

Part 2 – Trying to Take His Office

In part 1 we learned that the subject/title of this Psalm is “***The True David’s Humiliation and Deliverance***”. So, unsurprisingly, this is yet another Psalm of David. And, while it will speak much about the humiliation, deliverance and triumph of David, it’s also *prophetical* of the humiliation (beatings, mocking’s and crucifixion), deliverance (resurrection) and triumph (ascension into heaven) of the ‘true’ David, which is Jesus Christ. And the Psalm began by David (humbly and respectfully) asking God (our Creator) not to remain silent, but to help him, for David *truly* worshiped our Heavenly Father (and *only* Him). Then David began to ‘lay out his case’ as to *why* he so desperately needed God’s help. There were *many* wicked, and deceitful, people *mercilessly* slandering him, and he had done *nothing* to deserve it. And David also pointed out that, while he had treated these people with love, and goodness, they ‘rewarded’ his kindness with hatred and evil. Yet, despite this, David did not try to take vengeance into his own hands; instead, he ‘gave himself to prayer’, which means he was taking his problems to the Lord (YHVH) and asking for help (which is why he wrote this Psalm). And David *truly* trusted that our Heavenly Father could (and would) help him, because David was being afflicted ‘without a cause’. And our Heavenly Father is *always* gracious to help those who love, and obey (serve) Him. But, David isn’t done ‘laying out his case’ against the wicked, and deceitful, people...

Psalm 109

6 (Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand.

Now, this verse begins a portion of the Psalm where David is *quoting* what the wicked, and deceitful, people *have been saying* – that’s *why* verses 6-15 are *in parenthesis*. So, we must keep in mind (as we study verses 6-15) that this is not David speaking. If we don’t understand this then, the Psalm won’t make sense (and will be quite confusing). Further, we also should remember that David is still ‘making his case’ to our Heavenly Father, as to *why* He should help David. So, while in verses 2-5 David was explaining *what* they were doing, he now begins to ‘quote’ what they were *saying* about him. So, the first thing David mentions is that they said a ‘wicked man’ should be ‘set over him’. Now, the word ‘set’ here means *to visit* (with *friendly or hostile* intent); and, by analogy, it can also mean *to oversee, muster, charge, care for, miss, deposit*, etc. (#6485). And the words ‘wicked man’ mean *a morally wrong* or, *an* (actively) *bad person* (#7563). And while the word ‘Satan’ can mean *Satan* (the arch-enemy of good), it also can mean *an opponent* (#7854) and (importantly) it comes from a prim root that means *to attack* or (figuratively) *to accuse* (#7853). And the word ‘stand’ does mean *to stand* but in various relations (literal and figurative, intransitive and transitive, #5975). And lastly, the words ‘right hand’ means *the right hand or side* (leg, eye) *of a person*, or other object (as the stronger and more dexterous, #3225) and is often used to refer to *power*, even in judgment.

So, when we look at the original meanings (in the Hebrew) of the words in this verse, it becomes clear that these wicked (and deceitful) people are calling for what we'd call a 'kangaroo court' today. They not only want David to be arrested, but they also want someone who was on 'their side' (i.e. morally wrong; a bad person) to 'oversee' David's judgment *and* they were also seeking *false* witnesses to accuse him as well. And this is *very much* like what happened to Jesus Christ! For, while Jesus was arrested, tried, condemned and executed, He did *nothing* to deserve it! When you read the account of how Jesus was (like David) betrayed by one of His friends (Judas Iscariot), and then tried (at night, in secret) with *false* accusers... the type in this Psalm, for Jesus Christ, is quite evident. For Jesus' 'trial' was truly a *sham*, just as David's trial would have been if the Lord (YHWH) had not delivered him from the wicked people. However, we should also be aware that, *we* have a *constant* 'accuser' who is *Satan himself*. Not only does the book of Job reveal this, but so does the book of Revelations...

