

Part 1 – Learning to Overcome Troubles

In chapter two, part 1, we learned ‘why the heathen rage’ and ‘imagine vain things’. With the help of the plotting of the Kenites (children of Cain, who was sired by Satan himself), the kings and rulers of the world are working to bring about a one-world system that casts aside the Word of God as the foundational doctrine, and replaces it with the bastardized doctrine of Satan himself; it’s made up of humanistic principals, ‘politically correct’ doctrine and religious ‘traditions of man’ ostensibly designed to bring about ‘world peace’. So, the rulers of this world (many of whom are fully initiated into the precepts, policies and doctrines of the “great city”) are quite literally working to cast off God’s principles and to replace them with the principles of the worldwide “city” they serve. And we learned that this ‘great city’ (Rev 17) is the ‘worldly’ system that Satan created (in the first earth age), which he’s using in this earth age to corrupt the world again. It’s a system of his ungodly precepts, principles and doctrine. It’s a ‘city’ of religious initiation where the people of this earth are initiated (albeit many unknowingly) into the practice of substituting a false god (Satan) in place of the true God (Yehovah, a.k.a. YHVH), but calling it by the Lord’s Sacred name (Yehovah, a.k.a. YHVH). And these rebellious kings, and rulers, of the world even refer to God’s principles and policies, in essence, as being nothing more than inconvenient shackles and bonds. In short, they want to replace God’s foundational moral and ethical principles with the evil principles of the worldwide ‘city’ (without walls or national boundaries) being built.

So, while those who are ‘blessed’ (happy) meditate on God’s laws (and Jesus Christ as their King), the spiritual ‘heathen’ people of the world imagine a ‘world peace’ without Jesus Christ or the ‘shackles’ of God’s perfect laws (Ps 19:7-9). But, God is all powerful and all knowing. They *cannot* change His plan of Salvation, no matter how hard they try. Thus, the kings of the earth station (or position) themselves in opposition to God and His Anointed, Jesus Christ, as they consult with each other in order to lay a foundation that opposes God and His Word. But, we also learned that God is not at all worried about anyone taking His throne nor about the heathen raging. What He is concerned about is the eternal fate of His children. As 2 Peter 3:9 points out: *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.* He truly doesn’t want any of His children to die spiritually (aside from Satan and the fallen angels who are already condemned to die, Ezek 28, Rev 20, Jude). And that’s why He is so ‘longsuffering’ to us-ward. He’s longsuffering because He uses great self-control in not yet pouring out His wrath upon the wicked (until it’s time for Jesus Christ to return) because He has determined that He will see His ‘plan of Salvation’ through, to the end, so that all of His children, even the wicked, have a chance to sincerely repent and turn back to Him by accepting His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

We also learned that, in God’s eyes, their efforts to overthrow Him and His Living Word are quite pathetic. He both scorns and mocks them for their puny efforts. Why can God laugh at their puny efforts to overthrow them? Because ‘He seeth that his day is coming’. In other words, He knows *exactly* when the day of vengeance is going to come and it’ll sneak up on them as a

‘thief in the night’ because, the ‘day of the Lord’ (i.e. the Second Advent of Jesus Christ) will come *unexpectedly* (it’s also written in Rev 16:15). And most everyone on earth will *not* be expecting the *true* Jesus Christ because Satan will be kicked out of heaven, to earth, *before* Jesus Christ returns. And when he’s here, Satan will be claiming to be the Messiah of all religions - the ‘Savior’ of the world (2 Thess 2, Rev 12-13, Dan 9-12, etc.).

