

Part 5 – God Does Not Forget

In part 4 we learned more about the ways of the wicked and how they think. They lure people into a ‘net’ of deception with lies, of course. But they do so *very subtly*. Sometimes they claim to be a ‘victim’, only for the purpose of gaining more power. And sometimes they claim to be ‘humble servants’ of the common people who only want to ‘help’ humanity. But, these tactics are simply a coke for their true intentions (to overthrow society, and governments, to bring in their wicked worldwide government) and we should be careful not to fall for their deceptive lies. We’ll now move on to learn of David’s ‘call’ for God to ‘take action’ on the wicked ones, especially THE wicked one (Satan), who is the instigator of *all* rebellion *and* evil in the world. These ending verses in this chapter, therefore, should give us *great* comfort...

Psalm 10

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

Now, this verse once again pertains to the wicked and David again points out that the wicked really don’t think that God sees what they do. Again, that’s why they don’t fear to do evil. For, as Prov 16:6 says, *by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil*. When people fear the consequences of doing evil, they will strive to depart from doing so. But, if people don’t think that God Almighty is real, or that He is unable to punish sin, or that He doesn’t see it, then they have no reason not to do evil. We must understand this because there really are (sadly) people in the world who think this way. However, although some people don’t think God sees their sins and that He, therefore, won’t punish them for their wickedness, they are sadly mistaken. For indeed, God Almighty **does** see all (as we’ll soon find out in the next chapter) and He indeed does ‘reward’ people for their actions - good or bad. As 2 Cor 5:10 says, *we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad*. There is no getting around this! Just because the wicked are not *immediately* punished, does not mean they won’t be, and we must never forget this; for God indeed blesses those who do what’s right (the best they can, sincerely from their heart) and punishes the wicked in His own way, and His own time – and His judgments are always righteous. As Ps 145:17 says, *The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works* and Deut 32:4 also declares: *He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he*. Therefore, *The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy* (Ps 145:20).

Psalm 10

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

This word ‘**arise**’ is the same word as back in Ps 9:19 when David asked: *Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight*. It is *quwm* (#6965), which is a primitive root that means: **to rise** (in various applications, literal, figurative, intensive and causative). It’s been translated in many ways - abide, accomplish, be clearer, confirm, continue, decree, be dim, endure, enemy, enjoin, get up, make good, help, hold, (help to) lift up (again), make, but newly,

ordain, perform, pitch, raise (up), rear (up), remain, (a-) rise (up) (again, against), rouse up, set (up), (e-) stablish, (make to) stand (up), stir up, strengthen, succeed, (as-, make) sure (-ly), (be) up (-hold, -rising)

And the word ‘**humble**’ is another word we’ve seen before, back in Ps 9:12 when David said: *When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.* This word ‘humble’ is `anav (#6035) which means: **depressed** (figuratively), **in mind** (gentle) **or circumstances** (needy, especially saintly). So, while this can mean those who are depressed in the way we usually think of it (in mind) it also means depressed in circumstances. It’s even been translated as - humble, lowly, meek, poor. And it comes from the prim root `anah (#6031) which means: **to depress**. So, the humble are those who don’t allow their pride to control them. They work to keep their heart and mind subjugated to God’s Word and realize that we are God’s children and not gods ourselves. And thus, our striving to obey God’s Word is actually to our benefit – it’s not given to keep us from having ‘fun’ (Deut 10:13). Though sin may seem ‘fun’ when one is first enticed into it, the fruits from sin are far from fun. As Rom 6:20-21 says: *For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. **What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.*** Therefore, those who are wise will see how much sin truly hurts us – both in the physical sense and also in the spiritual sense. And that’s why they work hard to keep pride from swelling in their soul, which is what causes them to be humble. And it is these kinds of people who God helps. That’s why David calls on God Almighty (YHVH) to ‘lift up’ His hand and not to forget the humble. The term ‘lift up thine hand’ here is simply a figure of speech meaning to ‘take action’ against those who oppress those who are doing what’s right. God Himself uses this analogy in the great ‘Song of Moses’ – a song He gave to Moses to give to Israel shortly before Moses died, to testify to them what would happen in future generations (a prophesy that also has a double fulfillment future yet to us today) ...

