

Part 6 – Cleansing from Secret Sins

In part 6 we learned several analogies David used to explain how precious God's Word is. He first likened it to being better than having a lot of fine gold, which is the purest gold there is. In other words, God's Word is better than all the riches this world has to offer because 'fine gold' can usually buy anything. But having wisdom and understanding from God is better than any (all) earthly riches because it not only teaches us how to treat people right (and thus usually brings good relationships with people, even those who don't like us) but it also gives us great peace of mind, which is far more valuable than all the riches in the world and can be gotten no other way than having a personal relationship with our Heavenly Father (through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ). Further, trusting in God's Words (and the promises in it) give us freedom from fear, anxieties and worries that plague so many people in the world, especially those who have 'lots of money'. The second analogy was honey and the honeycomb. David pointed out that God's Word is 'sweeter' to our soul than honey is to our tongue. And this is true because God's Word gives us *truth*, which brings peace of mind and gives us the spiritual attributes (characteristics) we need to live forever.

David also pointed out that obeying God's Word warns us how to avoid the cursings (bad things) that come in life, because it teaches us how to stop sinning, for sin always brings troubles and eventually death too (even spiritual death if we don't repent and accept Jesus Christ). He also pointed out how keeping God's Word (obeying as well as guarding them in our heart and mind so no one can shake our faith in God and Jesus Christ) brings great rewards. Indeed, even in this life obeying God's Word brings health, prosperity and true peace of mind that can't be gotten any other way than having God's Holy Spirit in our soul nourishing us, cleansing us and strengthening our 'inner man' day in and day out. So, we have learned many good reasons to study, and believe in, God's Holy Word. It's truly what edifies our soul because it teaches us the difference between right and wrong while God's Holy Spirit helps us to understand it, want to obey it and gives us the inner strength (will power) to actually obey it no matter what situation comes up in life. Thus, God's Word and Holy Spirit work together to save our soul and the blood of Jesus Christ forgives us when we fall short, so long as we continue to repent sincerely when we do sin. So, God's Word truly is *everything* to us and thankfully, we also have the heavens above that also testify to us His beautiful plan of salvation.

Now, this latter portion of this Psalm is also quite beautiful because it gives us guidance on *how we should pray to our Heavenly Father*. These verses are therefore just as important as what we've already studied in this great 19th chapter in the Psalms...

Psalm 19

12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

David now makes a very good point: it's hard for us to see our '**errors**', which in the Hebrew means *a moral mistake* (shegiy'ah #7691) and comes from a prime root that means *to stray* (causatively, mislead), usually (figuratively) *to mistake*, especially (morally) *to transgress*; by

extension (through the idea of intoxication) *to reel*, (figuratively) *be enraptured* (to excite our carnal mind) (shagah #7686). It's also been translated as to go astray, deceive, err, be ravished, sin through ignorance, and (let, make to) *wander*. So, David is stating a truth that is true about us all: we *all* have a hard time seeing our own faults, *even when we are trying to*. This is why Jesus told us to clean the 'beam' out of our own heart before we try to help others (Mth 7); because if we don't, we won't see clear enough (spiritually) to help others with their faults. This is what leads to self-righteousness and hypocrisy. When we are sinning (sometimes worse than those we're trying to 'help') then it does not make a good example to others we're trying to help and our 'help' is thus often rejected. So, we must get the sins out of our own heart (desires, emotions, intentions) and mind (thought process) the best we can – not so we can go around and point out everyone else's faults – but so we can sincerely help others who are seeking help. Now, some people don't want to change and that's why Jesus tells us (in Matt 7:6) not to give *that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you*. Prov 23:9 also warns us not to *speak in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words*. Prov 26:4 further says not to *answer fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him*. Prov 14:7 also says to *go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge*.

