

Part 11 – Subduing the Enemy

In part 10 we learned how God ‘girds’ us with strength as men used to girt themselves with a belt of sorts so they could run, work and fight effectively. Our Heavenly Father gives us His Word to help us understand right from wrong and His Holy Spirit gives us the internal strength to obey it from the heart (sincerely). He gently helps us see our sins when we’re studying His Word and sincerely trying to see them and He therefore always protects us from going down the path of sin that deception (lies) take us, so long as we remain faithful to Him. David learned this over the course of his life, which is why he wrote this beautiful Psalm after God gave him victory over *all* his enemies. And he has been explaining, through several analogies, how God gives us the understanding, strength and courage to ‘fight the good spiritual fight’ to overcome sin and deception (and help others to do so as well) through the power of Jesus Christ. He thus helps us not to slip back to sinning habitually and helps us ‘pursue’ the enemy *with truth* instead of cowering to peer pressures such as political correctness and ‘woke’ ideology that are so prevalent today. And David is not done explaining the many ways God helped him obtain victory after victory, through the many years of his life. We’ll now continue on to see how else God helped him so many times; but let’s remember that the reason God continued to bless David is because he remained faithful to Him and repented sincerely when he did sin. This too is what we need to do in order to have the ‘victory’ over all our enemies, which is essentially Satan and all his wicked followers...

Psalm 18

40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me.

David now says that God gave him the ‘necks’ of his enemies, which can mean the neck but also can mean the back (‘oreph #6203). And, because the neck or back is a weak point for people when fighting physically, this analogy explains that God allowed David to have access to even the weakest points of his enemies, so they could be easily destroyed. The neck is often used as a figure of speech (even today) for having your enemy in submission to you (Josh 10:24; Jer 2:11-12; Lam 5:5; Ezek 21:29; Micha 2:3). It’s also another way to say that you are risking your own life for something (you believe in) or someone you care for (Rom 16:4), which we would also say ‘going out on a limb’ for something or someone. Notice also how David often points out that his enemies *are those who hate him*. He does so because he is pointing out that the enemy *unjustly* hates him and they do so *because he was loyal to our Heavenly Father*. If people simply dislike us, *they don’t try to kill us*. But, hate ferments in the hearts of those *who don’t know God*. Therefore, they make themselves *God’s enemies* when they seek to do harm to His servants (Zech 2:8) and that is why God protects those who are serving Him, like David was (2 Sam 3:18, 1 Kings 14:8).

Psalm 18

41 They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

When people are rebellious to our Heavenly Father (and His Son, Jesus Christ) they won't get any help from Him, no matter how much they call out to Him. As Ps 66:18 says, if we regard iniquity in our heart, the Lord will not hear us and Isa 59:2 also tells us that our iniquities are what separate us from God; it's because we keep sin in our heart and mind that He hides His face from us and declines helping us. The Proverbs, using God's 'wisdom' as a metaphor, explains this concept quite clearly...

20 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying, [Listen up because this is what God's wisdom 'says' to us...]

22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. [if we listen to God's Wisdom {His Word} He'll pour out His Holy Spirit to us]

24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: [God will now tell us what happens if we do not listen to His Wisdom...]

26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Prov 1:20-33

It does us no good to ask God for help if we are not willing to see our own sins and repent for them. He allows cursings to come upon individuals, and nations, when they willingly sin and harden their hearts to repentance. God only promises to help us if we 'soften' our heart and are willing to see our own sins and repent sincerely for them. But, if we hate His Word (knowledge) and choose not to fear or respect Him, then He will let us be consumed by our own sins *and* by the enemies we've made in life because we have wickedly departed from Him (Ps 18:21). This is a vital point to remember because, if we are not sincere in our 'walk' with God (through Jesus Christ) then we cannot expect to have His protection. He *only* protects those who *listen to Him and remain faithful to Him*, as David found out throughout his life.

