

Psalm 102 - Review

In Psalm one-hundred-two, part 1, we learned that the subject/title of this Psalm is “***The King, in His Humiliation and Coming Glory as the Eternal***”. And therefore, it’s *very prophetic* of Jesus Christ. But, this Psalm is also good to remember when we get ‘down and out’ from living in the world. For, the first lesson we learned from the Psalmist was how to humbly beseech our Heavenly Father when we’re having hard times, *especially* when we are *really* needing help *quickly*. Thus, we saw that, after the Psalmist begged the Lord (YHWH) for help, he began to tell Him *why* he needed help (so quickly). And, as is common in the Psalms, he used analogies to explain his dire situation. So, he first off said that his *days are consumed like smoke*, which implies he didn’t think he had long to live. And then he also said that his *bones are burned as an hearth*, which showed that his flesh body was also suffering from the internal pain he was in. And we *know* he was having deep internal anguish *because* the subtitle told us that this Psalm was a prayer of someone who was ‘afflicted’, which means *to be depressed, in mind or circumstances* (#6041). And yet he also confessed his heart was smitten (in verse 4) and even likened it to withering grass to explain how he *was quickly losing hope*. And, again, his internal anguish was having a *deeply negative* influence on his flesh body, for he was so stressed out that he even forgot to eat; and it’s quite likely he didn’t even *have an appetite*, which is common for people who are terribly distressed (or depressed).

In part 2 we continued to learn of the anguish the Psalmist was having, both inwardly and outwardly. And he continued to use analogies to explain his feelings *and* troubles. He spoke of how thin he was getting (dangerously close to starving), how unclean and lonely he felt, and how his enemies mercilessly slandered him (continuously) and even called him accursed (and possibly even made an oath together to destroy him). And we learned he was so grief stricken, from the hard times, that it was as if he wept so much his tears became his drink and the ashes people put on their heads (as an outward sign of mourning and grief) became his food. And we also learned the Psalmist felt as though the Lord (YHWH) was chastening him, even to the point that he was dying a *slow and painful* death. And we also looked at how these things truly were a good ‘type’ for what Jesus Christ went through. For He most definitely had enemies, who did mock and curse Him (even claiming He had a ‘devil’ several times). And, while Jesus Christ never had to be chastised by the Lord (YHWH) (because He *never* sinned), He did suffer terrible humiliation (mocking), beatings and the excruciating death (slow and painful, just as this Psalmist was describing) via the crucifixion on the cross. Yet, He did so to pay (atone) *for our sins* (as Isaiah 53 foretold of). But, just as this Psalmist described the kind of humiliation, pain and sufferings Jesus would go through, it also described His “***Coming Glory as the Eternal***”.

In part 3 we saw the Psalmist begin to comfort himself by *remembering* of some basic facts about our Heavenly Father. The first of which is the fact that He has *always* existed and *always will*. And even though many generations have gone by, since the time the Psalmist wrote this

Psalms, His fame endures *to this very day*. And then the Psalmist began to think of God's mercy *instead of his* misery, which (again) is what comforts us during the hard times. And he then spoke of his assurance (from the Scriptures) that the Lord would arise and have mercy on Zion, and how the 'set time' - for God to 'arise' (take action) and comfort (and favor) Zion (Jerusalem) – *would* come. And that 'set time' is incredibly prophetic of the return of Jesus Christ, which *does* have a 'set time'. And *we* can learn *when* that 'set time' is getting close by learning the things Jesus warned us about in the Scriptures (such as Mth 24, Mk 13 and Lk 21). And then the Psalmist said that God's servants would *take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof*. And this simply means that those who faithfully serve Jesus Christ *look forward to* the return of Jesus Christ, when He will totally demolish (turn to dust) the Temple that the *false* Christ (antichrist, i.e. Satan) abides in, while he's on earth (for he's coming *before* the true Jesus returns). And that will cleanse the earth so that the new Temple (and New Jerusalem) can be built, which is what the 'stones' (that the Psalmist spoke of) truly symbolize. So, while this Psalm certainly has a physical context to it, it's incredibly prophetic, as well as educational. For (to reiterate) it teaches us to overcome the hard times we go through in life by studying, *and remembering*, the promises of God. For they *will* come to pass. The wicked *will* be punished and the righteous *will* be rewarded. And *nothing* can change that fact. So long as we don't forsake our Heavenly Father (apostatize) He'll never forsake us!

