

Part 5 – The Lord’s Grace and Glory

In part 4 we learned of the *reaction* that the ‘heathen’ and the ‘kings of the earth’ will have, after the *true* King of kings (Jesus Christ) returns and takes power (cleansing the evil and installing His righteous government). And, without a doubt, all those who *don’t* faithfully love, and serve, Jesus Christ (even self-professed Christians, Mth 7:21-23) *will* fear the ‘name of the Lord’ when Jesus Christ returns, for they will receive ‘the cup’ of God’s wrath at that time. And then we learned that, after all of God’s ‘cup of wrath’ (at the ‘day of vengeance’) is poured out, and after the ‘judgment of Christ’ (2 Cor 5:10) is finished, **then** the Lord (YHVH) will ‘build up’ Zion again, which means He’ll ‘build’ it up (in righteousness) and glorify it **with His very presence**, for the ‘glory of the Lord’ IS the presence of God. And then we also learned that Jesus doesn’t (and won’t) despise the prayers of those who are faithful to Him (for they are kept safely in a ‘bottle’, Rev 5:8, 8:3-4). For truly, His ‘vengeance’ upon the wicked ones is *in response to* the prayers of the faithful; and further, all the faithful ones *will* be given *eternal* life *and* allowed to reign with Him, when Jesus finally returns to Zion (Jerusalem).

And then, we learned the Psalmist wasn’t just writing this Psalm for *future* generations, but (more specifically) for the ‘last’ generation of this earth age... and that is *exactly* what generation **we** are living in *today*! And we know this from what Jesus warned us of in Mth 24, Mk 13 and Luke 21, which is why He told us to learn the ‘parable of the fig tree’. For, when we see the things He described (in Mth 24, Mk 13 and Luke 21) begin to happen, we know His return is getting near. And the first thing He warned us of is *deception*, which is already well underway. For the ‘false figs’ (i.e. the bad figs of Jer 24) have already begun to plant themselves in the ‘land of Israel’ (i.e. in Palestine in 1948) and that **is** the ‘fig tree’ ‘shooting forth’ her leaves *because they are setting up the ‘abomination of desolation’ that Jesus warned us of*. In other words, they are preparing the world (setting them up for) the *great* deception, i.e. they are setting people up to accept the *first* ‘Christ’ that comes (who is Satan), when he’s *really* the old Devil himself (2 Thess 2; Rev 12). So, we who are living today *are* living in the time frame this Psalm was written for.

And then we also learned that *the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD*, which was prophesying of how the Holy Spirit (given to those who believe in Jesus Christ) would create a ‘new heart’ *and* mind in those who accept Him. And those who have had this internal change within them (i.e. put on the ‘new man’) are part of ‘New Israel’ (no matter what race they are), which means they’ll be given eternal life and allowed to rule with Jesus when He returns. And that’s *why* they will praise the Lord (YHVH) when Jesus Christ returns. So, this Psalmist is not only prophesying of the Holy Spirit which would come upon God’s children (Israelites and non-Israelites who accept Jesus Christ) and ‘create’ a *new heart* within us (Jer 31:33, Heb 8:10; 10:16), but also of “New Israel” which would be *created from all those* who truly accept Jesus Christ and thus, allow Him to ‘create a new man’ within them, so they *can* be fit to be a part of

His eternal government. So, this Psalm has been incredibly prophetic so far (as many of the Psalms are). But, the Psalmist is not yet done teaching or prophesying...