So, no, most people (except for the few faithful who don’t bow a knee to Satan) will not expect the true Jesus Christ to return because **they’ll think He already has...** only it’s the Devil himself! And, *that’s* why God can laugh at the heathen who rage. The wicked who rage now will be utterly shocked (and devastated, as Rev 18 tells us) when Jesus returns (in an ‘instant’ – Isa 29:5-6, 30:13-14, 1 Cor 15:52) to arrest them and destroy that ‘great city’ they sold their soul to. As Peter’s epistle also told us: *But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men* (2 Peter 3:7). So, our Heavenly Father has it all planned out. He’s got nothing to worry about. He’s just waiting for the right time to send His Son back to earth to kick some ass. And, He’s not *only* going to be cleaning out earth (of wicked doers) when He returns (2 Thess 1:7-10, 2 Pt 3), He’ll also clean out the heavenly dimension too (Heb 12:26). But, we also learned that those who love God and His Son, Jesus Christ (and remain faithful to Him, even when Satan’s on earth during the ‘great tribulation’) have nothing to worry about. They’ll be protected by God during that time of tribulation and rewarded with eternal life when Jesus returns (instead of God’s wrath).

In part 2 we learned more about how God responds to the rebellious world leaders who rage and plot against Him, trying to bring in a world peace without the true Prince of peace, Jesus Christ. Though they are working hard to set up a ‘new world order’ for Satan to be their ‘king’, when he arrives (is kicked out of heaven, to earth), God merely laughs at them... *right now*. But, will come a time for Him to ‘vex them in His sore displeasure’ when His Son, (the *true* Christ) returns to take over the world and put an end to all wickedness. That’s why the Psalms goes on to say that God would set His King upon His ‘holy hill’. His ‘holy hill’ is in Jerusalem, *exactly* where Satan will set up his wicked worldwide government. And so it is that God will ‘vex’ Satan, and all of his wicked angels, when Jesus returns at the ‘day of vengeance’ to pour out God’s wrath upon Satan (and the other wicked ones) for defiling God’s ‘holy hill’ (Jerusalem) *and* spiritually defiling God’s children. And all those who worshiped Satan will also be vexed with great shame and humiliation for falling for Satan’s deception (and despising God’s true servants who warned them not to worship Satan), especially when Jesus tells them to *get away* from Him because He *never* knew them (Mth 7:21-23).

In part 3 we learned how God made into law (through His mighty Word) that the King He would send (in response to the earthly rulers raging and plotting against Him) would be *His own Son*. We also learned that, while God did indeed beget Jesus Christ with His Holy Spirit, it was God Himself who came to earth, incarnated as Jesus Christ. So, while Jesus is God’s only begotten Son, He is also God Almighty incarnated. While that’s hard for our human mind to comprehend, it’s not hard for the Creator of all things. We also learned that, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead, with His Holy Spirit, so too does He raise our soul, with His Holy Spirit, and

spiritually ‘begets’ us with His Holy Spirit. This is what creates a ‘new man’ inside our soul that’s capable of doing what’s right and thus, is able to live (and reign) with Jesus Christ forever. All those who put on the ‘new man’ will be the ones to make the ‘first resurrection’ when Jesus returns but all those who don’t accept (and remain faithful to) Jesus Christ (and put on the ‘new man’) will still be liable to die, spiritually, until they prove in the Millennium (through their works) that they are not incorrigible rebels. But, Satan, his fallen angels and all those who still refuse to submit to Jesus Christ will all be spiritually put to death at the end of the Millennium, which means they’ll cease to exist in any form. And the reason God does this is to put away all the wicked so the righteous can live in eternity without the trouble makers.

In part 4 we learned that God has given Jesus Christ the entire world as an eternal inheritance. Jesus will claim this inheritance when He returns to rule the world at His Second Advent. But, we also learned that it’s not only Jesus who will inherit the world; those who remain faithful to Jesus Christ (no matter what race they are from) will also rule with Him as ‘joint-heirs’ (as Romans 8:17 puts it). God then warned the kings, rulers and judges of the earth to be wise and serve the Lord (YHVH) with fear and rejoice with trembling. And after that, He told them to ‘kiss the Son’ (referring to HIS Son, Jesus Christ) lest He be angry and make them perish (even to eternal death). This term ‘kiss the Son’ is a figure of speech that means they should submit to Jesus Christ and allow themselves to be ruled by Him. For, even though they have authority on earth *now*, they will be stripped of their power (and all earthly goods) when Jesus returns IF they don’t sincerely repent and change their ways. It’s essentially a call to repentance, same as in Rev 18:4 and so many other places in God’s Word give. As leaders on the earth, they are *supposed* to be God’s servants to punish the wicked and reward the righteous (Rom 13). But, when the rulers of the earth twist this around (and punish the righteous and reward the wicked) then they put themselves in opposition to God and bring upon themselves God’s fierce wrath, for He *hates* it when people do wickedly. But, He really doesn’t want them to have to die. Though He will eventually put all un-repentant evil doers to death, at the end of the thousand years of Jesus’ rule (the Millennium ,Rev 20) He would rather the wicked would just repent and change their heart and their ways, as Ezekiel 18, 33 and 2 Pt 3:9 so clearly explains. That’s why God has sent so many prophets (in His Word) to warn the wicked to repent and change their ways (and their heart) – so they don’t get God’s wrath poured out on them. This is a call (to repentance) that He *will continue* to make, through His servants, till the day Jesus returns when (at that time) there’s no chance left to repent. Jesus will pour out God’s ‘cup of wrath’ on all evil doers (and those who worship Satan without repentance) when He returns at the ‘day of vengeance’. But, to those who love, and remain faithful to Him, He’ll reward with eternal life.