Psalm 18

42 Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

David uses more analogies here to explain how God gave him the victory over all his enemies. And let's remember the history of Israel up to the point of David's life. As the books of Exodus, Numbers and the Judges tell us, Israel was often rebellious to Him. As such, He chastised them through various ways. Sometimes He brought fire upon them (Num 3:4, 11:13, 16:35), one time He caused serpents to bit them (Num 21:6) and many times He purged out the rebels with plagues (Ex 32:35; Num 11:33, 14:37, 16:4, 25:3-9; 2 Sam 24; 2 Chron 21:14, etc.). And once they were in the Promise Land, He chastised them by allowing their enemies to invade and subdue them, making them pay tribute (high taxes) and often having their crops and even children stolen away as slaves. The Philistines were some of Israel's most fierce enemies while they were in the Promise Land and Israel struggled with them for many years (decades) because they remained rebellious. It was not until God rose David to power that Israel was finally able to put off the yoke of this ferocious people. God gave David many great victories over them (as well as others like the Moabites, Ammonites and the Edomites, etc.). So truly, David had every right to use these analogies – that God helped him 'beat them as dust before the wind' and 'cast them out as dirt in the streets'. It's simply describing the total submission of the enemy that God gives us *when we are loyal to Him*, as David was. He will do this for us too, when Jesus Christ returns (for even the walls of Jerusalem will be as powder when He returns – Mth 24:2, Mk 13:2, Lk 21:6). But, even before then, He'll help us take the Gospel forth despite fierce opposition to it. ***God always helps His servants do His will, so long as we remain faithfully obedient to Him.***

Psalms 18

43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people whom I have not known shall serve me.

The word 'strivings' here is *riyb* or *rib* (#7379) and it means: *a contest* (personal or legal). It's been translated also as: adversary, cause, chiding, contend (-tion), controversy, multitude [from the margin], pleading, strife, strive (-ing), suit. And it comes from *riyb* or *ruwb* (#7378), a prime root that means: *to toss*, i.e. *grapple*; mostly figuratively, *to wrangle*, i.e. *hold a controversy*; (by implication) *to defend*. This is likely referring to the few times that the people of Israel actually rebelled (as in insurrection) against him (in his later years as king). We've already learned quite a bit about the rebellion that Absalom, David's own son, started by stealing away the hearts of Israel and turning them against his own father; but even after David's army conquered that rebellion (2 Sam 15-18) there was still another jerk (Sheba) who tried to lead *another* rebellion against David - but it did not succeed either (2 Sam 20:1-22). So, indeed, God delivered David from all the 'strivings' of the people and David also states that God made him the head of the 'heathen'. This is referring to the heathen *nations* (those who did not worship YHWH), which is why he says that a '*people whom I have not known shall serve me*'. 'Not known' simply means they were not David's people, Israel. Indeed, God helped David to conquer many 'heathen' nations that surrounded the Promise Land (which gave them much more territory in the process). And the reason was because David *remained loyal to our Heavenly Father*.

And this is an excellent type for us because God promises those who are faithful to Him (i.e. the ‘elect’, which are those who love and serve Jesus Christ) the same thing. He *promises* that we *will* inherit the world when Jesus Christ returns...

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

*9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but **those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.***

10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

*11 But **the meek shall inherit the earth**; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.*
Ps 37:8-11

28 For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

*29 **The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.***
Ps 37:28-29

*Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and **he shall exalt thee to inherit the land:** when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.*
Ps 37:34

In this beautiful Psalm, God promises those who are righteous (who have repented for their sins, accepted His Son, Jesus Christ, and are working to put on the ‘new man’ that is righteous and serve Him sincerely and faithfully) that they will indeed inherit the earth;, but He also promises that the wicked will be deposed from power. Jesus’ teaching on the mount, mirror these promises...

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

*5 **Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.** [Ps 37:11]*

6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matt 5:3-10

Jesus sums up the characteristics of those who will ‘inherit’ the earth with Jesus Christ and you can learn more about them in the five-part study series on **The Sermon on the Mount** [for Part 1 of 5, click here: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/397>]. But these promises (of inheriting the earth and being given eternal life) don’t come to pass *until* Jesus Christ returns. Nevertheless, if

we sincerely believe them, *we'll act upon them* and strive to obediently serve Jesus Christ (as David did) with all our heart, mind and soul. As the Psalms also promise...

