

### Part 3 – The King’s Dealings with His Enemies

In part 2 we again saw how this ‘prayer of the people’ has a dual type in David (historical) and Jesus Christ (some fulfilled and some yet still prophetic). For indeed, God did give David a fairly long life due to his righteously ruling God’s people, Israel. But it was not nearly as long as Jesus Christ who lives *to this very day*, thanks to the power of God that rose Him from the dead and crowned Him with glory and majesty when God took Jesus up to heaven to sit at His right hand, so He could intercede for us when we need help. And, just as David was blessed his whole life and so very glad to have a personal relationship with our Heavenly Father, so too is Jesus Christ blessed forever (for He lives forever) and made glad when He gets to share God’s ‘countenance’ (presence of the Holy Spirit) with those who believe upon and serve Him. And just as David trusted in the Lord (YHWH) and was therefore not moved permanently out of his throne over the kingdom of Israel (for God showed Him mercy when He sinned because he sincerely repented and strove to obey God), so likewise will Jesus’ kingdom never (ever) be moved because of His sinless life and righteous soul. And those who trust in God’s mercy, through faith in Jesus Christ, will also never be moved (spiritually fall away to sin) for the Holy Spirit will help them remain faithful servants of Jesus Christ, so long as they continue to cleave to Him with all their heart, mind, soul and strength. We now move on with this great 21<sup>st</sup> chapter to a rather important part of it, for we’ll get to see how the righteous King deals with His enemies after being crowned King of kings and Lord of lords...

#### *Psalm 21*

*8 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.*

So, an important part the king being crowned is in the fact that he has authority to punish evil doers. And David did a good job of this. The history of his life showed that, even when he was being perused in the wilderness by Saul (who as king of Israel at the time and was trying to kill him), David (and his small band of followers) still fought (not Saul or Israel but) against Israel’s enemies (1 Sam 23:1-5, 27:8-11). And once David was made king of Judah (only) he still fought against Israel’s enemies and then when he was king over *all* of Israel, he continued to fight against Israel’s enemies. And God continued to bless David, and those who followed him, in war because they were fighting for Israel, who were God’s ‘chosen people’. So, they indeed were fighting God’s enemies. Importantly, David sought out God’s advice in his warfare and obeyed what God told him. He did not seek to war with those who God told him not to and never did he try to kill Saul (even though God had rejected him as king) because he had (at one point in time) been anointed by God. So, David was not trying to rebel against the king of Israel, even though Saul was literally trying to kill David (even though David did nothing worthy of that). And never in his life did David rebel against God Almighty (Ps 18:21).

So, David did seek out God’s enemies, and those who hate Him, and obeyed God’s directions in fighting against them. But these verses also very much apply to the Messiah, Jesus Christ as well. And, Jesus Christ is at God’s ‘right hand’ **right now** (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) where He intercedes for those who love Him (Rom 8:34). However, He is also working to ‘find out’ all of God’s enemies and those who ‘hate’ Him. The purpose, of course, is to be able to implement righteous judgment on earth; especially when He returns to ‘set all things right’ and institute the Millennial rule. The words ‘**find out**’, here in Ps 21:8, is a Hebrew prime root that means *to come forth to*, i.e. *appear* or *exist*; transitively, *to attain*, i.e. *find* or *acquire*; figuratively, *to occur, meet* or *be present* (matsa' #4672). And this is important because it not only means ‘to come forth to’ but also ‘attain’, ‘find’, or ‘acquire’. So, this verse could even be rendered that the King will ‘come forth to take hold of’ all of God’s enemies and those who hate Him. And this brings up another point. Why are God’s enemies differentiated with those who hate Him? The word ‘**enemies**’ is 'oyeb (#341) in the Hebrew and means: *hating; an adversary*. And it comes from a prime root that means to *hate* or to *be hostile* ('ayab #340). And the word ‘hate’ here does literally mean to *hate* in the Hebrew but it specifically means *to hate someone personally* (sane' #8130). And, **an adversary is someone that contends with, opposes, or resists you**. So, essentially there is not a lot of difference between your enemies and those who hate you but someone who is your enemy, might *not* hate you *personally*. Such as it is when nations go to warfare. Most of the army members do not know each other personally so it’s typically the ideology of the ‘enemy’ nation they are fighting against or, they are simply fighting because their government says they have to. Likewise, someone who fights against God might not necessarily hate Him. They could very well be ignorant that, in sinning, they are truly fighting against God. For a very good example, consider what Jesus Christ told Paul on his way to Damascus when Jesus struck him down...