39 See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

40 For **I lift up my hand to heaven**, and say, I live for ever.

41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.

42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy.

43 Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.

Deut 32:39-43

When God says He will lift His hand to heaven and swear He lives forever, He is declaring that He **does** live forever. That’s why His Sacred Name – Yehovah (YHVH) - means *self-existent* and *eternal* (#3068). And, in vs 41, when He says ‘if’ *I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me...* He is not saying maybe He’ll do so; He is actually promising He will do so. Our Heavenly Father

always hears those who are humble to Him; just as much as He *always* renders vengeance to those who hate Him – why? Because those who do evil hate Him; that’s why they are His enemies. Wickedness stands for everything God Almighty is against. As the next chapter says, *For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright* (Ps 11:7). God loves righteousness because that is what causes true peace on earth to flourish, *and* it is what keeps His children *safe*. It was only when rebellion entered the world (thanks to Satan in the first earth age, Ezek 28) that God’s children began to learn to do evil. And, that’s what God (and His Son, Jesus Christ) are fighting against. And if we love our Heavenly Father (and Jesus Christ) we too will fight wickedness, because anyone who really loves the one and only true God (YHVH) will also hate evil (Ps 139:21-22). That’s why they strive hard to kick it out of their own soul, and work to serve Him by helping others come to repentance and accept the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. So, we should remember that our Heavenly Father *never* forgets those who are humble, and He will indeed ‘lift up’ His mighty hand to punish the wicked, in due time. As He said in Isaiah, God loves justice so much that He has ‘graven’ it into His hands...

14 But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.
Isa 49:14-16

Zion is a part of Jerusalem where David ruled from. So, Zion has become the symbolism of justice and peace, because David was the first man king of Israel to do a good job at executing justice and judgment (by using God’s Laws to do so) among Isreal (1 Chron 18:14). *That’s* why Zion became the symbol of justice and judgment – because that is the *only* thing that brings true peace. And God points out in Isaiah 49 that there is *no way* He can forget about it because it’s a part of His very nature; that’s why it’s ‘graven’ on the palms of His hands. In other words, it’s written into the very essence of who He is; justice and judgment are a part of His Holy and Divine nature. And all those who want to be a part of the Body of Christ (Jesus’ eternal government) will also seek to ‘grave’ (write) God’s righteous laws (Word of God) into their heart and mind - which is what He *really* wants, as He pointed out in Jer 31:33 (and is quoted in Heb 8:10 and 10:16). As Peter says in his epistles...

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

*4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that **by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

2 Peter 1:3-4

So, we too can learn to put on God’s ‘divine nature’ by studying His Word sincerely and learning to listen to (and obey) His Holy Spirit that dwells within us. So, again, there is no way God forgets those who are humble to Him and He *will* ‘lift up His hand’ and punish the wicked in due time.

Psalm 10

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

The *Companion Bible* points out that the first verse here is a figure of speech called an ‘Erotesis’ (apx 6) which is the asking of questions, not for information or for an answer. Such questions can be asked for many reasons, but in the context of this verse, it’s likely done as a wish or a request of God. And David makes a good point. When the wicked disobey God, they are essentially saying that His ways (which are holy and righteous always) are not good. They therefore do truly condemn Him. This can be seen in the world even today. When people say that God’s Word is not applicable in our lives (or governments) today, they are saying that God’s Word is not ‘good enough’ to govern us anymore. People like to snuff at the Almighty because they think we’re so ‘technologically advanced’ nowadays and therefore they act like we’re so much better than any other generations that’s been before us; and they even (blasphemously) act like they are better than our Heavenly Father who created us. This, of course, is foolishness. And God points this out in several places. We looked at one of them in Isaiah a while back...