35 For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.

36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.
Ps 69:35-36

Indeed, God will save 'Zion', which is the land in Jerusalem where David ruled from. And the reason God will 'save' it is because He's promised to rule from there forever (Ezek 16). Thus, when Jesus returns to earth, He'll return to Jerusalem, clean it and rule from that city *forevermore*. But, notice verse 36 also promises that the 'seed' of His servants shall inherit it. This 'seed' are those who are 'begotten' by the Holy Spirit (John 1:12-13; 1 Pt 1:3; 1 John 5:18; James 1:18, Rom 8:12-17) into a 'new man' who is, *after God is created in righteousness and true holiness* (Eph 4:24). This is why we're also told in another Psalm...

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

*6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, **and a twoedged sword in their hand**; [Eph 6:17, our sword is the Word of God]*

7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;

8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

Ps 149:5-9

As Jesus Christ tells us in Scriptures such as Mth 24:30-31, 13:24-26, 41, 47-50, when Jesus Christ returns, He'll send His faithful angels to gather all people on earth and separate the good from the bad. Who do you think these 'angels' are? They are all those of His faithful servants who have already died. People like Abraham, Moses, David, the prophets and so many others throughout the years who have loved and served him while they were in the flesh body. Indeed, they will have the 'honor' of gathering the spiritual 'heathen' up so they can be 'judged' and rewarded for their wickedness. But, the Scriptures also tell us they'll also have the 'honor' of gathering up those who are still loyal to Jesus Christ, *so they can be rewarded with eternal life*. And then, all of those who have been faithful to Jesus Christ (who have passed on or are on the earth when Jesus returns) *will rule together, under Jesus' command*, during the Millenium. So, indeed, we are given *great* promises for remaining faithful to Jesus Christ. As Jesus said when Peter asked Jesus what the apostles would 'get' for their loyalty to Him...

27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

28 That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

*29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, **and shall inherit everlasting life.***

30 But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

Matt 19:28-30

Jesus' answer not only included the disciples He was speaking to but all those who follow Him and He specifically says that we'll be well rewarded for our faithfulness to Him, even being given eternal life. Jesus does specifically say that the twelve disciples would sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. So, they are definitely going to be given 'honorary' positions when Jesus Christ returns, but that doesn't leave the rest of us 'out of the loop', as the book of Revelations says...

*4 And I saw **thrones**, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and **they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.***

*5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. **This is the first resurrection.***

*6 **Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection**: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*

Rev 20:4-6

So, indeed, *all* those (including David *and you* as well) who remain faithful to Jesus Christ (i.e. who do not worship Satan or partake in his rebellion) will be allowed to live forever (obtain eternal life) and rule with Jesus Christ when He returns to take full control over heaven and earth. The book of Daniel even tells us this...

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man [i.e. Jesus Christ] came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

*14 And **there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom**, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: **his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.***

Dan 7:13-14

*21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; [Rev 13]
22 Until the Ancient of days came, and **judgment was given to the saints of the most High**; and the time came that **the saints possessed the kingdom.***

Dan 7:21-22

So, while there will still be spiritual war on earth (*and in heaven*, as Rev 12:7 tells us) until Jesus Christ returns, those who stand against Satan (and the other wicked people) will be well

rewarded for remaining faithful to the *true* King of kings, Jesus Christ. They'll be given eternal life *and authority to rule and teach God's children* during the Millenium *and* in the eternity. And we could go to so many more Scriptures that speak of how the righteous (those who remain faithful to Jesus Christ) will inherit the earth while the wicked are going to be deposed from power. Consider Scriptures such as: Isa 49:7-8, Isa 54:1-5, Isa 60, 1 Cor 6:8-11, Gal 5:19-21, Heb 6:12-20 and Rev 21:5-8 to further document this point. So, just as God delivered David from all the insurrectionists (rebels), so too will He deliver us as well – even from Satan's wicked worldwide government. When Jesus Christ returns, we will be the 'heads' over them because ***we'll rule and they won't***. Though they rule the earth now, and when Satan comes to the earth, this is truly a very short time in comparison with the thousand years during the Millenium when they'll be disgraced and humbled beyond their imaginations. And if they don't repent wholeheartedly and prove they are not incorrigible rebels (criminals) by the end of the Millennium, *they won't even exist anymore* for God will 'blot' them totally out of existence (Ps 37:20) so we who love and serve Him can live in eternity without any trouble makers anymore.

