

Part 6 – Deliverance Comes from Delighting God

In part 5 we learned how the Word of God uses the word ‘waters’ in both a physical sense and also as an analogy. Thus, we learned that our Heavenly Father (YHVH) is able to fully control the waters and is able to make them move where He wants them to; He even uses them to fight with, as He did with the children of Israel when He parted the sea so they could walk over (on dry land) and then caused the waters to come down when the Egyptian army was crossing so they were all drowned to death. And yet, the Word of God also uses the waters as an analogy. David did so when explaining how God helped him have the victory over his enemies in such a mighty way that he likened it to how a dam is broke and the waters gushed out. That’s how God helped David’s army – they gushed out and consumed the enemy as the waters of a broken dam. We also saw God use the waters as an analogy in other Scriptures, such as Isaiah and the Psalms. And Jesus used it as well in the book of Revelations (chapter 12), which tells us Satan will send out a ‘flood of lies’ against those who remain faithful to Jesus Christ, in hopes they’ll be consumed by it. Thankfully, Rev 12 also tells us that the ‘earth’ helped the woman and she was protected from the ‘flood of lies’. This is why Jesus also used this analogy when He was on the earth teaching. And He warned that those who don’t prepare themselves spiritually for the coming spiritual flood will be unaware of Satan’s ‘flood of lies’ and thus, they’ll be totally ‘taken’ by it (they’ll believe Satan’s lies) just as those people living in the days before Noah’s flood were overrun and drown by the flood waters. Jesus also used this analogy in warning us to set our heart and mind (our ‘house’) upon the ‘Rock’ (Jesus Christ) so we don’t fall for Satan’s lies. We also learned how God can draw us out of the spiritual ‘troubled waters’ just as He caused Moses to be drawn out of the Nile River and just as He saved David so many times from his strong enemies who hated him. So, we’ll continue to move along in this great Psalms 18 to see what else David said after God had delivered him from all his enemies...

Psalm 18

18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

David is again looking back at his life and explaining what happened many times. The ‘they’ he is referring to here is, of course, referring back to verse 17 which spoke of how God (so many times) delivered David from even the strongest of his enemies (those who hated him). Further, the word ‘**prevented**’ here is *qadam* (#6923), a primitive root that means: **to project** (oneself), i.e. **precede**; hence, **to anticipate**, **hasten**, **meet** (usually for help). And word ‘**calamity**’ is *‘eyd* (#343) and means: **oppression** or, by implication, **misfortune**, **ruin**. So, David is simply saying that the Lord (YHVH) hastened to help him in times he was oppressed. And David then concludes the thought by pointing out that the Lord (YHVH) was always his ‘**stay**’, which simply means **a support** (concretely), i.e. (figuratively) **a protector or sustenance**. So, the Lord (YHVH) always hastened to help and protect David (quickly) when he was oppressed. And this is important to remember because it’s a promise from God that also applies to **us** **IF** we love and serve Jesus Christ. He *always* protects those who love and serve Him...

*5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for **he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***

*6 So that we may boldly say, **The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.***

Heb 13:5-6

Paul quotes from the book of Deuteronomy, and the Psalms, in these verses to remind us that God won't forsake or leave us. However, there is a stipulation, as Moses pointed out...

*25 **When** thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and **shall corrupt yourselves**, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and **shall do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger**:*

26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed.

*27 **And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations**, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you.*

28 And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

30 When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice;

31 (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.

Deut 4:25-31

So, God gave Moses the foresight to know that future generations of Israel would turn away from God, and His righteous laws, and 'go a whoring' after false gods and idols. Thus, Moses warned that Israel would be cast out of the Promise Land and scattered among the 'gentile' nations. This, of course, did happen, as the Word of God tells us. First to the northern ten tribes of Israel (when the Assyrians took them captive) and over a hundred years later it also happened to the southern kingdom of Judah (when the Babylonians took them captive). But, Moses also warned the future generations that God would help them when they humbly (and repentantly) turned back to Him and worked to obey (and seek) Him with **all** their heart, soul, mind and strength (Dt 4:29, Mk 12:30) - then (and only then) even we today will indeed find Him and obtain favor with Him because of our sincere repentance. And so, in these verse Moses testifies the timeless truth that God is truly *merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy* (Ps 103:8). He will *always* help us when we humble ourselves, repent for our sins, strive to learn of Him and obey Him sincerely, with all our heart (desires, emotions, intentions), mind (thought process), soul (the essence of who we are) and strength (internal 'will' power, determination). And we've already studied the Psalm that David quoted when He said we (who are faithful to

our Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ) can confidently say that: *So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me* (Heb 13:6)...