We now come to a new chapter and it’s the first one that has a ‘title’. This ‘title’ explains that it was a song written by David, when he fled from Absalom his son. In case you don’t recall the story, 2 Samuel, chapters 15-18, record the account where David’s own son, Absalom, stole the hearts of the nation and rebelled against David as their king. *His own son did this to him...* but it was allowed by God as punishment for David’s sin of adultery with Bath-Sheba and subsequent murder of her husband (1 Sam 12:1-12). And, it’s actually an excellent ‘type’ for how Satan stole the hearts of God’s children and caused an entire 1/3 of His children to rebel against Him (in the

first earth age – Rev 12:4), albeit God Almighty (YHVH) did *nothing* to deserve this. But, it's still a good type. And we should keep this in mind while studying this Psalm because it will help us to understand where David is coming from when writing it. And, we also know that David was a prophet (Acts 2:29-30) and that the Holy Spirit guided him to write this Psalm. Therefore, there is more to this Psalm than 'meets the eye', for *the thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun* (Eccl 1:9) ...

Psalms 3

1 A Psalm of David, when he fled from Ab'sa-lom his son.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me.

Again, this is the first Psalm with a 'title', which we covered a bit, already. Knowing some of the history of David, when his son, Absalom, rebelled (with Israel) against him explains why David would pray to God: *LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me*. Indeed, there were many (nearly all of Israel) who rebelled against David. And why would they do this? Well, as was mentioned before, Absalom began to steal the hearts of the people. But, *how* did he do this? And further, *why* would he do this? We need a bit more history to understand. As we learned already, David had an affair with Bath-Sheba and then had her husband killed by ordering him to be sent to the 'front lines' where he would undoubtedly be killed, even though he was a *loyal* officer in David's army. And God was not happy with this. He told David that He would not kill him (because David sincerely repented, as Psalms 51 tells us) but He would punish David. And part of that punishment was that the 'sword' would never depart from 'his house' (2 Sam 12:10). Further, God then promised He would raise up 'evil' (meaning, 'bad things' #7451) against David *out of his 'own house'*. And further to that, He promised that, while David secretly slept with his neighbor's wife, his wives would be ravished out in the open - in sight of the sun. This indeed came to pass when Absalom (his own son) rose up against David in rebellion. David fled from Jerusalem because he didn't want civil war to tear up the city (or country) but also, he knew this was his punishment from God because the prophet Nathan had told him so. As such, when David was gone, his son, Absalom, 'went into' (slept with) ten of David's concubines (who were left to care for the house, 2 Sam 15:15). And Absalom did this by spreading a tent on the top of David's house and *went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel* (2 Sam 16:22).

