

Deep Calleth Unto Deep

Psalm 42:1 – 44:4

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~ Our Spiritual Safari camel train continues across the burning desert sands of the Book of Psalms in this report, as we leave behind the Genesis section of Psalms, and enter the Exodus section. Frankly, there is a *thick* curtain of coldness and indifference in this present wicked world regarding the presentation of sound doctrine. There are so many preconceived, half-baked religious theories, espoused by carnal and baby Christian's, false teachings that result from a personal agenda, and heretics who desire only to make merchandise of the Lord Jesus Christ, that the teaching of the apostles doesn't stand much of a chance anymore. When sound doctrine is heard, it sounds like a foreign language to Christian's today, and is generally summarily rejected and ignored wholesale. We live in frightful days of an almost total and complete apostasy in the church. When it comes to Spirit-filled and Spirit-led, proper, correct, and complete Bible teaching, we all do well to ask the Lord in prayer that He will lead us to it.

Our so-called safari does not compromise with the teaching of the apostles. Someone has said "... *no one can know everything about the Bible*" – but those are the people who never even try. And, candidly, I could not disagree more. Anyone can know the Bible *IF - IF - IF* they will actually spend some time learning it in a systematic, educated, and sincere manner. That's where the problem is. There is no quick or easy way to come to a full comprehension of Holy Writ – and most people want it *right now*. Well, it doesn't happen that way — but it certainly is possible to attain to; it takes many years – even decades – of hard work; and it takes effort. It isn't easy. A cursory reading and a half-hearted approach won't yield the understanding God wants us to have. Walking with one foot in the world will abjectly pollute your relationship with Christ. You're going to have to commit and dedicate yourself to growing in the grace and knowledge of our Savior and Lord. Further, you can forget dreams and visions. I understand it's easier to dream it all up than it is to actually execute an educated and

sincere Bible study – but you aren’t learning anything, and God is not speaking to us that way. He says He isn’t speaking to us that way.

Hebrews 1: 1 *God, Who at sundry times and in divers manners spake **IN TIMES PAST** unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, Whom he hath appointed Heir of all things ~*

John 1: 1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth ~*

It is untenable that any Biblically educated and sincere believer — particularly a leader in a church — would hold the position that God speaks to us in dreams and visions today. Frankly, God couldn’t be any clearer than He has been about this. If you add the two passages cited above, the only logical deduction is that God speaks to us *ONLY* in His Word. I recognize that I am unbending and dogmatic about this truth; and I fully understand reasoning from truth to experience. There are so many things we agree on, that we should not allow these theological issues to divide us; but we also need to strive to be absolutely correct in our interpretations of the Word of God for the good of others around us.

Those of you who have been with us throughout this study of Psalms remember in our introduction, we said the Book of Psalms could be divided like the Pentateuch – that is, the first five books of the Bible written by Moses and commonly referred to as the Mosaic Law. Well, the first forty-one Psalms we have examined are Psalms of creation; particularly Psalms eight and nineteen. Now, we come to what can be entitled the “*Ruin and Redemption*” section of Psalms – Exodus! Here, we see God’s people suffering in a strange and foreign land. The iron heel of a godless dictator steps on their necks, and we hear the groaning, moaning, and the crack of the whip beating them into subjection. God’s people are in serious trouble.

That trouble only increases as we move along until, finally, the desperation and discouraged cries are heard by the Lord God Almighty Who makes intervention on behalf of His children; thereby making good on His

covenant to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. That's when the Lord brings them out of the land of slavery with His mighty Hand of deliverance. That's what we will consider for the next thirty-one Psalms! This Exodus section of the Book of Psalms also continues to look forward to the *future* for the remnant of the nation Israel during the Great Tribulation period; we see them away from Jerusalem — with no temple or Holy Place. They are entirely out of touch with Jehovah — just as they were down in the land of Egypt.