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.*

Ps 10:12-14

It is because the very nature of God is to help those who love and obey Him (*for the righteous LORD loveth righteousness* - Ps 11:7) that He always helps them, which is why David said He always quickly came to his aid when he needed help. Again, these are promises we must remember. We must *always* keep our faith in Jesus Christ, strong. After all, what is He to us? He is our Savior – that means **He saves us** both spiritually (from our sins) and physically (from those who seek to destroy us in any way). Our God is ‘mighty to save’ indeed (Isa 63:1) ...

*24 For **we are saved by hope**: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?*

*25 **But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.***

*26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: **but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.***

*27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, **because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.***

*28 And we know that **all things work together for good to them that love God**, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

Rom 8:24-28

To reiterate: these are not empty promises. We must ‘claim’ them *by believing them and acting upon them, **in faith***, believing that: if we do what is right (the best we can) God will always help us through whatever trials, tribulations and temptations come our way. As Paul also reminds us...

11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

*13 **There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but **God is faithful, who will not suffer** [allow] **you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*****

1 Cor 10:11-13

The things happening to you are not uncommon. So, the world (wicked ones) is not ‘picking on you’ only – they fight against *all* who are loyal to Jesus Christ, because we’re in a spiritual war (Eph 6) and Satan will continue to fight and oppress all those who believe in Jesus Christ. Our

job is to learn to fight against Him *in the way God tells us to* (1 Pt 5:8-9, James 4:7). That's why we are to put on the Gospel armor and strive to learn His Word – so we can learn how to obey Him, with the guidance of His Word and His Holy Spirit. *This* is how we learn to 'take' (use) the 'power' that Jesus Christ has given us over all the enemy (Lk 10:19). So, we mustn't let peer pressures, threats or even temptations cause us to go contrary to God's Word. Stay faithful to God Almighty (Jesus Christ) and He will always be your protector, no matter what happens to you in life. As Paul said...

*12 Yea, and **all** that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

*14 But **continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of**, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;*

2 Tim 3:12-14

It's our job to continue on studying God's Word, striving to obey it from the heart and striving to share it using whatever gift(s) God has given us. Stick with it with the tenacity of a lion! (Gal 5:1, 1 Cor 16:13, 2 Thess 2:15).

Psalm 18

19 He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

Again, David is explaining more about how God helped him so many times in his life. And when he was in trouble (being oppressed physically and/or spiritually) God 'brought' him forth into a 'large place' and delivered Him – why? *Because He delighted in David*. And *why* did he delight in David? Let's remember what David said a few Psalms back...

*1 Blessed is the man **that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.***

*2 But **his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.***

Ps 1:1-2

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

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

Ps 9:1-2

5 But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

6 I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

Ps 13:5-6

*1 Preserve me, O God: for **in thee do I put my trust**...*

*...4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: **their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.***

5 The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

*7 **I will bless the LORD**, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.*

*8 **I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.***

Ps 16:1, 4-8

3 Thou has proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou has tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

*4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips **I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.***

Ps 17:3-4

Now, these are just a few places in the Psalms that show how totally devoted David was to our Heavenly Father. The historical books in the Bible (books of Samuel, Kings and Chronicles) also testify to this. And while David was not without fault, he did sincerely repent after he sinned (when his sins were brought to his attention by God's prophets) and he sought to do what was right with *all his heart, mind, soul and strength*. He never lost his faith in God nor His promised Messiah (Jesus Christ). That is why God never took away His Holy Spirit from David (as He did with Saul) and why He always forgave David after he repented for his sins. So again, this is why the Lord (YHVH) delighted (and thus delivered) him and brought him into a 'large place'. But, what does the term '**large place**' mean? These words are actually one Hebrew word, *merchab* (#4800) that means: **enlargement**, either literally (*an open space*, usually in a good sense), or figuratively (*liberty*). It comes from a prim root that means: **to broaden** (rachab #7337). This word is also used in Ps 118:5 which says: *I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place*. The notes in the *Companion Bible* on Ps 118:5 says this term 'large place' could also be rendered as: 'with deliverance', which is exactly what David goes says here in Ps 18:19. Indeed, God did deliver David time and time again *because* he delighted in him. Again, *why* did the Lord (YHVH) delight in David? Simply because he did the things God that please God! He did the things required to be blessed by Him. And our Heavenly Father has not at all been unclear about what 'delights' Him nor what is required of us to obtain His blessings and favor (as well as His protection)...

