

Thou Sellest Thy People for Nought

Psalms 44:4 – 45:17

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~ Contemporary political leaders do not govern in meekness on a platform of truth and righteousness. The powers that be incessantly proclaim how great they are, how smart and exceptional they are, and tout all the good things they're going to do for me – but they never seem to get around to doing those things when they are elected. You're not going to hear truth and justice from the Oval Office, the halls of congress, in your state capital, from the courtroom bench, in our universities; not in the workplace, marketplace, on the streets — it's the rarest substance on the face of the earth, my friends. Frankly, you won't hear the truth taught justly in most pulpits, either.

Pride and arrogance are the qualities that garner the most votes in this lost and dying world, friends. The more audacious and outrageous one acts, the likelier they are to form a base following of supporters. Unfortunately, we have problems in this world that have no solution — irrespective of how smart one believes they are. To say that there is a solution to certain existential problems — outside of the Lord Jesus Christ, that is — is the most laughable lie floating technological airwaves. That philosophy is not worthy of thoughtful consideration. I recognize modern man honestly believes he can solve his own problems; but the problems keep piling up. Man is attempting to build a utopia on earth; while God is preparing to judge it! Well, as long as man continues to rebel against God, the myriad problems on this earth will continue to compound, my friends; you can just write that down.

Something else we can write down — again — is that Christ is going to return to this earth one day to establish His Kingdom; and He will be riding in majesty, righteousness, truth, and meekness. That means *HIS* majesty that glorifies *HIM*; it means *HIS* righteousness — not ours; it means *HIS* truth — which He is; and it means meekness that is by no means weakness. No candidate comes to power on that platform — which makes Christ altogether different. Jesus isn't running for office, and His reign isn't up for

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a vote. The Word of God says Christ will *“break the rebellion with a rod of iron and dash the rebellious to pieces like a potter’s vessel.”* That’s not very nice, is it? That doesn’t sound very peaceful, does it? Well, that’s your *“gentle Jesus,”* friends – that’s the way it is going to be — irrespective of whether you like it, agree with it, understand it, accept it — or not. It isn’t up for debate, consensus, or discussion. The world needs a ruler like Christ now! If you wish to astonish the whole world, then simply tell the truth. That’s what Jesus is going to do!

Alright, our Spiritual Safari camel train stopped in the middle of Psalm forty-four in our last report, as we were considering the nation Israel calling upon God during the Great Tribulation period to deliver them; as He had delivered them from Egypt so long ago. This forty-fourth Psalm is, actually, an introduction to the next Psalm, which is another great Messianic Psalm. A Messianic Psalm means it is quoted in the New Testament. Psalm forty-five is truly one of the extreme high-points in the Word of God. Also, in our last report, we mentioned Gideon, who had asked, *“.... where is the Lord Whom our fathers told us about and Who performed miracles for Israel?”* Gideon wasn’t so sure about God, obviously.

In the Great Tribulation period, Israel will believe God has forgotten them again. Well, God hasn’t forgotten Israel; and, just as they did at the shoreline of the Red Sea, they will look back on this time from the Millennial Kingdom, where they will look forward in tremendous faith. It will be a much greater faith than they had when they suffered through the Great Tribulation period, too, by the way. Israel will be claiming Christ as their King *in that day*; although He will still not have returned yet. If you have not had an opportunity to read our last report, I suggest you go back and do so now....

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4 Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Israel.

5 Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.

8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

9 But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies.

10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.

11 Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.

12 Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase thy wealth by their price.

13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

14 Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people.

15 My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me,

16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way;

19 Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;

21 Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression?

25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

26 Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

~ The Godly remnant of the nation Israel will be asking for revenge on their enemies during the Great Tribulation. They will be back under law, so they will have an absolute right to request God's vengeance. Today, we are commanded to pray for those who spitefully use us. Actually, we are told to love our enemies. I'll be the first to tell you that praying for and loving our enemies is not an easy thing to do; but we can do both of those things while still turning them over to the Lord to handle. Of course, we are *NEVER* to avenge ourselves. God says vengeance is His and He will repay; and there comes a time in our Christian lives when we have to decide if we really believe the Bible is the Word of God — or not.

