to hear — let him hear. He who has understanding — let him understand. If you're not one with an ear to hear, or a heart to understand, then I doubt you are even still reading. Oh, how important this is. In fact, it is *ALL*-important! What we are seeing in this Psalm is the blessedness of a man whose sin has been forgiven. Do you know the happiness of that reality? Do you have the joy of this truth? ~

8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

~ This Psalm also conveys David's experience to us concerning the manner in which he tried so desperately to hide his sin. I believe there were many months – if not years – that David kept silent about the murderous Uriah and Bathsheba affair. But everyone in the castle knew what happened. Verse three reveals exactly that! I can just picture David sitting there on the throne, looking around the crowded court, wondering if anyone knew. Well, they knew. The hushed tones must have caused deep tensions. The others just didn't dare say anything to David, because commenting on it would have earned them a one way ticket to the tower. I am sure Nathan risked his life when he went to David with the story of the man with one little ewe lamb. When Nathan recited that account, David saw red.

All the while, David kept his sin bottled up and unconfessed. That weighed physically; like suffering from a deadly disease. When we have unconfessed sins in our lives, the hand of the Lord will be heavy upon us. If you do not feel that weight of your sins, then I have some bad news for you: you aren't saved — because that would be impossible. The child of God can and will sin all the days of his life; but they can't get by with it. That's the difference between a genuine saint and a man of the world. The man of the world will temporarily escape punishment – but not forever. The child of God cannot get by with sin for a moment! Paul said, “.... *if we would judge ourselves then we would not be judged.*” If we *don't* judge ourselves, God is going to deal with our sins, my friends – make no mistake about that.

God has utterly no compunction whipping and chastising His children. In fact, whom the Lord loveth He chastens. When Nathan the prophet told David the story, David's jig was up. That's where verse five comes in. We have excellent instruction here. Have you lost your fellowship with the Father? Have you lost your way back to Him is? Well, this is it: *if we confess our sins*, He is able and just to forgive us those sins. I know many of you do not like this talk. Most reject this teaching wholesale; but, again, they likely stopped reading a long time ago – how tragic that really is.

Confessing our sins to the Lord Jesus Christ restores our fellowship *AND* it gives us a hiding place. We all need a security blanket because we're just a bunch of little babies in the big scheme of things. Our security is our hiding

place. We have a place of refuge we can go *IF – IF – IF* we are in proper fellowship with God the Father. Noah was in the ark when the waters of the judgment of the flood rose up; the flood that destroyed the earth didn't kill Noah – it just lifted him up. What an awesome truth that really is! Well, there is coming another time of judgment on the earth; but it won't be water – it will be by fire. Even with the infernal flames raging, it will be a time of darkness and trouble, though. That's revelation, my beloved readers.

If we don't have a hiding place of refuge when the time of crises comes, we will, likewise, be utterly consumed. We need to really think this over as we stop, look and listen to the admonition of David in his writings. This is set to music, remember; and here we have a birds-eye musical rest. This is where the orchestra didn't play, and the chorus singers bowed their faces to the floor. There may have been as many as thirty minutes silence in the temple at this musical break. David has now instructed them and taught them in the way in which they should go. I'm sure they thought it over well in the temple at this time. You're going to have to be very close to the Lord in fellowship if He is to guide you with His eyes; make a note, friends.

Verse nine can be written over the entire Book of Esther; which our Spiritual Safari has already examined properly, correctly and completely in our second expedition through the entire Word of God. Most Christians have no earthly idea what it is to function in an orbit of holy trajectory within the will of God. They are *way* off course in outer space — and the Lord is guiding them by His providence – but they aren't close to His will or purpose for their lives. Most don't even know what mission God originally designed for them is; they have received no instruction concerning God's intended plan for them to execute. No, they're just floating out there lost in space; a real star on a trek — and truly star wars level drama is the theme of their lives. My beloved, that is some *DEEP* space nine insight; you may want to wrap your minds around it with the mental tractor beams. God will not hesitate to overrule us in His providence. When that happens it is, may I repeat, placing a bit in the mouth of a mule! Don't be that mule-headed person. Receive instruction, therefore....

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1 Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is befitting for the upright.

2 Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise.

4 For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

~ This orphanic Psalm has not been assigned a writer. Bible scholars disagree on who the author may have been. It may have been David – it may not have been. Either way, what we do know is that it was played on an instrument with ten strings! This is the first mention of a musical instrument. We have had instruments mentioned before in the introductions to certain Psalms – which are part of the inspired text – but this is, of course, within the body of the Psalm itself....

Revelation 5:9 *And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God a kingdom of priests: and we shall reign on the earth ~*

Revelation 14:3 *And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth ~*

This Psalm reveals the inner experiences of a righteous and redeemed people worshipping Creator God for His Word and His work in redemption and creation. The passages from Revelation proves we are still talking about the nation Israel during the Great Tribulation period. Some of us who cannot sing today – like me – are sure looking forward to this time. I always wanted to be a singer, but I cannot sing, friends; not even a little bit. If you're going to sing, make sure you are good at it, please — before you

stand before a church congregation. Make sure God has given you the gift, and that you are exercising His gift for His glory in the edification of the congregation. If it doesn't do that, then it is an exercise in futility; and it is a disgrace to worship. Church music is in a sad state today, to be sure. We're not going into that debacle here, though. There are a whole bunch of people singing that ought not be singing – plain and simple. Either way, believers today won't be on earth during the Great Tribulation period – because we have been raptured at that time *in that day*. Again, it helps to understand the *ENTIRE* Word of God before we go off on a tangent of twisted teaching and theorized theology of fanatical philosophical dogmatic doctrine....

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

13 The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

15 He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.

16 There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

17 An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield.

21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

~ The Word of God is extremely powerful. Some singers may break glass hitting high notes, but God created the universe with His voice. God said, “let there be light” — and there is a lot of power in light. *All KINDS* of power, by the way. In verse six, God tells us again how He did it. Verse ten should be the motto of the United Nations; as opposed to the ridiculous verse they robbed for decades. No one is “*beating their swords into plowshares*,” friends. In fact, mankind’s industrial army mindset is *CONSTANTLY* developing new mechanisms of death to beat each other with.

Verse twelve should be hanging in the halls of Congress, the Supreme Court — and in the Oval Office. God sees us, friends — He sees everything we do at all times. Napoleon said, “.... *God is on the side who has the greatest battalion.*” God demonstrated Napoleon could not have been more

mistaken. At Waterloo, Bonaparte had the better battalion. Napoleon lost, of course. Verse sixteen just happens to be exactly true. Having the biggest bomb means nothing in terms of our safety, friends!

Closing out this leg of our expedition, we have a wonderful passage in verse eighteen through twenty-two. May I suggest today that you saturate yourself in Psalms? Instead of running around attending conferences, organizing crusades, or trying to be the big man in your Sunday school class, why don't you stay home and learn the Bible properly, correctly and completely? Make the Bible actually become meaningful by allowing it to transform your life! If you do that, it will bring a peace and comfort to your heart – and it will solve ninety-nine point nine percent of your current problems. These Psalms take us down to the nitty gritty of life, don't they? Nothing else can do that ~

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