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
*10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: **for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.***
*11 And **they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb**, and **by the word of their testimony**; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

Rev 12:9-11

So, here we're given several important facts. For one, Satan has more than one 'name' (i.e. title), for verse 9 tells us he's also called the 'great dragon', 'that old serpent' and the 'devil'. You can learn about more of Satan's titles via this link: [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/845>]. But it's important to understand that his 'names' (or titles) simply describe different 'roles' he fills, and thus, they also describe *characteristics* of Satan (which is important in understanding some Scriptures, such as Rev 12). Next, we also see how Satan is our 'chief' *accuser*, who accuses us (on earth) *day and night*... and *who* does he 'accuse' us to? Our Heavenly Father, of course. Again, the book of Job documents this. But importantly, these verses (in Rev 12, above) also tell us how we *overcome* Satan's accusations, i.e. by the blood of the Lamb (Jesus Christ), the word of our testimony (obeying, and sharing God's Word) and *not* loving our lives unto death (i.e. being willing to give our life for our faith in Jesus Christ). But, the main point to our study (here in Ps 109) is that we (on earth) *do* have an accuser *in heaven*, and that is *Satan* himself. So, keep this in mind next time you may be tempted to sin! Not only is our Heavenly Father (via Jesus Christ) watching over us (thankfully to help us) but *so is Satan* - and he is doing so to find *any chance* to accuse us to our Heavenly Father. Thankfully, Satan cannot 'fix' (pervert) God's judgments, because Jesus Christ is at the right hand of God interceding (on our behalf) when Satan accuses us (Ps 110:1, Matt 26:64, Acts 2:32-36, Acts 7:55-56, Rom 8:34, Eph 1:20-23, Col 3:1, Heb 1:1-3, Heb 8:1, Heb 10:10-13, Heb 12:3, 1 Peter 3:21-22). As 1 John 2:1-2 says, while

we should strive hard not to sin, if we do fall short and sin (which we all do at times, Rom 2:23), we have an **advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And **he is the propitiation for our sins**: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world, which means for *anyone* (of any race or gender) who believes in Jesus Christ's atoning blood can be forgiven for their sins (Rom 3:24, 5:11; Eph 1:17; Col 1:14; Heb 9:12-15, etc.).

As Rom 8:1-2 says: ***There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death***. This means, so long as we keep our faith in Jesus Christ *strong*, and continue to study and obey (earnestly) God's Word, we are **not** *condemned* when Satan accuses us in heaven! After all, our sins are 'blotted out' (Acts 3:19) when we *sincerely* repent for them *and* believe that Jesus' atoning blood covers (paid for) our sins (Rom 5:11). And, because Jesus Christ is our intercessor, when we are falsely accused *on earth*, we should (as David did) give our 'cause' over to our Heavenly Father, and ask for help (via prayer). As Ps 37:32-33 says, the Lord (YHVH) *won't* leave us in the hands of the wicked **if** it is His will to deliver us. Now, for some people it may be God's will to let them die. Such will be the case for the two witnesses (Rev 11) and such was the case for Stephen (Acts 7). And, of course, it was also God's will that Jesus Christ die on the cross (to pay for the sins of anyone who repents sincerely and believes in Jesus). But none of God's servants will die *before* our Heavenly Father is done using them to serve (and witness) for Him; that's why God protected Jesus several times when the hateful Jews tried to kill Him (John 8:59, 10:31, 39). And, that's also why God didn't allow Stephen to be stoned *before* the Holy Spirit used Stephen to give one of the most *powerful* summaries of Israel's history in the Bible, which also witnessed *against* the wicked people *accusing* Stephen. And, in like manner the Holy Spirit will *again* use His faithful servants to testify against that old 'accuser', i.e. *Satan himself* (and the other rulers on earth), during the 'great tribulation' (Mth 10:18-22, Mk 13:9-13, Lk 21:12-19). And, whether we are killed, or not, (for serving Jesus Christ, and allowing the Holy Spirit to speak through us, *if* God so chooses to do so), it does not matter. As Jesus said, we should *rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you* (Matt 5:12).

So (back to this 6th verse in Ps 109), David begins to explain to God that there were *many* wicked (and deceitful) men who were literally conspiring to arrest him (without a just cause), put him on trial (with the judge, and jury 'fixed') and...

Psalm 109

7 When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin.

So clearly, these wicked (and deceitful) people wanted David to be judged (sentenced and punished, #8199) as guilty. Interestingly, the word '**condemned**' here means *a morally wrong*, or

an (actively) **bad person** (#7563), which (again) proves they were trying to ‘fix’ (pervert) the trial (just as happened to Jesus Christ). And not only that, they even wanted his prayers (supplication, #8605) to be counted as a sin (offence, #2401) to God! In other words, they hoped even the Lord (YHVH) Almighty would judge David as guilty! And, not surprisingly, this is also how the wicked religious leaders treated Jesus Christ as well. For they accused Him (who was without sin, Heb 4:15, 2 Cor 5:21, 1 Peter 2:22, 1 John 3:5) of blasphemy (vilifying God, #987) simply because He *told them the truth*, i.e. that He was the Christ, the Son of God (Matt 26:63-68). And, in like manner, those who testify against Satan (and the other rulers of the world) will also be put on trial (judged) that is ‘fixed’ (the outcome already decided) as Jesus told us in Mth 10:18-22, Mk 13:9-13, Lk 21:12-19. But we must not forget the purpose is so that the Gospel of Jesus Christ can be *preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations*, for this is something Jesus said **must** happen **before** the ‘end shall come’ (Matt 24:14; Mark 13:10), which means before the Second Advent of the *true* Jesus Christ can happen.