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.

In part 5 we learned *why* the Lord (YHVH) will return 'with a vengeance' at Jesus' Second Advent, i.e. it's because of the things He sees happening on earth. And, 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 not only sees all we do, but He can even see what goes on in our heart (desires, emotions, intentions, motivations) and mind (thoughts). And, one of the main things the Lord (YHVH) is watching all people on earth for is, to see who will call out to Him for help. And specifically, He's watching to see if they'll call out for help from the *spiritual* bondage (via deception) that Satan has us in when we *willingly* sin (rebel) against our Heavenly Father. For, it's truly our Heavenly Father's will that all of His children be saved from spiritual death (being blotted out of existence) and that's why He watches what goes on in the earth so closely. So, He not only takes good care of His faithful servants (those who have already come to a good repentance) but He's also watching closely for anyone who is a willful sinner (even the wicked ones) who will turn back to Him and repent; because He *will* forgive anyone of their sins when they believe in Jesus Christ (which means sincerely repent of their sins, work to learn His Word and strive to obey it *sincerely*). And, that's *why* He gives us His Holy Spirit, after all; because His Holy Spirit (the truth, His Word) IS what frees us from spiritual bondage to sin and Satan (i.e. lies and deception).

And then we also learned He's also watching what goes on in the earth to ensure His Name is eventually declared (and praised) in Zion, i.e. Jerusalem - which is something that *will* be done when His faithful servants testify for Him during the 'great tribulation' (Mth 10:18-22, Mk 13:9-

13, Lk 21:12-19, Rev 11), as well as when Jesus Christ returns. For God has promised *all* knees will bow to Him and everyone *will* be forced to confess He *truly is* the King of kings and Lord of lords, at that time. And, we also learned 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. And, thanks to the righteous rule of Jesus (and His faithful servants), people will finally be taught the truth and experience the blessings of a truly righteous government. 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. But, hopefully, many of them will be saved during the Millennium, so they too can learn the joy of praising, loving and serving our Heavenly Father instead of sin (Satan).

In part 6 we saw the Psalmist again speak of his failing health by pointing out (again) how he didn't think he had much time left to live. Yet, he also acknowledged that our Heavenly Father's 'years' endure 'throughout all generations', which is simply another way to say 'forever' (as His name, Yehovah, reveals #3068). Truly, our life in the flesh is short (very temporary); and the older you get, the more you realize this! But, in contrast, our Heavenly Father has *always* existed and *always* will. Then the Psalmist began to speak of how God created heaven and earth and pointed out that (unlike the Lord, Yehovah) even they will perish (be changed and cleansed), by fire, at the end of the Millennium (and then changed into the *eternal* heaven and earth that the overcomers will live in with the Lord/Jesus). And he did so to (again) make the contrast between our Heavenly Father's eternality (He's always existed and always will) verses His creation, which *does* have a beginning and (some) *will* have an end (i.e. this 'earth age', along with the incorrigible rebels). And the Psalmist ended this lovely Psalm by looking forward to those who will 'endure forever' with our Heavenly Father. All those who are spiritually begotten by Jesus Christ (via His Holy Spirit and Word) will indeed 'continue' (to dwell on earth with the Lord) and will be established (set up) as rulers with Jesus Christ forevermore.

So, this Psalm 102 (along with Ps 22) not only taught us that we *all* will have hard times (even bad health) while living in the flesh, but if we keep our heart and mind focused on God's Word, the Holy Spirit will always help us through all things. Yet, these Psalms (22, 102) also teach us that, in order to be glorified with Jesus Christ (i.e. given eternal life and allowed to rule with Him forever) we *must* endure the hard times *patiently*, just as Jesus Christ did. After all, the hard times strengthen our faith and teach us to be patient, so we can learn how to perfectly obey our Heavenly Father, which is *what* brings salvation to our souls...

25 *But that which ye have already **hold fast till I come.***

*26 And he that overcometh, and **keepeth my works unto the end**, to him will I give power over the nations:*

27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

28 And I will give him the morning star.

*29 He that hath an ear, **let him hear what the Spirit saith** unto the churches.*

Rev 2:25-29

AMEN.