To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

Prov 21:3

*12 And now, Israel, **what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,***

13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

Deut 10:12-13

*13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.***

14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Eccl 12:13-14

*But this thing commanded I them, saying, **Obey my voice**, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and **walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you**, that it may be well unto you.*

Jer 7:23

*For **I desired mercy**, and not sacrifice; and **the knowledge of God** more than burnt offerings.*
Hosea 6:6

*14 **Seek good, and not evil**, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.*

*15 **Hate the evil, and love the good**, and **establish judgment in the gate**: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.*

Amos 5:14-15

6 Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?

7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

*8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and **what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?***

Mic 6:6-8

*22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in **obeying the voice of the LORD**? Behold, **to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.***

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

1 Sam 15:22-23

From the law to the prophets God has told us what pleases Him: *to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?* (Deut 10:12-13). And He has even given details on how to please Him through His righteous laws, which are given to us for our good – not to keep us from ‘having fun’. Once you do come to repentance and begin to allow His Holy Spirit to cleanse your soul as you study His Word sincerely and strive to obey it from your heart, you find that truly, all the sin you once thought was ‘fun’ is really not fun at all: *it’s actually the cause of your problems.* And

even though you'll begin to have a different kind of 'troubles' when you begin to change (from the inside out) for the good (to conform to God's Laws), these 'troubles' are *nothing* compared to the troubles you used to make for yourself through your disobedience to God. Further, because you are learning to love, obey and serve God (through Jesus Christ), He *always* helps you through all of these troubles- but the troubles that come from sin, *you'll never find help out of*. You'll just get into worse and worse troubles as life goes on until you finally pull your head out of the sand and come to a good repentance through the grace of Jesus Christ.

Psalms 18

20 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

Now David comes right out and explains *why* God delighted in Him and delivered him from all of his enemies: he did what was right, *from the heart*. The 'hands' being clean is simply a figure of speech meaning he refrained from doing that which is wrong. It also implies having a clean heart and mind. And truly, the only way we can be 'clean' in God's sight is when we accept the atoning blood that Jesus Christ shed for us, which also means accepting the truth...

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

*9 **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 1:5-10

*3 Now **ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.***

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

John 15:3-4

We are spiritually cleansed by the Word of God because they are the only thing that gives life (truth) to our soul (John 6:63). And, without admitting and repenting for our sins (daily) we can't have communion with God. Our prayers go unanswered if we hold sin in our heart (knowingly and willingly); He simply won't hear us if we stubbornly refuse to repent of them (Ps 66:18). But, if we are trying to see our sins and get rid of them (from the heart) then indeed He will hear and help us. And He will help us not only clean our heart and mind but He'll also help you out of any troubles, trials, tribulations and/or temptations that come your way. Again, *these are not vain promises*. And we *must* believe on them so we will *act upon them in faith* so we may be pleasing to Him and receive His blessings. And His blessings come even now, in this life. Likely you'll

eventually receive physical blessings but the most important blessing is peace of mind and heart. As David said in Ps 16:11: *Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.* There is no better blessing than having the peace that God's Holy Spirit brings to our soul. And Paul told us that when we learn to stop worrying and take our concerns, anxieties and fears to Him in prayer (with thanksgiving) then *the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus* (Phil 4:6-7). But if we don't have faith, and act upon it (sincerely), we won't have peace in our soul nor blessings from Him. And we risk not even having eternal life because **it's faith in Jesus Christ** (and the subsequent change in heart, mind, words and actions that come from that) **that saves us from spiritual death**, for we're only sanctified by faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 26:18). And, as Jesus Himself said: *this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent* (John 17:3). Without faith in the Word of God, we can't get to know Him nor will we strive to be pleasing to Him. That's why James said that our faith is proven by our works and not the other way around (James 2:18). Faith and works go 'hand in hand' but we can't fake the works; they must be sincere from our heart and based upon knowledge of what God really wants us to do, which comes *only* from studying God's Word *for ourselves*. So, David well knew God's Word and how to repent when he sinned. He also believed that the promised Messiah would come and shed His blood for our sins. *That's why David could be so confident that God would help him, over and over again, out of all his troubles.* Simply put: ***the Lord (YHVH) never left David because David never left Him...***