*1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,*

*2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.*

***3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:***

***4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?***

***5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.***

*6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.*

*7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.*

*8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.*

Acts 9:1-8

When Paul persecuted the Church, *he truly thought he was doing the ‘right thing’*. Though he knew the Old Testament Scriptures very well, he simply did not understand that Jesus truly was the Christ (anointed of God), the promised Messiah – despite the fact that Paul surely heard Jesus speak and surely knew of the miracles He performed. So, Paul’s heart was somewhat hardened

but not the point he was unsalvageable, for when God called Paul to repent, he did so humbly. And Jesus Christ would not have called Paul to repentance if Paul had truly hated God. Indeed, Paul did not hate God, even though he was His adversary, because Paul was persecuting the Church, which is the Body of Christ. So, someone can be an enemy of Christ and not be fully aware of what they are doing. *These are the people that God is trying to save.* **However, there are some people who do know full well who Jesus Christ is and... they hate Him, quite literally.** These people have sold their souls to the devil *so fully* that they stubbornly refuse to repent and accept God's amazing grace offered to us by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. And so, the 'King' Jesus Christ is working to separate the 'good wheat' from the 'bad' (Mth 13) for not everyone who is a sinner actually hates Him, even though they are His enemy because they are working against Him. As Jesus said in Mth 12: 30 - *He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.* So, if we don't truly accept Jesus Christ and worship and serve Him in our spirit and in truth (John 3:23-24) then we are actually working against Him, which is what makes us His enemy. ***And it does not matter if we call ourselves Christian, we still make ourselves His enemies if we are working against Him no matter how much we claim to 'love Him'.*** Jesus clearly told us...

**15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.**

*16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter; that he may abide with you for ever;*

*17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

John 14:15-17

*23 Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words:** and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

*24 **He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings:** and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.*

John 14:23-24

So, no matter how we profess to love Jesus Christ, if we're not actually obeying Him then we don't really love Him. And if we are not obeying Him... then we are working against Him by default. Of course, none of us are without fault. But Jesus Christ forgives us when we sincerely repent for our sins and shortcomings and strive sincerely to obey Him. But a large part of loving Him is that we *must* sincerely be *trying to obeying Him*. That also means we *must* seek Him through studying His Word (for ourselves), and not simply by listening to what others say, for most 'Christian' ministers *do not teach God's Word*. They instead teach 'traditions' that are not Biblically based. And if you 'obey' them (the man and/or the tradition) then you are not obeying God. And you can actually make Him your enemy in doing so. One of the ways this is done through the false teaching that the 'Jews' are God's chosen people and that we must support the nation of Israel if we want to 'be blessed'. None of that is true. There are many people who call themselves "Jews" but few people who call themselves Jews (in Israel and the world) are even of Abrahamic decent, let alone of the tribe of Judah, which is where the term 'Jew' first came from

(2 Kings 16:6, 18:26-28). And there are also people who call themselves ‘Jews’ *but are not* and are just lying, because they are actually of the synagogue of Satan (Rev 2:9, 3:9). Further, the “Jewish” religion teaches people to hate (literally hate) Jesus Christ. *And their religion blasphemes Jesus Christ with vehement hatred*. And anyone who believes what their Jewish religion teaches does not therefore love Jesus Christ. *They are not only God’s enemies but they hate Him too*. So, the problem for ‘Christians’ who ‘support’ (financially, emotionally, politically and or otherwise) anyone (Jews or anyone else) who literally hate Jesus Christ, and actively works against Jesus Christ... is that *they supporting the very enemies of Jesus Christ who literally hate Him...* surely you can understand how God feels about this. Consider what John warned us...

*9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, **hath not God**. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.*

*10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him **not** into your house, **neither** bid him God speed:*

*11 For **he that biddeth him God speed** **is partaker of his evil deeds**.*

2 John 9-11

So, we should be careful not to be God’s enemies by supporting those are not only Jesus’ enemies, but they also hate Him vehemently. And while this doesn’t mean we should physically try to persecute them (in Mth 13:30 Jesus says to leave them alone and let the angels deal with them when Jesus Christ returns) we are still not to be supporting anyone of any religion that is contrary to the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ. Of course, that doesn’t mean we should not try to help people who are truly seeking truth. We can’t let ourselves get self-righteous and think that everyone else but ourselves are going to hell. But, we must use great wisdom to discern who are God’s enemies and those who hate Him *and not partake in their evil deeds* (Eph 5:6-7, 2 Cor 6:14-18, Rev 18:4). So, our job is to discern those who hate Jesus Christ, and are His enemies, simply so we are not partaking in their sins and helping them to work against Jesus Christ who are supposed to be faithfully committed to... obviously, it’s quite counter-productive for God’s plan of Salvation if we support people who are trying to draw others (even us) away from Jesus Christ’s saving grace. And, we should also understand that, just as God on His throne in heaven (Ps 11) looking to see what’s in the hearts of mankind - so too is Jesus Christ (the crowned King) working on this as well. Jesus is, after all, ‘God’s right-hand Man’. So, this verse 8 points out that the king (prophetical of Jesus Christ) will indeed ‘find out’ who all His enemies are as well as those who hate Him. And how do you think He does this? We’ve already learned that God sees what goes on in our heart but there’s more to it. So, let’s consider some history...