Well, to be honest — because I always am honest with you readers — there are a *WHOLE BUNCH* of people in my life that I have turned over to the Lord in prayer. I have asked God to avenge me by dealing with certain people in certain ways — that I would *NEVER* tell you about! I just commit them to God, and let me tell you — God handles them. For some people, I

pray God will choose them for salvation – but for others – not so much; mostly because those others already claim to be saved. To clarify: that’s never to be done regarding some personal or petit grievance; but those who attempt to hinder or harm the proper, correct and complete teaching of the Word of God to the entire world, let me just say this: you don’t want to get on my bad prayer list! Anyone who attempts to blacken the name of a man or woman who stands for the things of God is a terrible person.

We had better be *VERY* careful before we criticize our pastor or church elders – or even ordinary laymen or members. Only when we are dead sure that what we are saying is the truth should we ever consider doing such things. In fact, even if you *are* dead sure, you need to ask the Holy Spirit to speak through you in *HIS* timing and through *HIS* leading. See, to many people, the pastor of a church represents God’s cause on this earth; and they will judge God and the Word of God largely based on what the pastor says. Discrediting your pastor is almost *NEVER* a good idea – let’s be clear.

There are a many who are utterly turned off to the church because some members are constantly serving roast preacher at the fellowship meal. That dish gets old fast, and most pastors are just dark, tough meat anyways. They never taste good — irrespective of the preparation. The point is: never discredit the man who is giving out the Word of God in sound doctrine. If they must be corrected, then do so by simply stating Bible facts – period. That will elicit the most fruitful conversation you can ever have, if your pastor is genuine.

Moving along, in Psalm forty-four, we see the Godly remnant of the nation Israel asking the Lord for intervention against their enemies. The saved remnant is experiencing profound trouble by the time we reach the last verse of Psalm forty-four. The enemy is raging against them; and the little horn that Daniel said will “.... wear out the saints of the Most High” is doing exactly that. We’re talking about Jewish saints having war made against them by wicked men desiring to overcome and destroy them. God warns them not to fight back. They refuse the mark of the beast; and large numbers are shut out from society and murdered as a result. That’s why they are crying out to God. Personally, I believe this will mark the darkest moment ever in world history.

This is *NOT* a picture of the church today. Sure, there are some saints who suffer for Christ's sake in the church but, by and large, the church is not persecuted to the point where it can no longer function. The world is not in the position of seeing the remnant of the nation Israel return to the land, and examining them according to the condition they will be in during that time — according to Psalm forty-four! No, these are Jews in Israel crying out for God to wake up and intervene on their behalf.

As a side note: during the time of the Maccabea's, in the historical interlude between the Old Testament and the New Testament, Israel suffered more than at any other historical period. That interlude will seem like a Sunday school picnic compared to the Great Tribulation period. The Maccabean's had a group of priests called the Wakers. They cried out, "*.... awake, Oh, Lord, why sleepest Thou?*" Then, one of the more prominent Maccabean leaders, replied, "*.... does Deity sleep? Hath not the Scriptures said, 'behold, the Keeper of Israel slumbereth and sleepeth not.'*" Well, that was the end of the group called the "Wakers." We don't have to ask God to wake up; although, I'll admit: there are times I feel I need to sound an alarm or do something rash to get His attention. Israel, in the Great Tribulation period, will feel that way. Interestingly, when we think God is asleep, is when He is *ALWAYS* preparing to move mightily and break through dramatically in our lives....