Psalms 18

21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

So now David comes right out and says why the Lord (YHVH) delighted in Him! Indeed, David 'kept' THE WAYS of the Lord (YHVH) and did NOT wickedly depart from God. The word 'kept' here is an important word that we've learned about before. It's the prim root *shamar* (#8104), which means: ***to hedge about*** (as with thorns), i.e. ***guard***; generally, ***to protect, attend to***, etc. In other words, **David guarded God's Word (His ways) so firmly in his heart (emotions, desires and intentions) and mind (thought process) that he would not let anyone shake his faith in God's Word and he would not let anyone pressure him into disobeying it.** He guarded God's Word in his soul like someone would carefully guard a precious vineyard or sheepfold with a hedge of thorns. This is why it's good for us to learn to be 'salty' rather than being 'sweet'. While it's good to be kind to those who we discern need it, most of the time what people need is salt, *which is truth*. If you live your life trying to be pleasing to people (always being sweet to them) then you'll end up being a walking mat all your life and *a very easy person to manipulate into doing evil*. However, if you learn to take dominion over your life and stand for God (guard His Words in your heart and mind) then you'll learn to be salty by using truth to ward off all those who try and persuade, threaten or coerce you into doing what's wrong – and *that's* a large part of how you guard your soul from deception. [Another important part is by keeping negative and sinful thoughts, and desires, out of your heart and mind. Learn more in the study **Take Heed and Keep It**: <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/943>]. As the Proverbs warn us...

7 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*
8 *My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:*
9 *For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.*
10 *My son, **if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.***
11 *If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:*
12 *Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:*
13 *We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:*
14 *Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:*
15 *My son, **walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:***
16 *For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.*
17 *Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.*
18 *And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives.*
19 *So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof.*
Prov 1:7-19

If you don't take a strong stand against those trying to entice you to sin then you won't get rid of them. And while this doesn't mean you should get physically violent with them (unless in self-defense) it does mean your demeanor and words needs to be salty to the point that they will stop messing with you. And David knew how to do this for he *executed judgment and justice among all his people* (1 Chron 18:14). And while most of us are not a king, we still need to use sound judgment in our own life. And the only way you can get that is to study God's Word and strive to obey it, from your heart. As the proverbs also says of 'wisdom' (which is one of God's characteristics)

1 *My son, if thou wilt **receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;***
2 *So that thou **incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;***
3 *Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;*
4 *If thou **seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;***
5 *Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.*
6 *For **the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.***
7 *He **layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.***
8 *He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.*
9 *Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.*
10 ***When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;***
11 ***Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:***
12 ***To deliver thee from the way of the evil man,** from the man that speaketh froward things;*
13 *Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;*
14 ***Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked;***
15 *Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:*
Prov 2:1-15

It's the wisdom from God's Words that 'deliver' us from the evil man (or woman) who works to deceive us into sinning. We have to learn not only how to defend our heart, mind and soul against this but also how to 'ward off' the wicked. We don't need them trying to trip us up over and over again. When a weed in your garden grows, it's best to pull it out right away. Otherwise, it'll grow up and be harder to pull and *you might not get all the roots*. And if you let it go to seed then you'll have even more weeds to deal with (which keep the good plants from getting the nourishment they need). This is what life is like. We need to learn to cut off the spiritual attacks against us when they first begin because, if you try to 'be nice' to them they will only grow worse and worse and eventually strangle the truth out of you (your spiritual nourishment).

8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

1 Peter 3:8-12

So, if we don't want the Lord (YHVH) to be against us, we have to keep His ways (His Word, the principles within it) and NOT depart from them. With few exceptions, David didn't let himself become side tracked or lose focus on God's Word. And He *never* 'fell away' from God's Word. And causing us to fall away (apostatize) from God's Word is *exactly* what Satan tries to get us to do. And it'll be worse when he's actually on the earth casting out the 'flood of lies' (Rev 12) which will cause many to fall away from the true Jesus Christ and worship him (as Paul warns in 2 Thess 2). So, we must strive to prepare our heart and mind by learning God's Word and guarding it with all our strength. When Jesus sees us trying, He helps us (Rom 8) just as God helped David so many times. Let's close this study with a few important warnings from the Proverbs...

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

*7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: **fear the LORD, and depart from evil.***

8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

Prov 3:5-8

*23 **Keep** [guard, #5341] **thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues** [source, #8444] of life.*

24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.
Prov 4:23-27

We'll pick this up in part 7...

AMEN.