

The Wicked Shall Be Turned Onto Hell

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~ The elected leadership in these United States have utterly failed the people. Poor political decisions have resulted in irreparable harm to society, the Christian community, and outside nations that look to America for leadership. Frighteningly, when we look at all of this in light of the truth of the Word of God, we see each and every one of us — individually — is to blame for our problems. We have individually and collectively, as a nation, turned our backs on God. There is nothing ahead of us now except swift and severe judgment. I know that may not be the message everyone expects to hear in Psalms, but that's the reality of our here and now. Friends, you are either for the Lord Jesus Christ, or you are against Him.

Our Spiritual Safari has ascended a mountain, beginning in chapter two and running through chapter eight, which we covered in our last report. Unfortunately, from Psalm nine through fifteen, we are going to have to descend the other side of that spiritual mountain. This is a cluster of Psalms that belong together as they tell out a prophetic account of the Jewish remnant during the end times. We are going to experience Israel's suffering; and we'll see the man of sin, who is the lawless one, yet to appear on earth. Psalm nine and ten are acrostic Psalms; although we cannot see that in our English translation. However, they are so closely connected that the Vulgate and the Septuagint combine these two Psalms together as one....

DX ~ (To the chief Musician upon Muth-labben, A Psalm of David)

~ "Muth-labben" means "death of the son" or "death of the firstborn" — and we saw in our previous report how some Jewish scholars ascribe this title to Psalm eight, and classify it as speaking of the death of the baby that King David had with Bathsheba; others purport it to speak of the death of Goliath the giant — although our safari does not agree with either of those interpretations. Here, I believe it is correct and in the proper place; except I

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believe it refers to what happened in Egypt on the night of the Passover, and the deaths of all the firstborn sons. Now, it really isn't that important for us to agree on this but, in the interest of best interpretational practices, I thought it necessary to state differing perspectives....

1 I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

~ This Psalm starts with praise — and the seventh Psalm ended with praise — in anticipation of the coming victory at the return of Christ to the earth. In view of the future deliverance of this earth, we have this great song of praise — sung by Christ's chosen people — *in that day*. The eighth Psalm predicted so wonderfully that “... *all things would be put under the feet of Him Who was made a little lower than the angels.*” So, this is a prophetic forecast of the earthly conditions when the Son of Man has received the throne, and rules and reigns in righteousness and in peace — in Jerusalem. We have this picture given in Revelation where the great company of people of the nation Israel are there to praise the Lord. The church, represented by the twenty-four elders will also be there — in unison of uninterrupted praise to God Almighty. That's quite marvelous, actually....

2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

3 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right.

~ This is a picture of the Millennial Kingdom spoken of in chapter eight. However, the important thing to remember today is as Martin Luther said, “... *one with God is a majority.*” Luther wasn't as concerned with having God on his side as he was concerned about being on God's side. That is definitely what is important here. We better make sure our cause is right, friends — I cannot express the criticality of this specific adequately! There is

a time of judgment coming; and it isn't going to be pretty for *ANYONE* who is in rebellion in *ANY* way. That means you and me; our works down here are going to be judged to see if we receive a reward in Heaven — or not.

1 John 2:28....*little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming ~*

There are going to be Christians who are ashamed at His appearing. What follows in this Psalm is a woefully strong declaration of judgments that are coming. Frankly, we don't have nearly enough preaching and teaching today about judgment. Naturally, no one wants to go to church and hear that. Frankly, the only judgment we hear anything about are the judgments of the lost and wicked. I don't think I have heard my pastor ever speak on the subject of hell. Our modern day sermons seem to be designed to simply comfort and pacify a whole bunch of little babies; or coddle those who suffer from a personality complex. Modern Christians only seem to be looking for a shoulder to cry on — or an errand boy named Jesus.

Now, shockingly, I know I am not popular in Christian circles; and many accuse me of being bitter, mean and angry. Well, friends, let me tell you something: I have had my heart searched by God Personally — on many occasions — during many long, dark nights — to produce these messages I write to you. They affect me personally and tremendously. Believe it or not, I have a heart that is shattered in a thousand tiny little bitty pieces because so many are lost while thinking they are saved. Well, even so, no one likes to hear sermons on hell, and I'm not comfortable bringing these messages; but I can assure you I am going to bring the messages the Holy Spirit leads me to bring when the Holy Spirit leads me to bring them. You can just write that down!

We need more sermons on hell, to be sure; but, we must have the right type of men to preach them. Candidly, unless you have sold all you have and given it to the poor — and unless your life and heart are undeniably straight and right with the Lord — and unless you have denied yourself in this life for the sake of the work of the Lord — you are not qualified to preach on hell, and you cannot bring the messages I present in these safari

reports, either; because that would be impossible. If one is not deeply moved for the things of Christ Jesus in their heart, life and mind, you won't last long teaching sound doctrine.

The enemies of Israel are *ALL* going to be conquered *in that day*. This Spiritual Safari is for the remnant on God's side; and God is going to bring the victory. This Psalm takes us straight down the hell-hole; where anti-Semitism was born way back in the land of Egypt. Pharaoh enslaved God's chosen people and attempted to exterminate the entire Jewish race. The only reason for doing so was to frustrate and prevent the plan and purpose of God's redemption. Ever since that day, the surrounding nations have been Israel's enemies. Well, that hate is going to continue until the day of deliverance comes – and it certainly will happen quicker than you might imagine. Yes, I have that exact same feeling right now as I type and as you read this report, too, by the way....