Psalm 18

44 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

45 The strangers shall fade away [Ps 92:11], and be afraid come trembling out of their close places. [Isa 2:19-22, Rev 6:14-17]

Because God made David so famous in war, this put the 'fear of God' into the heathen nations. Sometimes they even surrendered to him so they wouldn't be annihilated by his army. The word 'strangers' simply means foreigners (#5236). After he conquered much of the heathen lands, they finally learned to fear him enough to stop instigating war. This of course, was not everlasting though because they still tried once Solomon came to the throne. And again, after he died and throughout the many years of Israel's being in the promise land. And, while David conquered a lot of land (more so than any other king), Jesus Christ will conquer the *entire world* as well as all that is in the heavens (Col 1:16, Phil 2:10). As it is written...

*23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That **unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear**.*

24 Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

Isa 45:23-25 [also written in Rom 14:11-12 and Phil 2:9-11]

Those who are now the 'seed of Israel' are those who have accepted Jesus Christ regardless of their race (Gal 3). So, indeed, they will be 'justified' (by the blood of Jesus Christ) and given glory when they are allowed to rule with Jesus Christ once He does return. And, at the return of Christ Jesus, God has promised that *every single knee of every person* (in heaven and earth) shall bow a knee *to Him* and be *forced* to swear that He indeed is truly the King of kings and Lord of lords... they won't have any opportunity to say any different when Jesus' mighty army (of

faithful servants) come swooping down from the heavens in their mighty flying vehicles (which are far greater than even that which Satan has). And part of their effectiveness (aside from the pure power Jesus has) is because they will come in a ‘surprise attack’, which is why Jesus says...

29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

*34 And **take heed to yourselves**, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.*

*35 **For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.***

*36 **Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.***

Luke 21:29-36 [similar warning also given in Matt 24:42-51]

No one knows the *exact* time Jesus Christ will return and that’s because He wants to surprise the enemy. However, we do know it’ll be after Satan and his fallen angels are on the earth and we even know it’ll be three and a half days after the two witnesses are killed, as Rev 11 tells us. In fact, even Satan will have an idea that Jesus will be returning because of the warnings from the two witnesses. That’s why the 6th trump tells us that Satan, the ‘beast’ system and the ‘false prophet’ will go conspire with the kings of the earth to ‘gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty (Rev 16:12-16). They’ll try to get an army capable of fighting Jesus Christ and His mighty army but they will have no chance because no one knows the *exact moment* Jesus Christ will return with his angels - *and it’ll come upon them so quickly* (a ‘twinkling’ of an eye, to coin Paul in 1 Cor 15:52) *they won’t have a chance to fight back*. As such, Jesus warns us to get ready for it and stay prepared. So, we must continue to prepare ourselves and work to remain faithful and diligent servants to Jesus Christ, *even when Satan his here on earth*. Now, Paul and Peter also warn us about this also...

*2 For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.***

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

1 Thess 5:2-4

Why does Paul warn us about when ‘they’ shall say ‘peace and safety’ that ‘sudden destruction’ comes like a woman in childbirth? [Note: a woman’s childbirth pains get worse and worse and closer together till she finally ‘brings forth’ the babe, which is symbolic of the ‘new age’ of the Millennium]. So, when Satan is here, he’ll claim to bring ‘peace and safety’ to the world because he’ll be claiming to be the ‘Savior’ of the world who will usher in an era of ‘peace and safety’ for