This means that our Heavenly Father will make sure *the truth* (Gospel of Jesus Christ) *is* taught (in the cloven tongue, which is a language *from the Holy Spirit* that enables *everyone* on earth to hear the Gospel *in their own language, and dialect*) **before** Jesus Christ returns to pour out God’s ‘cup of wrath’ upon those who refuse to repent and accept Jesus Christ. And, as Rev 7:9-17 tells us, there will be many people (from all nations, kindreds, and tongues) who *came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb*. So, even though God’s servants will be delivered up for ‘sham’ trials, our Heavenly Father will use this for the good of His children! And so, even though there were wicked (and deceitful) people trying to get David falsely accused, and condemned (even by God Himself) their efforts were truly in vain, just as with was with Jesus, and just as it is for all of God’s faithful servants (Ps 37:32-33; Rom 8:1) ...

Psalms 109

8 Let his days be few; and let another take his office.

Now, this is still what the wicked (and deceitful) people were saying about David. The word ‘**day**’ can mean *a day* (from sunrise to sunset) or, figuratively, it can mean *a space of time defined by an associated term* (#3117). And the word ‘**few**’ does mean *a few* or a *little* (#4592) while the word ‘**another**’ means *next* or *other*, etc. (#312) and ‘**take**’ does mean *to take* (#3947). Now, the word ‘**office**’ here means *visitation in many senses*, but *chiefly official* (#6486). And it’s a feminine passive participle of #6485, which is a prim root that means *to visit* (with friendly or hostile intent); and, by analogy, can also mean *to oversee, muster, charge, care for, miss, deposit*, etc. So, we can see why it was rendered as ‘office’, for its likely referring to a ‘public office’ (position of authority) David held. And we can conclude this because the Hebrew word #6486 (rendered as ‘office’, here in Ps 109:8), which means ‘visitation’, is also used to refer to *judgment, especially from God* (Num 16:29; Isa 10:3; Jer 10:15, 23:12; Hoesa 9:7; Lk 10:45; 1 Pt

2:12, etc.). And, as we know, the earthly rulers are *representatives* for God; so, their duty is to judge *on behalf of* God Almighty (YHVH), as Moses plainly pointed out in Deut 1:16-17. And, just as Moses was the top civil leader (and judge) when Israel was first organized into a nation, so too was the king of Israel the top leader, and thus, the top earthly judge who would hear the ‘hard cases’, just as Moses did.

So, the wicked (and deceitful) people were hoping that David’s days (in office) would be very little (few) and that someone else would take his ‘office’ (of judgment, which he oversaw, likely because David was on the throne). So, this verse does seem to imply this Psalm was during the days when Absalom led a rebellion against David; for indeed, they *were* trying to *kick David off his throne* and install Absalom as king instead. And, of course, this is also how Jesus Christ was treated. For, after the hard hearted ‘Jews’ realized Jesus Christ was *not* going to ‘go along to get along’ with their wicked ‘traditions of man’ (because they made void God’s Word, Mth 15, Mk 7), they rejected Him as the Messiah. While Jesus Christ *perfectly* fulfilled the Scriptures that prophesied of Him (John 5:39), and even did the miracles that were prophesied the Messiah would do (John 5:36, 39, 8:39-47, 10:24-25, 37-28), they *still* refused to believe that Jesus was the promised Messiah (Gen 3:15, Deut 18:18-19). And that was *because He spoke the truth* and *did not condone* their wicked ‘traditions’ which *were lies* (John 8:44). That’s why Jesus said, *I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive* (John 5:34). Jesus knew that if ‘another’ (i.e. Satan) came in his own name (pretending to be the Christ, as Satan will do, 2 Thess 2:4; Dan 7:8, 20, Rev 13:5, etc.) that they *would* receive him as the Messiah! And truly, because so many people believe ‘traditions of man’ [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/212>] *instead of* God’s Word, there will be many who worship Satan (the Dragon, Devil, Serpent, Rev 12:9) and his wicked governmental ‘beast’ system (Rev 13:4). This is why Paul warned us (in 2 Thess 2) that the *true* Jesus Christ will *not return until* there’s a ‘great falling away’ [**Apostasy** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/499>] and the ‘man of sin’ (i.e. the son of perdition, who is Satan because he’s already condemned to death as Ezek 28 and Rev 20 declares) *be revealed*, which refers to when he’s kicked out of heaven, to earth (as Rev 12 and 2 Thess 2 tells us).