5 Thou hast rebuked the nations, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them.

7 But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

12 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

~ The Kingdom is established, and the throne of righteousness prevails forevermore in this eschatological Psalm. God will judge in righteousness *in that day*. Today, we're short on justice and long on injustice, friends – there's no sense denying that. Our judicial system has rich man justice and poor man justice – and they render two utterly different dispositions. Penalties are assessed on a basis that has no regard for statute or ordinance. That's the facts of life, friends; deny it if you want to, but I am not wrong. I have firsthand knowledge and experience with the things I talk about.

Righteousness, truth, and that which is proper, are all deemed subjective by a lost modern society. Right and wrong is not that which you or I think it is — right and wrong are what God says is right and wrong. The problem with that is: so few – and I do mean *SO* few – have any inkling of an understanding about what God really says. Of course, that comes from a total and complete ignorance of the Word of God. God divides light from dark – you can't do that – I can't do that. If the sun doesn't come up tomorrow, then you and I are finished – period – the end. God is always right; and if you don't think He's right, then you are wrong. That's the way it is; just as simple and as complicated as that, too, by the way....

13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

14 That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

16 The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O LORD: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah.

~ I don't know about you, but I know I need mercy from God. I also know I need a whole lot of it! Yes, there will be justice, but justice has already been established in the Person of Christ — when He bore our sins on the cross. Christ has been made unto us righteousness. So, what I need is mercy. That mercy is extended to us in the Person of Jesus. See, friends – it's all about Him. That's all we have to rejoice in today. We need more people genuinely rejoicing in Him, too.

Our nation — and the world at large — has fallen into a pit of spiritual quicksand that we cannot get out of. That's our condition. The wicked are going to sink to hell and the children of God will be lifted out. That's the way it is going to be; irrespective of whether you believe it, accept it, agree with it, understand it — or not! The poor and needy are totally abused, mistreated and forgotten today. Sure, we have a poverty program, but the man running the program is the only one who benefits from the program! So little of the proceeds actually trickle down to those who need it that it is ineffective — and simply shameful. I see many people railing against poverty programs; they don't want the poor to even have dirt to eat. Well, you're fools and hypocrites, even though you label yourselves Christian's. Don't like this? Then don't read it.

One day, the poor and needy are going to receive fair judgment. Those who have been oppressed and defrauded will be afforded justice *in that day*. We

poor people should be much more interested in the Lord than we are in politics — or our own belly. Politics have no answers, my friends. Greediness kills the soul. The love of money is the root of all evil. Science thinks they will solve our problems, but they are the ones who created the mess we're already in — so, to say science and education will turn things around and save us is idiot talk. And I have more bad news for you: the politicians on Capital Hill do not care about you or me — not even a little bit. They only want to get in office so they can further their greed and fraud — at *YOUR* expense.

Well, Christ's rule and reign isn't up for a vote; His rule will be an authoritative monarchy and dictatorship likened unto an autocratic emperor — and His reign will be executed with an iron fist. Those who are usurping the glory of God will literally be crushed. We have already seen in Psalm chapter two that Christ will put down the rebellion by smashing them with a rod of iron and breaking them into pieces. Jesus isn't going to please any group, movement or party, either. When He came the first time, He came to do God's will; but when He returns, He is going to do His *OWN* will. Then, the needy will not be forgotten; in fact, the meek shall inherit the earth! Judgment is coming quickly. That's exactly what we're talking about, my beloved. What a wonderful Psalm we have here....

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1 Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?

2 The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity.

7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

~ Psalms nine and ten belong together and, irrespective of whether you view this to be speaking of Pharaoh, or Goliath, it is merely a picture of antichrist yet to come. Here, we're talking about Satan's man – the man of the earth; but that means he will also be crushed in his small-minded rebellion. Two things characterize the wicked man: pride and boasting. If you look around this world today, the evil man is easily recognized by the sincere student of Scripture. The men in political power and the rich proud man have no place for God at all. The True and living God just doesn't happen to be a part of their conversation, nor does He fit into their philosophies. In fact, God is likely the most unpopular Person in His Own universe.

Oh, I know the rich man loves the Jesus of liberalism, but that Jesus does not exist; and we have already considered that extensively on this safari through Psalms. These men do nothing but boast of their fraudulently acquired prosperity, their failures are shamelessly touted as accomplishments, and the arrogance resulting from their self-perceived importance drips of atrocity. I'm not impressed, friends. They always speak so bigly of how they are going to solve the world's problems; but the problems of this world do not have a solution. The sin of man *WILL* lead to the man of sin; make no mistake about that. Actually, all they are really doing is further entangling the mess we're already in. God gives us quite an accurate picture of the evil, vain, proud and wicked man. The world is looking for a political solution to a spiritual problem — from a false messiah....

8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.

9 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

10 He croucheth, and humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.

11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it.

12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.

14 Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.

15 Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man: seek out his wickedness till thou find none.

16 The LORD is King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

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

1 In the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?

~ Our Spiritual Safari concludes this leg of our expedition through the entire Word of God with the beginning of a little Psalm. We aren't told the circumstances under which this Psalm was written by David, but we know it came out of personal persecution and trials of his life. The psychologist of King David's day was, obviously, telling him to just "... get away from it all" for a while. Many people give this advice to others; and some give it to themselves. People seem to think that if they can just get away from it all for a while and go off on some exotic vacation, for example, then everything will somehow reset itself to normal and good. Everyone wants a rest to get away from present circumstances; that is – they feel a need to flee as a bird to a mountain nest. Well, "*getting away*" won't solve your problems, friends. Alright, enough for this report, but we're going to pick back up right here as we continue through the Book of Psalms. We'll move along a little faster beginning in the next report. I hope you can continue with us as we take the entire Word of God to the entire world ~

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