So, David then asks God to cleans him from 'secret faults'. The word '**cleanse**' is a prime root that means: *to be (or make) clean* (literally or figuratively) and, by implication, it means *to be bare*, i.e. *extirpated* (which means to destroy completely) (naqah #5352). Now, the word 'faults' is actually not in the manuscripts, it was added by the translators for better readability in the English (#9999). So, what we're left with is the word '**secret**' which is a Hebrew word that means *to hide* (by covering) (cathar #5641). So again, David is pointing out that there are some sins we simply don't see in ourself. It's easy, however, to see our own sins within others! And that is why so many people are hypocrites. And truly, we all are to some degree simply because it is really hard to see our own faults. As Isa 64:6 says, *we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away*. In Rom 3:23, Paul also points out that, *we all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God*. But he also points out in the next verse that (thankfully) *we are justified freely by God's grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus*. So, the difference between those who do truly trust in, and serve, Jesus Christ -and those who don't - is not that they (who believe in Jesus Christ) don't ever sin. It is simply that they try hard *not* to sin and humbly try to help others return to God through faith Jesus Christ. But those who don't know God (and you can't know Him without having accepted His Son, Jesus Christ, John 14:6) are habitually sinners in that they sin as a lifestyle. They don't try to clean their sin out by God's standards (if at all) and end up justifying themselves only by 'man's' standards which are not righteous like our Heavenly Father's Word is. And some people don't even care at all about sinning. They simply want to 'get ahead' in life and it doesn't matter how they do it or who they have to hurt to get what they want.

Therefore, there is one (and only one) thing that can clean us: *the blood of Jesus Christ, which is symbolic of God's Word and Holy Spirit*, for as Lev 17:11 says: *the life of the flesh is in the*

*blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for **it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.** Just as blood gives life to our flesh **so too does the Holy Spirit give life to our soul.** Which is why Jesus so succinctly said in John 6:63 that ***it is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.****

And that's why David is humbling asking God to help him see his own faults, especially the ones that he is not aware of – because only God's Holy Spirit can help us see those sins that are so very difficult to see. Again, the Word of God is important because it edifies it, but without help from the Holy Spirit to see how it applies to us, we'll only look at God's Word and see how *others* are breaking His laws... and *we'll fail to see our own sins*. But, when the Holy Spirit enters our soul then truly, He does 'enlighten our eyes of understanding' (Eph 1:18) and help us see how WE too disobey His Word, even if it's only in our thoughts (mind) and/or heart (desires, emotions, intentions). So, it's a good thing for all of us who love and strive to obey God to ask Him for help seeing our 'secret sins' because none of us are perfect (Rom 3:23) – only Jesus Christ was, and is, without sin (Heb 4:15, 2 Cor 5:21, 1 Peter 2:22, 1 John 3:5). And that is why His blood covers our sins when we sincerely repent for them. As Eph 1:7 says: *we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.* And Col 1:14 also declares that *we have redemption through his [Jesus'] blood, even the forgiveness of sins* and this is because *almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission* (Heb 9:23). God requires all sins to be accounted for and if we believe in Jesus Christ then our Heavenly Father graciously counts the blood He shed for us as payment for our sins. This is why Eph 2:8 says that *by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.* That's why 1 Peter 1:18-19 also reminds us that we're not *redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.* Paul explained this well...

13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

*14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience** from dead works to serve the living God?*

Heb 9:13-14

The 'traditions' Peter refers to is the blood sacrifices of animals, which our 'fathers' of Israel were given by Moses. And while it was an appropriate way to teach them how the Messiah would come and pay for our sins (so the Holy Spirit can help us to clean our soul), it is not something we should 'hold onto' (Heb 10:10) for any other reason than it being a 'schoolmaster' as Paul explained in Gal 3:21-29. So truly, *the only 'thing' that is 'good' within us is the Word of God and the Holy Spirit.* Therefore, when we are studying God's Word *sincerely*, the Holy Spirit will help us see our 'errors' – the sins we cannot see within ourselves – and will give us the understanding and internal strength to kick them out, as John also explains...

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 John 1:5-10

So, even though we continue to study God's Word to edify our soul, we must recognize we've still got faults (sins) we can't see and Jesus Christ will help us with this spiritually cleansing process, so long as we remain committed to obeying Him the best we can. Getting rid of sin (especially the ones we can't yet see) doesn't happen overnight though; it's usually a long process that takes time and dedication (truly, our whole life). *But so long as we are working on kicking out sins out, the Holy Spirit will continue to help us to do so* (Rom 8:26). And because some sins are so hard to see (and even harder to get rid of) we sometimes have to kick the 'smaller' sins out in order to see the 'bigger ones' and again, this takes time, determination and dedication. In the meantime, as we allow the Holy Spirit and Word of God to cleanse us spiritually, people will see the outward changes (even the inward change through our countenance) and many will notice the difference – even though we're not sinless. And *this is what opens doors* to plant seeds of truth with other people. We've got to learn to listen to the Holy Spirit to learn when, and how, to plant those seeds as the opportunity arises (Eph 5:15-17, Col 4:5-6, 1 Peter 3:15-16).