So, just as there were wicked (and deceitful) people trying to kick David out of his ‘office’ (likely that of king of Israel) so too were there wicked people trying to kick Jesus Christ off His ‘office’ of the Savior (Messiah) *because* they knew the Messiah would *also be the King* of Israel *and* of the entire world (Isa 9:6-7)! This is why Jesus put forth the parable of the vineyard (in Mth 21) to the hard-hearted “Jews” (who refused to believe He was the Messiah, because Jesus would not going along with their wickedness). And, after they admitted that the owner of the vineyard would ‘miserably destroy’ the wicked men who killed his own son (because they didn’t realize the parable was about them), Jesus asked them if they ever read the Scripture (referring to Ps 118:22) that prophesied: *The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes* (Mth 21:42). This was

referring (physically) to how the ‘Stone of Scone’ (which Jacob laid his head upon [Gen 28] and Israel took with them out of Egypt, and into the Promise Land) was rejected in building Solomon’s Temple. But, it *symbolizes* how God’s chosen King (Ps 2 - Jesus Christ) would be rejected by those ‘builders’, who were the religious rulers of Israel at the time the Messiah came. Indeed, Jesus Christ *was* rejected by the hard-hearted Jewish leaders *because* He refused to go along with their wicked traditions of man, that made void (were contrary to) God’s Laws (as Jesus pointed out in Mth 15 and Mk 7). That’s why Jesus then bluntly told them: *The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and **given** to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof*! So, the bottom line is that: just as those wicked (and deceitful) people in this Psalm 109 were trying to remove David from his rightful (God appointed) ‘office’ (likely as king of Israel), so too did they do to Jesus Christ! And that’s also why those who faithfully serve Jesus Christ are persecuted still today (John 15:20). Those who are wicked try and prevent the *truth* from being taught to others, lest they turn from **the Rebellion** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1288>] and accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and King!

Now, this 8th verse in Psalm 109 was also quoted by Peter in Acts 1:20. However, it was only *quoted* by him to explain to the other apostles that they needed to find a replacement for Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus Christ). So *it wasn’t fulfilling this verse* (here in Ps 109:8), it was just quoted as a way to point out they needed to find a replacement for Judas; which they did do, with the help of our Heavenly Father (Acts 1:15-26). But, we must remember that this verse truly explains what Satan has been trying to do *since the first earth age* [i.e. the ‘world that then was’, as Peter coined it, <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/496>], which is to kick God Almighty (Yehovah) off His rightful throne, and ‘inhabit it’ instead (Ezek 28:12-19, Isa 14:12-20, 2 Thess 2:3-4, etc.). But it won’t work! As Ezek 28:16 prophesied, God said: *I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire*. And, in verse 19 our Heavenly even goes so far as to promise that: *never shalt thou be any more*. Satan’s fate of spiritual death (being blotted out of existence, Rev 20:10) is thus, ***already sealed*** (which is why he’s called the ‘son of perdition’ in 2 Thess 2:3). And, as we’ve already read, God’s throne is *established of old*, for He is *from everlasting* (Ps 93:2). And again, in Ps 9:7: *but the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment*. And again, in Ps 103:19: *The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all*!

So, while mankind tries to find his own salvation *and* tries to build a world government that *always* excludes our Heavenly Father (our Creator), their efforts will be ‘in vain’, i.e. they’ll come to ‘nought’! As Ps 2:4-9 declares, our Heavenly Father just laughs at their puny efforts to overthrow Him because He has *already* delegated a King (Jesus Christ) who *will* rule (***forever, with righteousness***) from Zion (Jerusalem). And, there is *nothing* the wicked ones can do to stop Him...

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

*6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and **the government shall be upon his shoulder**: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

*7 **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.***

Isa 9:6-7

We'll pick this up in part 3...

AMEN.