all the earth... all you have to do is worship him! ***But they won't be unopposed.*** The two witnesses (Rev 11) will be giving them 'pain' that will be 'stronger and stronger' and closer together (like a woman in childbirth) because of the plagues the two witnesses will bring upon the earth (Rev 11:6) *and* God will also raise up more and more witnesses to testify against Satan being a fraud (he's not the true Jesus Christ) as Mth 10:18-22, Mk 13:9-13, Lk 21:12-19 tell us. Therefore, 'sudden destruction' will come upon Satan, his angels, and all those who worship him because the *true* Jesus Christ will come 'suddenly' because no one knows the *exact time*. So, indeed we should 'not be in darkness' about what is coming. We are given a 'heads up' what will happen in God's Word. And therefore, we should be diligently watching for the return of the *true* Messiah (Jesus Christ) and make sure we're being faithful to Him, *especially* when Satan is here because we're told *the time is very close* to the arrival of the true Jesus Christ. In 2 Thess 2 Paul warns us that *before* the true Jesus Christ returns, two things must happen. First, Satan and his fallen angels must come and then there must come a 'falling away' where the whole world apostasies by worshiping him as though he were Jesus Himself. And we know the time Satan has to rule on earth is 'short' because, in Mth 24:21-23 and Mk 13:19-22 Jesus tells us the time of the tribulation (when Satan and his fallen angels are on earth) was shortened 'for the elect's sake' and in Rev 9:5,10 we're given the timeframe of being only five months. Thus, we must learn to 'wait' on the Lord Jesus Christ even during those difficult months. We must prepare for that time now by studying God's Word to seal the truth in our soul and working to clean our own heart and mind so we're not tempted by Satan to apostatize with all the other people who don't prepare their heart and mind for the *great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be* (Matt 24:21). Now, let's look at how Peter warned us about the arrival of Jesus Christ...

*10 But **the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night**; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

2 Peter 3:10-12

Peter also warns the '*the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night*' and (again) that's because, to most people (those who believe Satan is the Messiah) it will be a big surprise (shock) when the *true* Jesus Christ returns... when they think He is already on earth. Finally, Jesus Himself has also warned us in the Revelations about this...

*2 **Be watchful**, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.*

*3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. **If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.***

Rev 3:2-3

Jesus warns the Church of Sardis (one He was not pleased with) to be watchful and remember the truth they first received, repent and hold fast to the pure truth. If not, they too will be surprised when He returns because they'll be wallowing at Satan's feet when the true Christ Jesus returns...

*Behold, **I come as a thief**. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.*

Rev 16:15

This warning comes after we're told about the sixth trump, which is when Satan, the 'beast' and the 'false prophet' gather the kings of the earth (yea, the entire world's armies) together to try and fight against Jesus Christ and His mighty angels. And He again warns that, if we are *not* watching, His return will be to us like a thief who sneaks in. Again, those who are not watching for the true Jesus Christ *are not watching because they think He is already here...* but it's really *Satan!* And they *will* be ashamed (greatly) when the true Jesus Christ returns if they are worshipping Satan.

Now, there's also a Psalm that explains this but with different wording...

*6 **A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this.***

7 When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever:

8 But thou, LORD, art most high for evermore.

9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

11 Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies, and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. [Rev 20:4-6]

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

15 To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Ps 92:6-15

Only those who are 'brutish' (stupid #1198) and foolish do not understand that the wicked will be cast down (deposed from power) when the true Jesus Christ returns. That's why they'll so eagerly follow, and worship, Satan when he's on earth pretending to be the 'Savior' of the world. But those who remain faithful to Jesus Christ (and don't worship Satan or his wicked system) will indeed have their 'horn' exalted because they'll be given power to rule with Jesus Christ. And they will indeed be anointed with 'fresh oil' because they'll be given eternal life! (Rev 20:4-

6). So, indeed, just like David said here in Ps 19:44 that: *As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me* – so too will it be when the true Jesus Christ returns, for all the world will be forced to obey Him, forced to bow a knee to Him and forced to admit that He alone has full power over all that's in heaven and earth, just as Jesus said in Mth 28:18. And it's therefore important for us to study and remember these precious Psalms because they truly teach us timeless truths and give us critical warnings, even for the days we are living in *now*...

*6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but **let us watch and be sober.***

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. [Eph 6]

*9 **For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,***
1 Thess 5:6-9

*12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: **let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.***

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

*14 But **put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.***

Rom 13:12-14

We'll pick this up in part 12...

AMEN.