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isa 55:7-9

Here, our Heavenly Father points out how much higher His thoughts are than the thoughts of flesh man. We can only see a small part of what goes on in the universe (1 Cor 13:12) and even at that, we don’t even completely understand how the physical realm we live in (while in flesh bodies) truly works. We may be able to put a ‘man on the moon’ but we still don’t know how, or why, the sun, moon and the stars work the way they do or how to change any of it. We may try to change the weather patterns, and strive to control them, but we still don’t really know how to do so. We’re simply not in control of even the weather patterns of the earth, let alone what goes on in the heavens. So, it is ridiculous for us to say that we know better than our Creator. Which is exactly the point God makes in another chapter of Isaiah...

21 Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.

22 Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come.

23 Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together.

24 Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you.

25 I have raised up one from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay.

*26 **Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous?** yea, there is none that sheweth, yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that heareth your words.*

27 The first shall say to Zion, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.

28 For I beheld, and there was no man; even among them, and there was no counsellor, that, when I asked of them, could answer a word.

*29 Behold, **they are all vanity; their works are nothing:** their molten images are wind and confusion.*

Isa 41:21-29

In this chapter, God asks the rebellious children of Israel to ‘produce their cause’, which means He’s calling them to ‘make their case’ *against* HIM. For, through their rebelliousness, they are obviously saying that He doesn’t know how to do what’s right or how to govern the world. He then challenges them to do what only He can do: foretell the future. No one but God Himself can do this and that’s what He points out in these verses. In verse 28 He declares that no one is able to answer Him when He asked what the future holds – they couldn’t even answer Him one word! That’s why He concludes that they are vanity (emptiness) and their words are nothing. The things they trust in (molten images, false gods and idols) are like the wind that you can’t even see. But it is this foolish mindset (that mankind knows better than God) which causes them to believe He won’t ‘require it’, which means they think He won’t do anything to stop their wickedness. Just because He does not *immediately* act does not mean He will never do so. He just waits for the right time and place to manifest His judgments.

As an example of God’s righteous judgments ‘in due time’, consider this: Jeremiah prophesied for *decades* before the Babylonians *finally* came and took those in Jerusalem into captivity, and then, *finally* destroyed the rebellious city. But, before that, many people called Jeremiah a traitor because he kept saying that if people didn’t repent, the Babylonians would come. But, for decades they never did, so many thought he wasn’t a true prophet. Yet, God allowed Jeremiah to warn them for such a long time in hopes they would repent; for as Ezek 18, 33 and 2 Pt 3:9 says, God really does want the wicked to repent so He does not have to punish them. But, there comes a time when God’s patience runs out and He will ‘require’ all sin. This has, and will continue to happen; and it will come in fulness when Jesus Christ returns. And then it’ll be too late for the wicked to repent; they’ll miss the first resurrection (Rev 20:4-6). So, our Heavenly Father *does* see all that’s going on and He is taking good notes on what happens, even in the hearts of His children. This is something that, sadly, the foolish wicked and ‘workers of iniquity’ don’t realize. As Ps 14:1 says, *the fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.* Prov 12:15 also rightly says that *the way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise* and Prov 14:16 says, *a wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident.*

Psalms 10

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.

David now points out that he knows God Almighty sees all that the wicked do, even all their mischief and spite. The word ‘**mischief**’ is `amal (#5999), which means: **toil**, i.e. **wearing effort**; hence, **worry**, wheth. of *body or mind*. And it comes from `amal (#5998), a primitive root that means: **to toil**, i.e. **work severely and with irksomeness**. The word ‘**spite**’ ka`ac (#3708), which means: **vexation: -anger, angry, grief, indignation, provocation, provoking, sore, sorrow, spite, wrath**. It comes from ka`ac (#3707), a primitive root that means: **to trouble**; by implication, to **grieve, rage, be indignant**. What this boils down to is that the wicked have to work really hard to be wicked! While they do like to get other fools to do their ‘dirty work’ (such as murder and such) they do spend a considerable amount of time plotting and contriving wicked plans. We learned about this a few verses back when David spoke of how they lie in wait secretly to ensnare the unsuspecting people with their wicked nets, just as a lion waits to catch its pray (back in verses 8-10). As Prov 4:16 declares: *they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall*. So, while many a righteous people lay awake at night trying to figure out how to get *out* of the snares of the wicked, they lie in bed at night trying to figure out how to better screw and entrap the innocent! This is why, in Isa 48:22 says: *There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked*.