For starters, let’s look clear back to the beginning of Israel’s history as a nation. When God led them out of Egypt, they ran out of food and water fairly quickly since they were travelling in a wilderness with not much food around to support that many (millions) of people. And instead of simply asking Moses to ask God for help, the people began to murmur (complained #3885) against Moses (Ex 15:24, 16:2). Let’s look at what God did in response...

*23 And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah.*

*24 And **the people murmured against Moses**, saying, What shall we drink?*

*25 And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: **there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them,***

*26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.*

*27 And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.*

Ex 15:23-27

In response to their complaining about not having water, God did give them water but He also began to ‘prove’ them. What does this mean? The word ‘**prove**’ in the Hebrew is *nacah* (#5254), a primitive root that means: **to test**. God tested their faith and obedience by promising them good health if they would simply trust *and* obey Him. How did this work out? Well, in the very next chapter of Exodus, we’re told that again they murmured (complained) against Moses because they had run out of food. Again, this shows they did not believe that God could take care of their needs; for if they had had faith in Him, they would have simply asked (as we do humble prayer to Him today) for Moses to ask God for help. But instead, they again murmured against Moses, who was God’s earthly representative (Ex 16:2). But what’s worse, they not only murmured (complained) but they even accused Moses of bringing them out into the wilderness to kill them from hunger! And what this boils down to is that they were truly accusing God of being unfair, unrighteous and unable to care for them. After all, these people had witnessed the mighty plagues God had brought upon the Egyptians to free them from their cruel bondage. And they had even seen how He protected them from the Egyptian army when they were entrapped by the sea. Yea, they literally saw God’s cloud separate the Egyptian army from them, open the waters wide up so they could go through on dry land and then let the waters back down upon the Egyptian army, killing them all. So, for them to now accuse Moses (i.e. God Almighty) of being unrighteous and incompetent... is nearly unbelievable. But, that’s what they did. And that’s why God tested them... His own ‘chosen people’. But He still fed and watered them very well, as the history of Exodus and Numbers tells us. But, He did chastise those who murmured against Him with fire (Num 3:4, 11:13, 16:35), serpents (Num 21:6) and with plagues (Ex 32:35; Num 11:33, 14:37, 16:4, 25:3-9). And He also ‘proved’ (tested) them when He literally came down to give them the Ten Commandments...

*18 And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off.*

*19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.*

*20 And Moses said unto the people, **Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.***

*21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.*  
Ex 20:18-21

The Lord (YHVH) had gotten pretty tired of Israel's murmurings (accusing Him of being unrighteous, unfair and incompetent) and so He gave them a 'show' of His power when giving them the Ten Commandments (and statutes and judgments) so they would have the 'fear of God' put into them, in hopes they would *fear to sin*. As Prov 16:6 says, *by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil*. But sadly, this didn't even cause everyone in Israel to change their wicked heart. As Exodus 32 tells us, they later made, and worshiped, a golden calf when they thought Moses had died after he was in the mountain for *only a month*. And all throughout the history of Israel as a nation, generation after generation continued to be 'proved' by God and most of the time they failed to pass the test of having faith and obedience to the one and only true God (Deut 8:1-6, 11-20, Judg 2:1-7, 10-23, Judg 3:1-8, etc.). Therefore, if God proves even His own 'chosen people', He also proves his other children, as we learned a few chapters back...

*4 The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.*

*5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.*

*6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.*

*7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.*

Ps 11:4-7

Once God sees someone is not at all responsive to His chastisements, He begins to punish them for their sins. This too is in hopes they'll change from their wicked ways for as Ezek 18, 33 and 2 Pt 3:9 tells us, God hopes even those who are wicked will repent and turn back to Him (through Jesus Christ's grace). And in Jer 17:9-10 we're told: *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even **to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings***. And in Zech 13:9 we're told that *God will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried*. So, indeed, even the King of kings, Jesus Christ is at God's 'right hand' - and He is still helping His Father to 'find out' all of His enemies and those who hate Him. And, when Jesus Christ returns, all will be punished according to their own ways and the fruit of their own doings. As a few Psalms back says, regarding the fairness of God...