In the Genesis section of Psalms, the emphasis was upon Jehovah — the Name of God — and Jehovah occurred two hundred seventy-two times; with Elohim appearing fifteen times. In this Exodus section of Psalms, the emphasis is upon Elohim — which is, of course, also a Name of God — and Elohim occurs one hundred sixty-four times; but Jehovah only thirty times. That's something most people never know; but it is very important to understand. Jehovah is God's Name in redemption as the One Who keeps and sustains Israel. Well, they're away from God in this section and they will be away from God in the first half of the Great Tribulation period, too. Here, Elohim means "*deity*" and we will now see the deity of Christ like no other place in Scripture. When Israel was down in Egypt, they had Pharaoh ruling over them. The eschatological application of Pharaoh is antichrist, during the Great Tribulation period.

The most important things to remember at this point is that the Psalms concern the nation Israel, in the future, as they point prophetically to a time of trouble. This will all be very meaningful for them *in that day*! Excluding Israel from the future plan and purpose of God is the most dangerous, reckless, and irresponsible theology there is. Doing so is like scratching out the portions of the Bible you don't like, and leaving only that which you want to apply to yourself. Many people do that, too, my friends. That's why we have the extremely wild and wacky interpretations of the Bible that abound presently. If we are serious students of Scripture, we must be careful about lifting single verses out of Psalms — or *ANY* of the Bible — but *PARTICULARLY* Psalms. Attempting to force an application of them to our private whims and wants end in foolishness. This is very, very important to understand.

While all of this is all applicable to us today, we simply must allow the Word of God to say what it wants to say, to whom it wants to speak, and at what time, regarding what subject, and whom God wants to reach. Then we can permit the Holy Spirit to provide a spiritual application for us. If we try to do that the other way around – spiritualizing Psalms, and then trying to jam it together like a jigsaw puzzle in our lives – we will conclude with a picture that makes no sense — and is dangerously and hopelessly confused! Psalms can be very meaningful to the child of God who is in trouble, or it can make one deeply doubt God; depending on whether or not we understand it properly, correctly and completely....

KLDD ~ (To the chief Musician, Maschil, for the sons of Korah)

1 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.

7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8 Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

~ God redeemed Israel from Egypt by blood on the night the death angel passed over. Remember, they were told to put the blood on the lintels and doorposts from the Passover Lamb they had offered. Then, there is a second phase of redemption at the shoreline of the Red Sea; and that was redemption by *power*! Psalm forty-two sets *that* redemption before us. At that time, God redeemed the whole nation of Israel; but here, we see a remnant in the Great Tribulation period, and it is by no means the whole nation. When we talk about God's chosen people, Israel, we are *ALWAYS* talking about a remnant. Likewise, when we speak of the church today, we're not talking about *all* denominations, church members, and organizations – not by any means. When we say *the church*, we're talking about the body of believers who are in Christ. They don't get there by being a church member, or by donating to some benevolent cause, either.

There is a definite distinction to be drawn between the organized and outward visible church body, and the invisible body of believers who have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, the invisible church is a little bit *too* invisible during Bible study; but that's another story. Well, the invisible church becomes visible when they are studying the Word of God! If you want to know who is genuine and who isn't, place the Word of God down on them in Bible study, and you'll see who is who genuine. Those who are not will not respond in any way, shape or form. If they truly

love the Lord Jesus Christ, they'll respond emphatically to an educated, sincere, proper, correct, complete, Spirit-filled and Spirit led Bible teaching.

Psalm forty-two is another '*Maschil*' Psalm of understanding, instruction, learning and teaching. This is a Psalm of Korah, and you will remember that Korah was the great grandson of Levi. He led a rebellion against Moses and Aaron. Korah was executed by God Himself for his dissidence. However, that curse didn't fall down onto Korah's sons. God made it clear in Numbers that the sons of Korah were not to die for their fathers transgressions. Even so, we should note they always stood alone after that incident.