So, what we must understand is the 'roots of rebellion' that David caused when he took Bath-Sheba to wife. Undoubtedly, his adultery with Bath-Sheba was known to at least *some* of the people. And things like this just don't stay quiet. 'Juicy gossip' always spreads like wildfire. This would have caused seeds of doubt to form in people's minds because, a just king would not break God's Law, especially not in such a blatant way. David wasn't just lusting in his heart (which is a sin in itself – Mth 5:28) but he acted upon it (James 1:13-15). Now, after the account of David's affair (and subsequent murder) in 2 Sam 12, in the very next chapter we're told about the next thing David did that caused more 'seeds of doubt' in people's minds. In 2 Sam 13 we're told that David had a son Amnon (who was a half-brother to Absalom) who lusted after his half sister

(Absalom's full blood sister), Tamar, and ended up *raping* her. Now, the punishment for rape in God's Law is death (Deut 22:23-27) but David did *nothing* to punish Amnon; he only got mad about it (2 Sam 13:21). So, in his own household, David couldn't even execute righteous judgment. Not only had he himself done terribly wrong against God's Law but he allowed his son to do so as well. Likely part of David's inaction against Amnon was because of the guilt he felt for his own sins; which were well pointed out by the prophet Nathan by this time (2 Sam 12). Again, this account of David's son raping his half-sister and then doing *nothing* to punish him would have spread throughout the people of Israel. Things like this just don't keep quiet no matter how much one tries to keep it 'hush, hush'. But, from this, we can see *why* Absalom began to doubt his father's ability to serve as king and how he could have such hard feelings for David as to actually rebel against him, insomuch he even wanted him killed (2 Sam 17). Remember, while there were judges throughout all of Israel, David was the ultimate judge. Like the Supreme Court in our day, whatever cases were brought to David were settled; one could not plead to anyone else after going to the king (except God Himself). So, it's not hard to understand what happened after this.

For two years Absalom did nothing but was plotting the whole time. And finally, he held a party for all of his siblings (most of whom were half siblings to him) and then had Amnon killed by some of his friends. Absalom then fled for his life and remained outside the country for a couple more years before his cousin, Joab (David's leader of the army) convinced David to let him come back. But still, David didn't talk to Absalom for a long time until they finally got together and David forgave him... but Absalom did not forgive David. Instead, he began to steal the hearts of Israel away from his father. And he did this by going to the gate of the city and talking to the people who came in. 2 Sam 15 tells us that he would tell them that *he* would make sure that justice was done if he were king... implying that David was *not* doing a good job at executing justice. Which, in his own house, David had not. But this is how Absalom 'stole the hearts' of the people in Israel and how the seeds for the rebellion were started. As stated before, this whole account is an excellent type for how Satan stole the hearts of God's children in the first earth age. However, the one gigantic difference is that our Heavenly Father (God Almighty) did nothing to deserve this. He was not unjust in judgment or any of His ways for *the LORD* (YHVH) is *righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works* (Ps 145:17). And *He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he* (Deut 32:4). It was Satan's own pride that caused him to rebel against God Almighty (the Creator of everything). [Learn more: **Once Was a High Priest** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/423>].

So, we have many examples, from the historical accounts in the Bible, to understand what's going on today. As Eccl 1:9 says: *The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun*. 1 Cor 10:11 also tells us: *Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come*. And the rebellion against God Almighty (YHVH) is still ongoing in this earth age. And, just as David did not want to cause a chaotic civil war in Jerusalem, for fear innocent people would be hurt, neither did our Heavenly Father want to lose any children (to spiritual death). Another important point is that: David did

not know who was truly for or against him. So, his leaving Jerusalem allowed that to be made known. Only his faithful followers followed David and the true traitors were made known with time. For example, when David left, one of his best advisors, Ahithophel, turned on him and became Absalom's advisor (2 Sam 15:12, 31). In like manner, God destroyed the first earth age (deposing Satan from his position of governor of the earth) and caused all His children (aside from Satan and his fallen angels) to come to earth in a flesh body. And He did so because then He could record all our thoughts, desires, emotions and the intentions of our heart in His 'books' so He knows how to perfectly judge us. Psalms 11:4 says: *The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.* So, God keeps an eye on all His children and tests their loyalty to Him. In this way, He's able to know who will be worthy to govern in His eternal government and who is not. He will never again allow His government to be corrupted; that's why Jesus Christ is the King of kings (Rev 10:16) and High Priest *forever* (Ps 110:4, Heb 6:20). He is also working to help his wayward change their rebellious hearts back to being loyal to Him (Ezek 18:32). As Ezek 18, 33 and 2 Pt 3:9 says, God doesn't really want the wicked to have to die (which they will without repenting) but He wants them to turn back to Him in sincere repentance and submit to His rule. After all, He's our Creator and without Him we cannot live forever.