David also contrasts the wicked, who work ever so hard to plot against the righteous, the unsuspecting and the innocent, from how God righteously helps those who are ‘poor’ - which here means *to be dark* or (figuratively) *unhappy; a wretch*, i.e. *unfortunate* (#2489) – and from those who are ‘fatherless’. In God’s word, widows, the fatherless and the poor are often used to speak of those who are most helpless in society, for they don’t have any legal means to fight against the persecutions and injustices of a wicked (corrupt) government and society. So, David is simply saying that ***God sees how the wicked persecute those who can’t fight back and He will ‘requite’ it with His mighty hand***. The word ‘**requite**’ here is different than the other times it’s used in the Old Testament. It’s the Hebrew word *nathan* (#5414), a primitive root that simply means: **to give**, used with greatest latitude of application (**put, make**, etc.). It’s been translated many ways but David’s point is that God will give (reward) those who do evil, but not with the ‘rewards’ they are hoping for. Always remember that judgment can be bad or good. To those who love, revere (fear to do evil) and serve God (Jesus Christ) the ‘rewards’ from God’s righteous judgment are very good. But, to those who are wicked, the ‘rewards’ are not at all ‘good’. As the next Psalm says, *Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup* (Ps 11:6). As Paul also says...

5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:

11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

Rom 2:5-11

The term ‘respect of persons’ simply means that God (and Jesus Christ) is not partial in judgment. As Jesus said in John 12:48, everyone is (and will be) judged according to God’s righteous Laws (His Word). He will never, *ever* pervert judgement based upon His feelings, nor is He swayed by bribes, threats or coercion of any form. That’s why, regardless of race, gender, wealth or position in life, everyone gets what’s coming to them...

25 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

26 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks.

Ps 18:25-27

While all people *have sinned, and come short of the glory of God* (Rom 3:23), it’s only those who accept Jesus Christ (by repenting for their sins, work to change their ways and obey God sincerely) who are *justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus* (Rom 3:24). This is why, even when we are persecuted for no fault of our own, we should commit ourselves to God and ask for His judgment in the matter. He *always* helps those who sincerely love and strive to obey Him. *Always*.

Psalm 10

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

David now asks God to break the arm of the wicked and evil man. In God’s Word, the arm (especially the ‘right’ arm or hand) is used as an analogy for power (Ex 15:6; Ps 16:8, 18:35, 118:16; Ecc 10:2; Isa 41:10,13, 62:8, etc). So, David is simply saying that God has the power to break the power (arm) of the wicked and evil man (men and women) and calls God to seek out all wickedness until there is none left. This means he’s asking God to, not only seek it out, but also to destroy *all* wickedness *until there’s none left*. And that’s *exactly* what Jesus Christ will do when He returns! As we’ve learned in previous studies, 2 Pt 3 tells us that the evil elements of the earth will be totally done away with. All of Satan’s means of deception (all his lying propaganda along with his evil ‘interdimensional ‘internet’) will be done away with when Jesus returns, and there will be no one who can escape from His all seeing eyes (Deut 32:39, Heb 12:25). In Zeph 1:12, God even says that He’ll (through Jesus Christ) *search Jerusalem with*

candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil. So, there's no one who will escape His 'fiery vengeance' when Jesus Christ returns. That's why many will wish for rocks to fall on their heads at that time (Isa 2:19-22, Rev 6:15-17). As Paul also says...

6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels.

8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jess Christ:

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

2 Thess 1:6-10

Therefore, it behooves us to labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him, for we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. (2 Cor 5:9-10).

Psalm 10

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

David not points out an indisputable fact: the Lord (YHVH) is King forever and ever. This is also stated elsewhere, of course...

*17 For **the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords**, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:*

18 He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

Deut 10:17-18

*This sums up our Heavenly Father really well. He is holy and righteous and in total control. There is no one (not even THE wicked One, Satan) who has more power than He does, *anywhere* in the universe (or beyond). And, as Jesus said in Matt 28:18, God has given Jesus Christ all power in heaven and in earth. He also said, in John 5:22 that: *the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son*, which is why...*

*11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, **and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.***

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

*16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.***

Rev 19:11-16

Again, this is why we should fear God. We should fear Him in regards that we fear to do evil but truly He deserves our love and respect too. That is, after all, what He truly wants from us...