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

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

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

Ps 18:25-27

Those who want to remain God's enemies, and continue to hate Him, will indeed be 'rewarded' for their wickedness. But those who repent and accept His means of grace (salvation) *through Jesus Christ* will be spared His wrath (1 Thess 5:9, Rom 5:9). As Paul says too...

*9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.*

*10 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.*

*11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.*

2 Cor 5:9-11

And this is why it's so important to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ when the opportunities arise (Eph 5:15-16, Col 4:5-6). Because, once Jesus Christ returns, anyone who has not stayed loyal to Jesus Christ will miss the 'first resurrection' of eternal life (Rev 20) for it is impossible to make a good repentance upon faith alone, after Jesus Christ returns, simply because they will see Jesus Christ has returned. Therefore, they cannot have 'faith' in Him because He is already here. As Paul points out in Rom 8:24-25: *For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.* Thankfully, those who don't make the first resurrection will still have a thousand years to change their wicked heart and ways so they don't have to be blotted out of existence. But they will have to prove, by their works (Rev 20:12-13) that they are not incorrigible criminals and they'll never be allowed to rule with Jesus Christ in His eternal, and righteous government, because they simply missed that opportunity due to the fact that they made themselves God's enemies and hated His Son who He sent to save them from their sins. So, they are simply unfit to be a part of Jesus Christ's eternal government, even though they can make the 'second resurrection'. So, Jesus Christ is still actively seeking out God's enemies, and those who hate Him, and *will give them what they deserve* when He returns to pour out God's 'cup of wrath' in the 'day of vengeance'. Consider what is written about this in the prophet Zechariah...

*12 And it shall come to pass at that time, that **I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil.***

*13 Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: they shall also build houses, but not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof.*

*14 **The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly,** even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.*

*15 **That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,***

*16 **A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.***

*17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.*

*18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.*

Zeph 1:12-18

When Jesus Christ returns, He will indeed have His holy angels seek and find all people on the earth, whether they be bad or good (Mth 13, 24, Mk 13). And it won't matter if they are hiding in 'rocks' (underground bunkers), the angels of Jesus Christ will seek *and find them* (Isa 2, Rev 6:14-17). This is why Jesus said...

*21 And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?*

*22 For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.*

*23 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.*

Mark 4:21-23

*1 In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.*

*2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.*  
Luke 12:1-2

All people will be gathered and brought under Jesus Christ's rule, whether they be in heaven or on earth, or 'under' the earth hiding in underground bunkers like the rats they really are (Eph 1:10). This is why Jesus tells us...

*24 The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.*

*25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?*

*26 **Fear them not therefore:** for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.*

*27 What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.*

*28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*

Matt 10:24-28

God Almighty is the only one who can kill our soul and He has given all judgment to His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ (John 5:22, Mth 28:18-20). And *that's* what will so *deeply* scare, and

pain, those who are wicked when Jesus Christ returns. They will realize that Jesus Christ truly is the King of kings and that He truly has more (all) power than Satan and his wicked angels. Fear will grip their soul so deeply that their spiritual pain is likened to a fiery oven (Ps 21:9) and worse than even a woman in childbirth (Jer 6:24-30, 30:4-7, 50:43-44, 1 Thess 1:3). And even those who claim to be Christians will also have deep fear, shock and horror when they realize *the person they have been worshiping* – the one they thought was their ‘Savior’ - *is none other than* God’s (and Jesus’) arch enemy, *Satan* (the Devil) *himself*! Indeed, their inner turmoil will be as a fiery furnace ‘in that day’ the *true* Jesus Christ returns. Thus, whoever refuses to repent for their wickedness when the God’s witnesses give the warning *before* Jesus Christ returns (Mth 10:18-22, Mk 13:9-13, Lk 21:12-19, Rev 11) will be stuck with the punishments they brought upon their own head. As Paul says...

*26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,*

*27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.*

*28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:*

***29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?***

*30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.*

***31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.***

Heb 10:26-31

*Psalm 21*

*9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.*

This verse now explains what happens when Jesus Christ (the King of kings) returns to pour out God’s ‘cup of wrath’ at the ‘day of Vengeance’ and it’s not a fun thing. This verse uses an analogy of physical fire to explain the kind of spiritual torment they will feel when Jesus Christ returns and smites them with the sword of His mouth (Rev 2:16, Rev 19:21). This analogy is used in other Scriptures...