Psalm 102

19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

Now, after explaining some of the things that will happen when the true Jesus Christ finally returns, the Psalmist begins to explain *why* the Lord (YHVH) will return ‘with a vengeance’ at Jesus’ Second Advent (Deut 32:41-43; Ps 94; Isa 61:2-3, 63:4; Jer 46:10; Lk 21:22; 2 Thess 1:6-10, etc.). It’s because of the things He sees happening on earth. The words ‘**Lord**’ here are both God’s sacred (and covenantal) name **Yehovah** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>] which means (the) **self-Existent** or **Eternal** (#3068). So, His name *reveals* that our Heavenly Father (Yehovah) is the *only* one who has *always* existed and *always* will, which is why He is *eternal* (Rev 1:8, 4:9, 11:17, 16:5, 22:13). And the word ‘**height**’ means **altitude**, i.e. concretely (**an elevated place**), abstractly (elevation, figuratively (elation), or adverbially (aloft) (#4791). So, our Heavenly Father is in the ‘heavenly’ (spiritual) dimension, watching *all* of us. As Ps 113:4 says, *the LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens*.

So, even though our Heavenly Father is in a dimension that’s *much* ‘higher’ than this earthly realm [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/263>], He still sees *everything* that goes on in the earth. The word ‘**behold**’ (here in Ps 102:19) means **to scan**, i.e. **look intently at**; by implication, **to regard with pleasure, favor or care** (#5027). As Ps 11:4 said: *The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men*. The word ‘**behold**’ (in Ps 11:4) means **to gaze at**, **to perceive** or **to contemplate** (#2372) while the word ‘**try**’ means **to test** (especially metals); or (generally and figuratively) it even means **to investigate** (#974). As the Lord told Moses (Ex 3:7-8) He was well aware of Israel’s afflictions in the land of Egypt (He even hear their groanings) and it was *because of* their afflictions He ‘came down’ [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/485>] to deliver them, using Moses to help Him do so. And this verse 19 (here in Ps 102) tells us He *still does*.

So, it’s important to understand that, just because *we* cannot see the Lord (YHVH), when we are in this dimension (in our flesh body), *doesn’t* mean He can’t see us! For truly *He can*. And, as many Scriptures confirm, He can even see what goes on in our heart (desires, emotions, intentions, motivations) and mind (thoughts). As He said to Israel, in Ezek 11:5: *I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them*. And, in Jer 16:17 He said: *For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes*. And, Ps 44:21 also told us that the Lord (YHVH) **knoweth the secrets of the heart** while Ps 94:11 told us that *the Lord (YHVH) knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity* (vain, empty). And in Jer 17:9, our Heavenly Father also said: *I the LORD search the heart, I try the*

reins (mind), even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. So, the *reason* He keeps such a ‘good eye’ on things going down on earth is *because* He’s keeping records (Ex 32:33; Deut 32:34; Mal 3:16-17; Ps 69:28; Phil 4:3; Rev 3:5, 5:8, 8:3-4, 13:8, 17:8, 20:12-15, 21:27, 22:19) so He can (when Jesus Christ returns) judge people according to His Book (John 12:48) according to what they’ve done. As Paul wrote, *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 5:10).

Psalm 102

20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

Naturally, this verse explains *what* the Lord (YHVH) looks *for* when He’s searching the hearts and minds (and actions) of those upon the earth. And we’re specifically told that He does indeed hear the ‘groaning of the prisoner’. The word ‘**hear**’ here means *to hear intelligently*, and often with implication of *attention, obedience*, etc. (#8085). And the word ‘**groaning**’ means a *shrieking* (#603), like a crying out (which this word has also been rendered as). And the word ‘**prisoner**’ means *bound*, i.e. *a captive* (#615) and comes from a prim root that means *to yoke* or *hitch* and, (by analogy) *to fasten in any sense*, even *to join battle* (#631). Now, there’s more to ‘being a prisoner’ than ‘meets the eye’. And it’s true that our Heavenly Father certainly does hear those who are physically bound (prisoners). We have several examples of this in the Bible, such as Joseph (Gen 39:20-23; Acts 7:9-10), Peter and the apostles (Acts 5:18-20, 12:3-11), including Paul and Silas (Acts 16:22-40). And God even freed the wicked king Manasseh *after* he sincerely repented, because he was taken captive into Assyria (2 Chron 33:11-17). So, without a doubt, our Heavenly Father has, and still does, free certain people from physically being prisoners, when it’s within His will to do so. But truly, the point of this earth age is for God to save His wayward children from *spiritual* bondage to sin (as Isa 42:7 points out), which essentially means being a prisoner to Satan himself, who is also called ‘death’ in the book of Hebrews, as it is written...