*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?

14 Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is.

15 Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.

16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.

Deut 10:12-16

*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 6:8

However, those who do not do what He wants, the King of kings (Jesus Christ) will indeed cause the spiritual heathen to 'perish' out of His land. As Deut 10:14 says above, *Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is.* And, while all the wicked will be gathered and put in prisons when Jesus Christ returns (Mth 13, Isa 24:22), if they don't repent wholeheartedly and prove, by their works, they are not incorrigible criminals by the end of the Millennium, they will 'perish' out of the land because God will blot them out of existence and they'll cease to exist in any form anymore. So no, the wicked won't get away with their gross wickedness. Even if it appears they do right now, we must remember God's promises because they always come to pass.

Psalms 10

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.

Verse 17 actually has a couple of figures of speech within it. The first one, which covers the entire 17th verse is “*Anabasis*”, or a ‘gradual ascent’ (such as in Ps 18:37-38) where there is an increase of emphasis, or sense, in successive sentences. The second figure of speech is found in the words ‘ear to hear’ and is what’s called “*Anathropopatheia*”, or a ‘condescension’ (such as in Gen 1:2, 8:21, Ps 74:11, Jer 2:13 and Hosea 11:10). This is ascribing to God what belongs to human and rational beings, irrational creatures or inanimate objects (Apx 6). So, we see David point out that the Lord (YHVH) will hear the desires of the humble (their pleas for help); He will also ‘prepare’ their heart and He will also cause His ear to hear. So, in every way, shape and form God sees all, knows all and hears all. And He therefore hears all the cries of those who love Him and humbly serve Him. He even hears those who might not know Him but are seeking Him. After all, He wants all His children to repent and turn back to Him so He very much pays attention to ‘sinners’ who have begun to seek Him. And He does hear their cries, as well as the cries of the innocent children too young to know the difference between good and evil.

Now, the word ‘**prepare**’ here is the Hebrew word *kuwn* (#3559), a primitive root that means: *to be erect* (i.e. *stand perpendicular*); hence (causatively) *to set up*, in a great variety of applications, whether literal (*establish, fix, prepare, apply*), or figurative (*appoint, render sure, proper or prosperous*). So, perhaps a better translation would be to ‘set upright’ or ‘establish’ their heart. And He does this for those who are sincerely seeking Him. After all, we need help in order to do this. What many people don’t understand is that, once we’ve allowed our heart to be corrupted, it’s not easy to change it to be ‘upright’. It’s a long, slow and often painful process that requires dedication, sincerity and faith in God’s Word (the promises therein). Some people foolishly sin and either say (or think), they’ll get around to repenting ‘one of these days’. It’s not that easy, folks. Cleaning your heart, and mind, and putting on the ‘new man’ *can’t be done overnight*. Yes, you can sincerely repent in an instant, and that’s great – but *it’s just the start*. There is a long process of killing the ‘old man’ (Rom 6:6, Eph 4:22, Col 3:9, Luke 9:23) while *simultaneously* working to put on the ‘new man’ (Eph 4:24, Col 2:10) and the more crooked your heart is before you finally get around to repenting, *the more difficult it is to clean and to change*. And, by ourselves, it’s impossible. But, of course, *the things which are impossible with men are possible with God* (Luke 18:27). And this is why God gives us His Holy Spirit after we’ve accepted Jesus Christ sincerely. And He won’t take it away unless we willfully go back to sin (Heb 10:26-31). That’s why Paul tells us not to ‘quench’ the Holy Spirit in 1 Thess 5:19 and you do that by ignoring, and willfully disobeying the Holy Spirit. That’s another good reason to learn how to discern the Holy Spirit from other ‘spirits’ for many of them vying for your attention are not good ones [Learn how to Hear God with this audio study: <https://t.me/BibleStudyAudios/39>].