*37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;*

*38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;*

*39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.*

***40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.***

**41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;**

**42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

**50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**

Matt 13:37-43

1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and ***pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.***

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and ***there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image...***

...8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

9 And ***men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.***

10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and ***his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,***

11 And blasphemed the God of heaven ***because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.***

Rev 16:1-11

Indeed, those who are God's enemies, and hate Him, will be like a 'fiery oven' in the time of God's anger (His day of vengeance) and that's because His *the 'fire' of His wrath will devour them*. While many think of this only in the physical terms of fire we know today, Deut 4:24 and Heb 12:29 tells us that *our God is a consuming fire* and that's because *HIS WORD is a fire* that burns the hearts of those who are wicked (Jer 23:29) while warming and comforting those who are faithful to Him. And God is not unrighteous to do this. Those who receive His fierce wrath *deserve it* because they are truly wicked - for to hate God, and actively work against Him, *is evil*. It's not only following and serving God's arch enemy, Satan, but it's also partaking in very wicked deeds. Therefore, this 'fire' is **truth** *that will permeate their soul* (even though they don't want it) and cause a *horrible* (unfathomable) shame and inner pain that burns *deeply* in the inner most depths of their heart and mind and it cannot be quenched (stopped). Peter explains this too...

9 *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

10 *But the day of the Lord **will come** as a thief in the night; **in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.***

11 *Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,*

12 *Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, **wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?***

13 *Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.*

14 *Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.*

2 Peter 3:9-14

Peter tells us that the ‘elements’ will melt with fervent heat. The word ‘elements’ is the Greek word *stoicheion* (#4747) that means: *something orderly in arrangement*, i.e. (by implication) a *serial* (basal, fundamental, initial) *constituent* (literally), *proposition* (figuratively). This means that all Satan’s means of deception will be gone forever and even all the wicked desires people had will be totally done away with - and they’ll see the evilness of their own soul when Jesus Christ returns with His ‘fiery’ sword of truth (Eph 6:17, Rev 2:16, 19:15,21, 2 Thess 2:8). This is why, Rev 18 tells us...

14 *And **the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee**, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and **thou shalt find them no more at all.***

15 *The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off **for the fear of her torment**, weeping and wailing,*

Rev 18:14-15

19 *And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! **for in one hour is she made desolate.***

20 *Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.*

21 *And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, **Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.***

Rev 18:19-21

All the raging and wicked planning of the heathen leaders (Ps 2) will be found *no more at all*, nor will any of the things they lusted after (including their own pride). All the evil elements of this world (Satan’s wicked system and means of deception) will be *totally done away with* and

those who sold their soul to the devil will be sorely pained in their soul, because *they have lost the war* and they will know it clearly at that time. As the book of Ecclesiastes says...

*13 There is **a sore evil** which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt.*

*14 **But those riches perish by evil travail:** and he begetteth a son, and there is nothing in his hand.*

*15 **As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.***

*16 And **this also is a sore evil**, that in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he that hath laboured for the wind?*

Eccl 5:13-16

Again, all the things they sold their soul to the Devil (Satan) for *will be gone* and they will realize this. They'll also realize that they have absolutely NO favor with the *true* King of kings (Jesus Christ) because of the wickedness of their doings. And this will pain their heart and soul so very deeply it's likened to how a fire burns hotly. Ps 112:10 perhaps says it best: *The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: **the desire of the wicked shall perish.*** All the terrible sins the wicked people - who make themselves God's enemies *and hate Him* - will be 'rewarded' but not with the 'rewards' they want. They will be spiritually burnt (pained deeply) to the very 'bottom of their heart' because *they trusted in Satan and his wicked system* and (again) *he lost the war*. And they'll never have the things they lusted after, nor the glory their pride sought after so much. In other words: *they are the losers and they'll know it in that day*. And even those who are simply 'workers of iniquity' will be also greatly distressed in their soul, because they too will not be in good standing with Jesus Christ, as Jesus said...

*21 **Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.***

*22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?*

*23 And **then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.***

*24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:*

*25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and **it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.***

*26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:*

*27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; **and it fell: and great was the fall of it.***

Matt 7:21-27

Indeed, ‘great’ will be their fall because they fell to Satan’s deception and turned their back on (apostatized, 2 Thess 2:3) the true Jesus Christ and literally worshiped the Devil himself. As Jesus also said...

*45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?*

*46 **Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.***

*47 Verily I say unto you, **That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.***

*48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;*

*49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;*

*50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,*

*51 **And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.***

Matt 24:45-51

So, let us not forget...

*7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.*

*20 **But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD** shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.*

*34 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: **when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.***

Ps 37:7,20,34

We’ll pick this thought up in part 4...

AMEN.