*14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that **through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil**;*

15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

*18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, **he is able to succour them that are tempted**.*

Heb 2:14-18

Therefore, it is the Devil (a.k.a. Satan, the old Serpent – Rev 12:9 and 20:2) that enslaves us (makes us his prisoner) *spiritually*. And he does so when he deceives us into rebelling against the Lord (YHVH) so that we sin *willfully* (as a way of life). Paul explains this so well in his letter to the Romans, in what we know as the 6th chapter. Paul begins the chapter by asking if we should continue to sin (willfully) so that God's grace can be shown more and more to us (vs 1). And Paul adamantly answers his own question by saying 'God forbid' (vs 2). He then proceeds to tell us that, when we believe in Jesus Christ, and are physically baptized, it is symbolic of the *spiritual baptism* that the Holy Spirit gives us, as we study God's Word and allow it to *change us inside* (vs 3-3). For just as Jesus Christ died, so too do we 'die' (spiritually speaking) to the desire to sin. And still yet, as Jesus was raised from the dead (literally) so too are we 'risen with him' (spiritually) when the Holy Spirit creates a 'new man' within us, which means we *want to obey God* and not rebel, i.e. sin anymore (1 Pt 4:1-2). That's *why* we walk 'in a newness of life' (vs 4) and strive to learn, and obey, God's Word instead of willfully sinning. And he then says that, just as *our old man is crucified with him* [Jesus], *that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin*. For he that is dead is freed from sin (vs 5-6).

So, we are *spiritually* prisoners to Satan (sin) when we sin *willfully* (as a way of life). Rom 3:23 tells us we all sin (even when trying not to) and it's *only* by the blood of Jesus that our sins can be atoned (Rom 3:24). But indeed, Jesus Christ *frees us* from the power Satan has over us (the deceitfulness of sin, Heb 3:13) when His Holy Spirit touches us (via His Word) *and convicts us* of our sins. And Paul goes on to explain how we shouldn't let sin rule our flesh body, so that we obey (serve) our carnal lusts (vs 12-15). And he also points out that *to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness* (vs 16). So, when we hear God's truth (and are convicted of our sins, deep within our heart, vs 17) we are then *freed from sin* (Satan) and consequently become *servants of righteousness* (vs 18). So, the bottom line is that we are either a prisoner (servant) to sin (Satan) or to the Lord (Jesus). And, Paul sums up the 'bottom line' between these two choices in the last verse (23) when stating that, *the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord*. If you'd like to study this 6th chapter in full, check out this link: [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Romans/37], for we've only 'scratched the surface' in our summary here, purely to make the point that: when this 20th verse (here in Ps 102) says that God hears the groaning of prisoners, he's not just speaking about *physical* prisoners. Truly, the worst slavery is *within your own self, when sin controls you*. And when sin controls you, that means *you are controlled by your carnal lusts and emotions* (fear, pride, anger, etc.). And then, when you are controlled by your carnal lust and emotions (your carnal mind, as Paul calls it), you are truly controlled (and thus a prisoner to) by Satan (the Devil). Paul explains this more a few chapters later...

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 *For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*
7 *Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*
8 *So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*
9 *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*
10 *And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*
11 *But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*
Rom 8:5-11

So, our Heavenly Father isn't necessarily looking for those who are *physical* prisoners, but prisoners to Satan, *spiritually*. And what does He work to do for those who are 'groaning' (crying out for help)? The second part of this 20th verse (here in Ps 102) tells us that He will ***loose those that are appointed to death***. Now, the word 'loose' here is a prim root that means ***to open wide*** (literally or figuratively) and (specifically) ***to loosen, begin, plough or carve*** (#6605). And then, interestingly, the word 'appointed' here actually means ***a son*** (as a builder of the family name); but, in the widest sense (of literal and figurative relationship) it can include one's ***grandson, subject, nation, quality or condition***, etc. (#1121). And then the word 'death' here means ***execution*** (as a doom) (8546) and comes from a prim root that means ***to die or to kill*** (#4191).