But, Satan has convinced (as Absalom did to Israel) many of God's children we can live on earth and make our own 'kingdom' without our Heavenly Father. Satan's convinced people we can make our own laws and live our own (filthy) ways and still live forever – he says we don't really need God Almighty to live forever. But, as Jesus points out in John 8:44 – *Satan is a liar, and the father of it.* So, just as David had to 'sort out' the traitors from the incorrigible rebels, so too does our Heavenly Father sort out the traitors and incorrigible rebels through this earth age. This is why God came to earth (incarnated as Jesus Christ) to first show His children how much He loves them and to teach them the real truth. This was God's way of laying out a path to where people could repent and find forgiveness for their rebelliousness because, again, God really doesn't want His children to have to die. But there will come a time when Jesus Christ returns to 'pour out' God's 'cup of wrath' upon all un-repentant sinners. But, even after that, God has *still* given Jesus a thousand years to teach (through His faithful servants) the truth, with *strict* discipline (a rod of iron, Ps 2:9, Rev 19:17) so that hopefully more children will turn back to Him in sincere repentance. But, after that, all incorrigible rebels will be put to death.

So, in this first verse of Palms 3, when David says: *LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me,* he truly had many people who rose up against him – nearly the entire nation! And God knew how David felt because the same thing happened to Him (except with *many* more people). Therefore, even though this was punishment for David, God did not leave David. He would eventually restore David as king but it would not come without much turmoil in the meantime. By the way, Absalom was not the only son of David that would rebel against him. Another son, Adonijah, would, years later, try to take the throne when David was old and about to give the kingdom to his son, Solomon. It was then that two of David's loyal friends and servants (Joab, his military commander and Abiathar the high priest) would defect on David and help Adonijah to try and take the throne (1 Kings 1). However, once Nathan the

prophet heard about this, he convinced Bath-Sheba (Solomon's mother) to go to David and tell him about the insurrection and ask if he would put a stop to it because David had promised her Solomon would rule; and surely, both she and Solomon would be put to death if this insurrection was allowed to happen. So, she did so; and after she went to David, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah and Zadock, (another priest) went to David and confirmed her story. So, David did put an end to that insurrection as well. So, there were many uprisings against David (not to mention the one in 2 Sam 20) yet God delivered him out of them all. *David patiently endured the chastisements* from God because he really did love God *and* he knew he deserved it. And, as the Psalms reveal, **David relied on God to set things straight.** He well understood...

5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Heb 12:5-11

Because God loved David, He chastised him. And, because David truly loved God, he took it with patience and *learned from it*. And he never got mad about what happened to him because he knew he deserved it. Instead, he pleaded with God for help, as we'll see in this Psalm. God chastises us today too and we should take David's example of how to deal with this. God's chastisement should *always* bring us closer to Him. As Prov 13:24 says: *He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.*

Psalms 3

2 Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah.

After crying out to the Lord (YHVH) about how many people were increasingly troubling him (through the rebellion), David then points out that many say there is no help for him in God. What this means is that they lost confidence that God was with David. The word 'help' here is *yeshuw' ah* (#3444) and means: *something saved*, i.e. (abstractly) *deliverance; hence, aid, victory, prosperity*. [Note: this Hebrew word is similar to the Hebrew word Jesus' name comes from, which is: *Yehowshuwa'*; or *Yehowshu'* (#3091) which also means: *Jehovah-saved*.] Yet, David was anointed as king by Sammu-el and he also received the *true* anointing of the Holy Spirit from that day forward (1 Sam 16:13). So, the people thought that God had left David (after all, David had sinned grievously against God) and that's why they said God would not help him

anymore. However, when David repented, he asked God not to take His Holy Spirit away from David (in Psalms 51). And because David repented sincerely, God didn't leave him. But, as mentioned before, He did chastise David, which was for his own good.