So, when David says that God will ‘prepare’ the hearts of the humble, He is pointing out that God will help us correct our crooked heart and make it ‘upright’ so that it is established (grounded) upon the Rock, who is Jesus Christ (1 Cor 10:4). And we do this by following Jesus’ advice to ‘learn of Him’ (Mth 11:29) and we do that by also following His advice in John 5:39 where He said: *Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me*. If we really want to make our heart ‘upright’ we must learn of Jesus Christ. And the only way we can do this is by searching the Scriptures, for they testify of Him. Now,

when Jesus said this the New Testament was not written yet. So, the Scriptures He is speaking of (that we should search) is the Old Testament. Of course, we should also search (and study) the New Testament as well, for *it simply explains the Old Testament*. But the fact that so much of the New Testament quotes so much of the Old proves that they are a ‘unit’ that work together to edify and cleanse our soul. In other words, we need them both. We can’t take one without the other. If we leave off the New Testament, we don’t have Christ for they testify of how He fulfilled all the Scriptures. Yet, if we leave out the Old Testament, we also don’t have Christ for they testify of the Scriptures He did (and will) fulfill. But, if we take God’s advice to *seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read* (Isa 34:16) then we will find Him.

However, there is a stipulation, as He pointed out in Jer 29:13: *And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart*. So, it takes a good deal of effort on our part to study God’s Word (as 2 Tim 2:15 also says we should) so we can learn of Him (learn right from wrong) and learn how to do what’s right *from the heart*. It also takes a good deal of effort to change our filthy desires, and the more your heart was defiled to begin with the harder it is to clean it. But again, it’s not impossible because the Holy Spirit helps us when Jesus Christ sees we’re sincerely trying. Slowly but surely your heart will change when you learn more and more of God’s Word through consistent (daily) and sincere studying. This is also another reason it’s important for you to get a *Strong’s Concordance* [<https://t.me/BestStudyBible/46>] so you can look up the words in the English translation to see what they really mean in the original language they were written in (as we often do in these studies). And many times, if you take the word back to the prim root, you’ll get an ever better understanding of what is being said. This is something you can do for yourself. You don’t need some ‘expert’ or ‘educated’ person. God has given us the tools to study His Word ourselves so we can truly seek Him with all our heart, soul and mind. What a blessing these study tools are - Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift! (2 Cor 9:15)

And, as you study God’s Word and strive to learn of God’s ways, it will become apparent to you (with help from the Holy Spirit) what inside yourself is not good (Heb 4:12). You can then begin to discipline your thoughts, desires and emotions, which is what changes even your intentions eventually. Again, this process is not ‘quick and easy’ but it will happen if you stick with it sincerely. And the longer, and stronger, you strive to study Gods’ Word and obey it sincerely, *your heart will change*. Truly, this is a lifelong process, but one that’s well worth the effort for we cannot have eternal life if we don’t continue to study God’s Word and strive (with all our heart and mind) to obey it (with the guidance of the Holy Spirt). A good analogy is to think of how a plant strains for light when it’s growing. If you’ve got it crowded too close to other things (even other plants) it will grow crooked. But, if you weed out, or remove all the other obstacles that are crowding it, so it can get the sunlight directly, *it grows straight up* and reaches ever so mightily for the sun which it needs so much to live and flourish. That’s what our heart is like too. If you have other things in your heart that you desire more than obeying God’s Word, *your heart will grow crooked too*. It simply cannot grow straight up (towards God and Jesus Christ) when other ‘things’ (like lies and idols) are in the way, blocking the sunlight (truth). But, if you ‘weed out’ all the other things and give your soul ‘room to grow straight’ then indeed, you can reach for the ‘sun’ (Jesus Christ) much easier and you heart will grow upright. Reaching to understand and

obey God's Word (with the guidance of the Holy Spirit) is what causes us to turn our heart upright. Said another way: striving to get closer to our Heavenly Father (through studying the Word of God along with listening, and obeying His Holy Spirit) *is what turns your heart upright*. Things like pride, greed, selfishness, anger, resentment, hate, lust, fear, etc. are all 'obstacles' for us. They will inhibit our ability to reach straight for God's shining Light. So, we've got to get rid of them.