XLV ~ (To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, Maschil, A Song of loves)

1 My heart is overflowing with a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

~ Shoshannim means "*lilies*" — and that is a picture of Jesus as Messiah. Christ is the lily of the valley, and He is the rose of Sharon. In fact, *ANYTHING* that is sweet, beautiful, and fragrantly lovely is Jesus! Jesus said, "*consider the lilies of the field.*" Well, let's consider the Lord Jesus Christ when we read Psalms. The Targum says, "*.... the beauty of our Messiah is much greater than that of the children of men.*" This is another wonderful

Psalm that we'll just focus on for the remainder of this report. Read it word by word — very slowly.

This Psalm speaks of the second advent of Christ as He establishes His Kingdom upon the earth. Naturally, that hasn't happened yet. The entire tenor and tone has changed now. The children of Israel have been in trial and tribulation up to this time, but this speaks of His return in glory as He takes the throne as their King and delivers them in power and strength! This also corresponds to the nineteenth chapter of Revelation; you may want to read that now, too, because this is the Blessed Hope of the world....

2 Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee awe inspiring things.

5 Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee.

6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

9 Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

11 So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour.

13 The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.

16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

~ The tongue of the writer of the Spiritual Safari, Andrew C. Hunt, is also the pen of a ready writer. See, my heart is overflowing. There are things I simply must say concerning the Lord. Frankly, it's better that I write than speak. I am not called to be a pastor. I am not called as an evangelist. I am no prophet. I'm not even called to teach a Sunday school class because, candidly, if I did any of those things, then that church wouldn't have a single member remaining in the congregation. I realize my manner of teaching is a bit terse; too stark – a little too harsh – for, well, for almost everyone. However, I give out the Word of God as the Holy Spirit has laid it on my heart to do – and – that's it.

I'm not asking anyone to read these reports. I'm not asking for *ANYONE* to support this missionary ministry. I *SURE* don't beg. I know that God will

raise up the people He chooses to help me accomplish His work. If God does not raise up reasonable support, then I will know I don't have to do this anymore. I pray that never happens. Again – I'm just being totally honest, as I always am. I have turned in my resignation to the Lord so many times it would make Jeremiah blush. Well, apparently, God's just not accepting my resignation just yet.

This Psalm is a love song that is to be objectified towards the Person of Christ! We need to behold Christ a bit more than we do, friends. In this Psalm, Christ is their King; but Jesus is *NOT* our King today. Christ is our *SAVIOR*, and Savior is all He will ever be to the genuinely born-again child of God. I think I could write that down a million times and some people would still miss it. We need a correct perspective of Christ, God, the Holy Spirit, and the Word of God today. If we didn't need that, then I highly doubt God would have chosen me to write this so-called safari.

When Christ returns to establish His Kingdom, He isn't coming as a Savior; He will be returning as their *King*! Remember, the apostles were expecting Messiah with a sword. Jesus came without a sword, and he told the disciples to put their swords away. Jesus told them if He needed help, there were legions of angels available to Him. Jesus told the apostles that if they lived by the sword, they would die by the sword. Today, people seem to be expecting a Messiah without a sword to bring peace, plenty, and buttered-popcorn; but, next time, He is coming with a rod of iron – and that means a sword, my friends. See, this world is in abject rebellion to God today; because they willfully misunderstand Him and, as a result, reject all things Scriptural.

Yes, Jesus will bring peace to this earth at His second advent; but the way He will establish said peace will be by crushing the rebellion. That won't be peaceful. It won't be pretty. Those who constantly say, “... *I wish the Lord would return*” simply have *NO IDEA* what they are saying. Grace is on His lips for His children, but there is horrible condemnation and judgment coming for the wicked. You're going to have to be realistic with the Bible, or you'll remain hopelessly confused forevermore. The idealism I see floating around religious circles is meaningless garbage. Christ could *NEVER* come to power through the verse-grabbing ignorance on display in some of our

modern churches. The “*wrath of the Lamb*” is exactly that – wrath! You might want to write that down — again ~

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