In other words, God is looking at what goes on in the earth *to save* those who are in a *spiritual condition* that they *will die*, i.e. being blotted out in the 'lake of fire' as Rev 20:10-15 explains. Ps 37:20 likens this spiritual death to the 'fat of lambs' that is consumed by the fire and then *dissipates into nothing*. That's what'll happen to all those who do not accept Jesus Christ, by the end of the Millennium (again, as Rev 20:10-15 explains). And, of course, our Heavenly Father doesn't want this (2 Pt 3:9), so that's why He's watching what goes on in the earth, even in the hearts and minds of His children (good and bad). And, while He only *answers* the prayers of those who are sincerely seeking Him - not hardening their heart to Him (as we learned back in Ps 95) – He *will* hear the prayers of the wicked ***if*** they do actually turn their heart and mind back to Him in a *sincere* repentance, which the history of the wicked king Manasseh proves (2 Chron 33:11-17). For an interesting 'side study' on the phrase 'those that are appointed to death', check out the notes on this verse in the *Companion Bible* [<https://t.me/BestStudyBible/6>].

Further, 1 Peter 3:18-22 explains that, after Jesus Christ died to atone for our sins, He went to the part of the heavenly dimension that we call 'hell', where the rebels go after they die (as Jesus explained via the parable of Lazarus and the rich man in Lk 16). And He actually preached the Gospel to them, which gave them (who were prisoners spiritually, and physically, in 'hell') the opportunity accept Jesus Christ *and be freed* (spiritually and physically) so they could go to the

‘good part’ of that heavenly dimension we call ‘heaven’. So, our Heavenly Father is totally fair and truly does desire all His children be saved. That’s also why He’ll allow Jesus Christ a thousand years (the Millennium) to teach all of God’s children (who didn’t make the first resurrection) without any satanic interference (because Satan and the other wicked ones are put in prison) so hopefully many more can make the ‘second resurrection’ and not have to die spiritually, as Satan is already condemned to (Ezek 28, Rev 20, etc.). You can learn more about the Millennium in the study **Enhances and Magnifies** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/421>].

Psalm 102

21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

Now, this is also what the Lord (YHVH) looks ‘down’ from the heavenly dimension for, i.e. to ensure His Name is declared (and praised) in Zion, i.e. Jerusalem. And truly, this is something those who are ‘loosed’ from death (sin, Satan) will do – both now *and* when Jesus Christ returns. As the Lord (YHVH) prophesied clear back in Num 14:21: *all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD*. That means His holy name (character) **will be** declared in His favorite city, Jerusalem (i.e. Zion). The word ‘**declare**’ here (in vs 21) is a prim root that means **to score with a mark as a tally or record**, i.e. (by implication) **to inscribe**, and also to **enumerate**; but it also means (intensively), **to recount**, i.e. **celebrate** (#5608). And the word ‘**name**’ here means an **appellation**, as a mark or memorial of individuality but, by implication, also means **honor, authority, character** (#8034). So, our Heavenly Father also promises that His name will be declared (even celebrated) in Zion. And the word ‘**Lord**’ here is His sacred (and covenantal) name, **Yehovah** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>] which means (the) **self-Existent** or **Eternal** (#3068). So, His name *reveals* that our Heavenly Father (Yehovah) is the *only* one who has *always* existed and *always* will, which is why He is *eternal* (Rev 1:8, 4:9, 11:17, 16:5, 22:13).