Anyways, we're not going back to Egypt in this Psalm; and we know Israel is *NOT* back in the land today according to Scriptural prophecy. Most credible Bible scholars teach that the present day gathering of Israel in the physical land will result in their dispersion and removal *at least* one more time. Frankly, it could happen at any moment. The Godly remnant of Israel is already out of the land. In Israel today, there are two main groups: (1) Orthodox Jews; who are still looking for their Messiah, and desire to rebuild the temple so they can resume animal sacrifice and (2) other Jews who are not concerned with the temple. They say those days are long gone and they have entered an era of worshiping science and education. They contend with Palestinian's, Iran, Egypt, the Arab, and the United Nation council — as well as the United States. There are almost *NO* genuinely born again believing Jews in Israel right now.

Well, the Godly remnant will have a genuine desire for the things of the True and Living God – the Lord Jesus Christ. They will be like a hunted deer that has barely escaped with its life. That little deer has just run for miles, and it is foaming at the mouth with thirst! It just plunges its little face into the cool brook for a drink – and that is the picture in verse one of Psalm forty-two. Is that the way you feel about God and His Word today? Almost everyone has become either hyper-legalistic or hyper-grace oriented and honestly believes they are well-pleasing to God. My friends, mankind is alienated from God in sinful rebellion. Man not only has no desire for God, but man has literally no *capacity* whatsoever for the things of God. Only by being truly born again can we be brought back into the family of God and

cite verse one of Psalm forty-two in a genuine way; a way that actually means something in our lives.

Verse three of Psalm forty-two is exactly how the Israelites felt down in Egypt; and it is exactly how they will feel in the Great Tribulation period when mockers say, "... *where is your God?*" Verse five brings us hope; and verse six begins the cry, which is the same language Jonah used when he prayed from the belly of the fish. There is coming a day when Israel will honestly believe the jig is up and they will be completely destroyed. That's when God will come and deliver them. Do you feel like God has forgotten you, my beloved readers? I do, sometimes. I know He hasn't forsaken me – but I feel that way many times. Well, even in the darkest moments, I turn to God. When there is no one to help, I know Christ will never leave me nor forsake me....

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1 Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

2 For thou art the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

~ Antichrist will make a covenant with the nation Israel and then, being the liar that he is, he will break said covenant in the midst of the week. I have prayed that a dictator will not arise in the United States; but we're perilously close to having that happen today. If those who rail against our

current leaders would spend just *HALF* as much time praying for them, I am confident we would see a turn for the better. Well, our corrupt leadership and internal problems are the result of a phony and pious people who incessantly chant “*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus*” but whose hearts are far from Him. The sons of Korah praised God upon the harp – and that’s good; but Andrew’s harp only has one string: Bible study. So, I just keep hitting that same note, over, and over and over again. People will only truly turn to God when their desperation becomes too great to bear by themselves. Those who don’t believe that do not read safari reports. Say, this gets a little personal, doesn’t it? Maybe we should just move along from this Psalm? ~

XLII ~ (To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, Maschil)

1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

2 How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

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

~ Our Spiritual Safari ends this leg of our expedition beginning another Psalm of learning, instruction, and wisdom from the sons of Korah. Gideon asked the same question about his fathers being delivered when he wasn’t being delivered. Well, God has a future plan to intrude once again into the history of the nation Israel. There’s no way around that truth — short of cutting many Psalms from the Word of God — and Ezekiel entirely. The right hand of God is the mighty bared arm of the Lord Jesus Christ in salvation! He revealed Himself two thousand years ago, and He will be revealed again. We’re still talking about deliverance at the shores of the Red Sea, by the way. Jacob is the nation Israel, friends. When we talk about the “*King*” in verse four, we’re talking about *their* King – not ours! The Lord Jesus Christ is *NOT* our King – He is our *Savior* today — and that’s all He will

ever be to the genuine saint of God. If we can keep all of these Psalms in a proper perspective, they will be so much more meaningful to us ~

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