So, indeed, the cleansing of our soul takes time and we'll never be totally without fault while in a flesh body. ***But God counts our sincere efforts to clean our soul and serve Him as though they were 'perfect' when we sincerely have faith in Jesus Christ and His Word.*** As Paul says in Gal 5:5, *for we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.* When we have faith in Jesus Christ, God does count that as us being righteous, just as He did for Abraham (Gen 15:6, Rom 4:3, Gal 3:6, James 2:23). And when we keep studying His Word and try to sincerely obey it (from the heart) God will eventually help us see our 'secret' sins that are hidden to our own self. He'll also help us learn to plant seeds of truth, without hypocrisy or self-righteousness, so long as we remain humble and obedient to Him. So, as David points out, it is wise for us to continue (daily) to ask our Heavenly Father to help us see the error of our ways (the secret sins we cannot see) so we can continue to strengthen the 'new man' who is being *created in righteousness and true holiness* after the 'image' of God (Eph 4:24). When we continue to seek knowledge of our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ (Col 3:10, 1 Pt 1:3-11) we learn how to put off the 'old man' (our carnal mind, the part of us that wants to sin) and put on the 'new man' who is renewed *daily* by the Word of God and Holy Spirit *working inside our soul.*

Psalms 19

13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

David now prays for something else and it's just as important as asking God to help us see our secret sins, because David is asking God to 'keep' (*refrain*) him from partaking in 'presumptuous sins', even to preserve or protect him from 'presumptuous sins', by observing his inward thoughts and desires (#2820) '. Now, the word 'sins' here has been added (#9999) by the translators for better readability, but it was not in the original manuscripts. So, we need to understand that 'presumptuous' means to be *arrogant* (#2086) and comes from a prime root (#2102) that means *to seethe*, or figuratively, *to be insolent*. But it's not until we look at the meaning of 'transgression' that we get the full picture of what David is saying. And that's because 'transgression' here means *a revolt* (national, moral or religious) (#6588) and the prim root of it means *to break away* (from just authority), i.e. *trespass*, *apostatize*, *quarrel* (#6586). So, David is asking God to keep him from ever being a part of Satan's rebellion because he does not want to ever be an apostate – he doesn't ever want to commit apostasy, which is the *abandonment of a previous loyalty* by refusing to continue to follow, obey, or recognize a religious faith. In other words, David doesn't want any sin (especially ones he cannot see) to lead him into outright rebellion against God (as his son Solomon sadly did). So, he begs God to keep (protect) him from doing so. He asks God to not let any 'presumptuous' sins (arrogance or insolence – which comes from pride) to have dominion (rule) over him so he won't follow Satan's rebellion against God. David prayed God would continue to help him sincerely and humbly follow Him so he could be 'upright' (complete by God's Word and Holy Spirit, #8552) and 'innocent' (clean by having his sins expiated by faith in Jesus Christ who David sincerely believed would come).

David obviously knew what the spiritual war is all about. As Eph 6:12 tells us, *we wrestle* (fight) *not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places*. Let's remember that pride was Satan's own downfall as Ezekiel 28:5 tells us, and that's what caused him to rebel against God [learn more in: **Pride, The Number One Sin** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/308>]. But, what was worse is that he caused 1/3 of God's children to also rebel against Him (Rev 12:4). And that is what David desperately did not want to do. This, therefore, is a vital prayer for us to pray as well. Especially because it is in our own lifetime when we'll actually see Satan (and his fallen angels) on earth (Rev 12). And when he is here, he will indeed be telling *big lies*, insomuch that he will even claim to be the 'savior' of the world who will 'fix' all our problems (that his followers on earth have created) if we only let him rule the world. But, he won't act, or look, like the lying tyrant he really is. No, Satan is very beautiful (Ezek 28:12), wise (Ezek 28:3-5, 12,17) and very good with words (Dan 11:21). He'll also do great 'wonders' (Rev 13:13, 2 Thess 2:9-10) that are so grand that even God's elect (the Body of Christ) would be deceived if they were not sealed with the Holy Spirit (Matt 24:24, Rev 7). So, David well understood that Satan's ability to deceive is *very great* and that's why he prayed so earnestly to God to keep him from ever going to 'Satan's side' and being a rebel against God Almighty. Therefore, this is also a very good thing for us to pray for because *the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak*, which is

why Jesus Himself told us to *watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation* (Matt 26:41). And Jesus also warned us...