So, not only will God’s true name (Yehovah) be declared in Zion but so will His holy characteristics be praised. As Deut 32:4 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*. And that’s what will be declared (celebrated) and praised in Zion, which is a part of Jerusalem (#6726) but is often used as a *synonym* of Jerusalem, as in this verse. And the word ‘**praise**’ here means **laudation** as well as **a hymn** (#8416). But the prim root it comes from helps us to understand the deeper meaning of how the Lord (YHVH) will be praised in Jerusalem (Zion), for it also means **to show** (or even boast), **to rave** (speak enthusiastically about) and as well as **to celebrate** (#1984). And, importantly, the word Jerusalem means **founded peaceful** (#3389), which is why it’s so often referred to as the ‘city of peace’. But truly, the only time it’ll every be totally the ‘city of peace’ is when our Lord, and Savior, Jesus Christ returns and establishes His worldwide government from that city. For, that city (nor the world) will ever have true peace until righteousness rules from there. And the only time righteousness will rule from there is when Jesus Christ returns. For, as of now (and in many times past) righteousness is not ruling anywhere, especially not in

Jerusalem. In fact, God's enemies are ruling from there, i.e. those who deny (and hate) Jesus Christ, even though they claim to be 'God's Chosen People' (Rev 2:9, 3:9).

Further, Psalms 22 (which is similar to this great Psalm 102 in many ways) also says: *I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee* (vs 22). And, at the very end it promises that: *A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this* (Ps 22:30-31) [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Psalms/247]. This looks forward to (as this Ps 102:21 does as well) when those who *truly* love, and obey, the Lord (YHVH) will be gathered (by Jesus Christ) to Jerusalem and serve Him in rightness; for they *will* praise the name of the Lord *and* declare His 'name' (holy characteristics) to the world, as they teach God's Word, and help Jesus Christ enforce God's righteous Laws (Ezek 44:23-24). And that's actually what the next verse (here in Ps 102) speaks of...

Psalm 102

22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

So, this verse undoubtedly speaks, *prophetically*, of the return of Jesus Christ. We're told in many places (throughout God's Word) that, when Jesus Christ returns, He'll gather *all* people (good and bad) and separate them for judgment, so that the Millennial teachings can begin (Isa 24:17-23; Matt 13:40-42, 47-50, 24:29-31, 25:31-46; Mark 13:24-27; Rev 20:1-5). As Isa 40:5 explains, *the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it*. And Paul also explained that, the Lord (YHVH) would *gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth*. And, in his letter to the Phillipians, he further explained how God has hath *highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father* (Phil 2:9-11). He also wrote this to the Romans (Rom 14:11-12) and added that this is when *every one of us shall give account of himself to God* because that's when we'll all be judged for the things we've done while on earth in a flesh body (2 Cor 5:10). This is also foretold of in Isa 45:14, 23-25 and Gen 49:10 as well. And even Ps 22:27-28 speaks of it: *All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. For the kingdom is the LORD's: and he is the governor among the nations* as well. And Ps 68:32 speaks also of the praise our Heavenly Father will get at that time (as Ps 102:21 spoke of).

So, there's many places that speak of how Jesus Christ will gather all people (in heaven and earth) for the 'judgment seat of Christ' - as well as how Jesus Christ will rule, righteously, forevermore. As Isa 9:7 declares: *Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with*

judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. So, there's much to look forward to at the return of Jesus Christ; that is, so long as you are a faithful servant of Jesus Christ. Those who hate Him, are 'workers of iniquity' and worshiped Satan (and his wicked beast governing system) will be truly 'shaking in their boots' and 'crying their eyes out' when He returns (Isa 2:17-22; Rev 6:15-17; Mth 7:21-23, etc.) ...

16 Rejoice evermore.

17 Pray without ceasing.

*18 **In every thing give thanks:** for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

*19 **Quench not the Spirit.***

20 Despise not prophesyings.

*21 **Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.***

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

*23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God **your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

*24 **Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.***

1 Thess 5:16-24

We'll pick this up in part 6...

AMEN.