So, it takes discipline to kick out those things (sin) from our soul and reach for the Sun, Jesus Christ. And, as Romans 8 says, because Jesus Christ is our intercessor, He helps us with our weaknesses. This means, when He sees us trying sincerely, He will help us – and thanks be to God for that! So long as we do our part to study His Word, discipline our body, soul and spirit and sincerely strive to learn of Him (*and* obey Him) then Jesus will do 'His part' and give us the Holy Spirit to help us whenever we need it. And if you really struggle with something, don't be afraid to ask God, in Jesus' name, for help to overcome it. Don't promise Him you'll stop doing (or thinking or desiring) something you know you're too weak (at the time) to stop. Ask for help and be honest with Him. He will help you so long as you are sincere and honest. That's why David says that God hears the 'desire' of the humble and helps them make their heart upright and established onto the Rock, Jesus Christ (the Word of God). And that is also why He hears our pleas for help. After all, Rev 5:8 says our prayers to Him (in Jesus' name) are so precious to Him that He keeps them in a vial for 'safe keeping'. He just never forgets those who sincerely love Him and are really trying to obey and serve Him the best they can. Always remember this, beloved. Our Heavenly Father truly loves us so very much. As Rom 5:8 says: *God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*. And there is truly no greater love than giving your life for someone (John 15:13). Learn more about the amazing depth of God's love for us in the special studies below...

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Further, because God (our Heavenly Father) loves us *so much* (that He died for us via Jesus Christ), He therefore also makes sure to 'judge' the 'fatherless and the oppressed' – those who are unable to defend themselves. And, while this includes most people on earth, this promise is especially so if you are a servant of Jesus Christ, for as Zech 2:8 declares: *he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye*. The 'apple' of the eye is the pupil of the eye. Do you like it when someone pokes you in the eye? Of course, not and neither does our Heavenly Father. That's why He uses that analogy to explain how He feels when someone hurts those who love and serve Him. And, while you will be persecuted for your loyalty to Him (Mth 5:10-12) you've got nothing to fear, for just as this Psalm 10:18 promises: God will judge the wicked and make it so that *man of the earth may no more oppress*. And this promise includes THE 'man of sin' (2 Thess 2), Satan himself. The fulness of this promise being fulfilled is, of course, when Jesus Christ returns but you can rest assured that even before then, God will not let those who harm you go

unpunished. Maybe you won't see it, or notice it, but those who are wicked never have any peace of mind. As God says in Isa 48:22 and 57:21, there is no peace to the wicked.

Now, this chapter also ends with the 'subtitle' – "*To the chief Musician*". And, as we have already learned, this line should actually appear at the end of this chapter, not at the beginning of the next one. And, again, as we've already learned - the words '*To the chief Musician*' mean '*to He that has the victory*' or '*to He that gives the victory*' - which, of course, is Jesus Christ (apx 64). As Rev 11:15 declares: the 'kingdoms of this world' will indeed *become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever*. So, David devotes both Psalms 9 and 10 (which are linked together by an irregular acrostic so they should be studied together, as a whole) to the chief musician, which is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. So, after all of David's pleas for God to help the righteous when the wicked persecute them, by punishing the wicked (even THE wicked One, Satan), David naturally ends this to the 'Chief Musician', our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This is quite befitting for is not our Savior, Jesus Christ, the grand Musician of eternal life, who gives us reason to praise our Heavenly Father?

14 Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

*15 The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee: **thou shalt not see evil any more.***

Zeph 3:14-15

1 And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Isa 12

1 Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD. [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/467>]

2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;

3 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

*4 **Fear not**; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.*

*5 **For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.***

Isa 54:1-5

Yes, indeed, all those who did *not* bear spiritual ‘fruit’ from Satan’s lies will sing praise to God when the true King of kings returns to this earth. And, let us continue to sing to Him, even now, for all His great mercies, love, grace and compassion He has on those who seek Him sincerely.

I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

Ps 7:17

*2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them **that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.***

*3 And **they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb**, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.*

4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

Rev 15:2-4

AMEN.