29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

*34 And **take heed to yourselves**, lest at any time **your hearts be overcharged** with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and **so that day come upon you unawares.***

*35 **For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.***

*36 **Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.***

Luke 21:29-36

Verse 36 describes what David was doing in this Psalm and what we should do too (watch and pray always). While we can (and should) know the ‘season’ (time frame) that Jesus Christ will return, because He’s told us in the **Parable of the Fig Tree** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/950>], we don’t know the *exact instant*. We do know for sure that Satan will come to earth (with his fallen angels) before the true Jesus Christ returns (Rev 12, 2 Thess 2, Daniel 11) and that Jesus’ return will be three and a half days after we see the two witnesses killed (Rev 11). But, because the spiritual pressures at that the time will be *very great* (because nearly the entire world will be following him, 2 Thess 2, Rev 13) - we need to continue to study God’s Word and pray for help to make it through that time so we can remain spiritual virgins (loyal to the true Jesus Christ in our heart, mind, body and soul). Because only those who do not bow to Satan will be given eternal life and allowed to reign with Jesus Christ when He returns (Rev 20:4-6). So, unless you want to worship Satan and be greatly ashamed when the true Jesus Christ returns, we too must pray as David did so that we ‘keep’ the ways of the Lord and do not wickedly depart from the one and only true God, YHVH (Ps 18:21). And we can only do this when we learn to *be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might by **putting on the whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil* (Eph 6:10-11).

Psalm 19

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

David now concludes this prayer with a beautiful summary of how to keep us from sinning the ‘great transgression’ of following Satan in rebellion against God Almighty (YHVH). He first off asks that the Lord (YHVH) would help the words of his mouth to be acceptable in His sight. This is important because, as James points out, this is one of the hardest things to do...

2 *For in many things we offend all. **If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.***

3 *Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.*

4 *Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.*

5 *Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!*

6 *And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.*

7 *For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:*

8 ***But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.***

9 *Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.*

10 *Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.*

James 3:2-10

So, if we are able to control our tongue (what we say) then it's only truly by the 'grace of God'. Meaning, *only with the help of the Holy Spirit can we learn to control our tongue!* And if we can control our tongue (at least most of the time) then we also will be able to control the other parts of our body, because the 'tongue' is the hardest of all body parts to 'tame'. Of course, the Bible has much to say about our tongue (mouth) and how it is used (most often for evil) and we've seen this already in the Psalms (Ps 5:9 and Ps 10:7 for example) and we'll continue to see this a lot throughout our studies in the Psalms. And in Psalms 12 we learned how the wicked (habitual sinners) don't care at all about using their tongue for good. They see their tongues as a *weapon* to use to get what they want (vs 1-4). But for those of us who do love and serve our heavenly Father (who fear to do evil), we should strive (like David did) to control our tongue and to *use it for good*. Again, the Psalms have much to say about this too. Ps 35:28, for example, says that our tongue should speak of God's righteousness and praise Him all day long. Ps 37:30 also says the mouth of the righteous should speak wisdom and his talk of (righteous) judgment. Ps 39:1 says that we should 'take heed' to our ways and bridle our tongue so that we don't sin even when we're being provoked to by the wicked and 'workers of iniquity'. And this is important because, as Psalms 15 points out, those who don't 'backbite' with their tongue - or 'take up a reproach' against their neighbor (don't slander or gossip) - are those who will dwell with God in His tabernacle... which means: *those kinds of people will be allowed to rule with Jesus Christ when He returns*. Ps 34:14 also says we should keep our tongue from evil, and our lips from speaking guile. Ps 119:172 also says our tongue should speak of God's Word (truth) because all His commandments are righteous (and indeed they are).

So, it is truly good to (daily) ask God to help us use our tongues for good and not for evil; but it's also good to ask (as David did) God to help us keep the **meditation of our heart** acceptable in

His sight. The word ‘**meditation**’ here is *higgayown* (#1902), which means: a ***murmuring sound***, i.e. ***a musical notation*** (probably similar to the modern *affettuoso* to indicate solemnity of movement) or, by implication, a ***machination***. It comes from a prime root that means ***to murmur*** (in pleasure or anger) and, by implication, it means ***to ponder*** (hagah #1897). It’s even been translated as *imagine*. And the word ‘heart’ is used figuratively for the *feelings*, the *will* and even the *intellect* (leb #3820). Our ‘heart’ is essential our ‘carnal mind’. It is where our desires, emotions and intentions are. Therefore, it’s the part of us that wants to sin but if we take control of it, we can ‘change our heart’ to want to love and obey God... which, of course, is what God expects us to do if we want to be pleasing to Him! It is because God has given us a heart that He has given us free will – the right to choose to do evil or the right to choose to do good. That’s why it’s up to us to control our heart if we want to be pleasing to Him. Thankfully, the Holy Spirit will help us with this when we believe in Jesus Christ, repent sincerely when we sin, and study His Word faithfully to learn how to stop sinning. As Romans says so very well...

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. [Rom 7:14]

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.

Rom 8:6-9

If we think with our ‘heart’ (carnal mind) then we can’t be pleasing to God. But, if we believe in Jesus Christ – which means we repent for our sins, study His Word and allow His Holy Spirit to help us change our ‘inner man’ for the better - then we indeed can be pleasing to God and find eternal life through *allowing Jesus Christ within us to change our ‘inward parts’*... both our mind (thought process) and heart (the carnal mind, the part of us that wants to sin). This is how we ‘abide in’ Jesus Christ and He ‘abides’ in us (John 15:4-7) and it’s how Jesus Christ ‘saves us’ from our sins [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/208>]. As Peter also advises us...

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:11-12

So, learning to control our body (including our tongue), our heart (desires, emotions and intentions) and mind (thought process) not only helps us become pleasing to our Heavenly Father, it also lets the “Light” of Jesus Christ shine through us so others can see it and be drawn to God through Jesus Christ who is living inside our soul. As Jesus said in Matt 5:16: *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.* Now, David also calls God by His Sacred Name [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>]

Yehovah (who is the ‘covenant God’) *because* David had a *personal* relationship with God *because* he believed in the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. That’s why he went on to also call God his ‘strength’, which means his Rock (#6697) and His redeemer. Ps 130:7-8 says: *Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.* And God has redeemed us, through His Son, Jesus Christ, *in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace* (Eph 1:7) *because by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us* (Heb 9:12). So, while *all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God* we can be *justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus* (Rom 3:23-24) and thanks be to God for that, for without Jesus Christ living inside of us, there is *none that doeth good* (none of us are righteous, Rom 3:10) – *no, not one* (Ps 14:3). *But, if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God* (Rom 8:13-14). And *if we are children, then we are heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together* (Rom 8:17).

So, while David began this Psalm speaking of God, our Creator (vs 1) he now ends it with God being our Redeemer. And even the heavens declare this eternal truth: that God has both created us and redeems us from our sins *through Jesus Christ* our Lord, just as John also declares...

*1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.***

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

*3 **All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.***

*4 **In him was life; and the life was the light of men....***

*...12 But as many as received him, **to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:***

*13 **Which were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God.***

*14 And **the Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **full of grace and truth.***

John 1:1-4, 12-14

So, while we can learn a lot about God’s plan of salvation in the heavens above (the Zodiac itself tells the story) the written Word gives us much more information that edifies us, and the Holy Spirit (given to us through the blood of Jesus Christ) helps us to *understand it* so we *want* to change into the kind of person that can live with God forever. And the power of the Holy Spirit also gives us the *internal strength* (will power) to make the necessary changes to our soul so that we *can be* ‘fit’ to ‘enter into the kingdom of Heaven’ and not be ‘put away’ by Jesus Christ when He returns (Mth 7:21-24, 25). So, it’s good to remember the lessons taught in this great Psalm and to continue to pray in the same manner David did, from the heart. And David concludes this great Psalm by dedicating it ‘*To the chief Musician*’ who is indeed Jesus Christ because He not only has the victory (over Satan) but He also gives us the victory over Satan as well...

*1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ **is born of God**: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.*

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

*3 For **this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments**: and **his commandments are not grievous.***

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 John 5:1-5

Indeed, believing in (serving and loving) Jesus Christ is how we are redeemed from our sins and how we have ‘the victory’ over the world, even Satan himself. We simply must continue in His Words (John 8:31-32) till the very end of our life, or until Jesus Christ returns (Mth 10:22, 28:20, Mk 13:13) whichever comes first. For, as Jesus said in Luke 8:15: they that are *on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.* This is why, in Luke 21:19 He tells us that *in your patience possess ye your souls...*

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

*12 **Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life**, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.*

1 Tim 6:11-12

12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself,

14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

*15 And so, **after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.***

Heb 6:12-15

36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

*38 Now **the just shall live by faith**: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.*

*39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; **but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.***

Heb 10:36-39

AMEN.