Now, verses two ends with the word 'selah'. This is *Celah* (#5542) in the Hebrew and it means: *suspension* (of music), i.e. *pause*. It's used frequently in the Psalms to connect one verse to another in order to bring out an important point. In this case, it's connecting the contrast between 'man' (as a creature) who knows God (#430 'Elohiym) only as the Creator with the speaker (David) who knew the LORD (#3068 *Yehovah*) as His Covenant God. Consider the two words...

"God" is 'elohiym (#430) and means: *gods in the ordinary sense*; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) **of the supreme God**; occasionally applied by way of deference to magistrates; and sometimes as a superlative.

"LORD" is *Yehovah* (#3068) and means: *(the) self-Existent or Eternal; Jehovah, Jewish national name of God*. To learn more about **God's Sacred Name**, as why these studies use YHVH as a short version of Yehovah, click this link: [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>].

It essentially means that David knows that YHVH is the only self-existent and eternal God, not just the creator of all things. So, David is pointing out to God Almighty (YHVH) that he knew Him better than these people who were rebelling against David. David knew God's covenants and laws, even though he failed to obey them all (which we all fall short on; that's why He sent Jesus Christ to give us salvation through His precious blood that He shed for our sins). And this is important to understand because, in fact, God had even made a special covenant with David that His only begotten Son (Ps 2:7) would come through David's descendants (2 Sam 7, 1 Chron 28), which He did (Luke 3). Thus, David is pointing out that he truly believed in the coming of the promised Messiah (Gen 3:15), who was also the promised Prophet (Deut 18:19), the promised begotten Son (Ps 2:7) and the promised High Priest, after the order of Melchizedek (Ps 110:4). And, while Jesus had not yet come to pay the price for the sins of mankind, God would forgive those who lived before Jesus' time if they sincerely repented and believed in His Word and the promise of the coming Messiah. David did all this and he is essentially *claiming* this promise, in this Psalm. And David was so confident in God's mercy and grace (that God forgave him for his sins and would protect him from those who were against him, because they were truly rebelling against God's anointed king [David]) that he then said...

Psalms 3

3 But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

Ps 91:4 tells us what God 'shields' us with when it declares: *He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: **his truth shall be thy shield and buckler***. So, while God does protect us physically (which He did for David and will for you too if you'll continue to repent sincerely when you fall short like David did, *and* remain faithful to Him like

David did), He also protects us spiritually. And truly, that's the most important protection we can have. For, as Jesus said...

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.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Matt 10:28-31

Flesh man can only kill our flesh body; but that is not the end of our existence. [Find out where we go when we die with this special study: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/323>]. We live on in the heavenly dimension. As Eccl 12:7 says: *then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.* So, while our flesh body dies our soul will live on after we die and this includes even those who don't accept Jesus Christ. However, where we spend our time in that heavenly dimension depends on how we've lived our life in the flesh. If we accept God's Son, Jesus Christ (as David did) we'll go to what's called 'heaven' – it's the 'good side' (so to speak) of that heavenly dimension where believers in God, and His Son, go. In Luke 16 Jesus gave a parable that explained what happens when we die. He referred to 'heaven' as 'Abraham's bosom' in verse 22 and the 'bad' side of the gulf as 'hell' in verse 23. And, in verse 26, He explained that there's a 'great gulf fixed' between the two so that no one can pass back and forth. As verse 23 explains, those in 'hell' are *spiritually* tormented, not physically by flames of fire as we know it. The word 'tormented' in Luke 16:23 is *odunao* (#3600) which means: *to grieve*. So, while all people continue to exist after they die from the flesh, those who have despised God Almighty, and His Son, Jesus Christ, will be *spiritually* tormented for having done so, while they remain stuck in 'hell', wallowing in their anguish for not having made a good repentance. But, the point is, our existence doesn't end with our flesh body. But what does matter is the *condition of our soul* when we die. As Paul states in 2 Cor 4:16, *though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.* Our soul can only be 'renewed' spiritually from the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. The Word of God is the Holy Spirit in written form (John 6:63) and when study His Word sincerely, God will give us His Holy Spirit, if we believe in His Word (including the fact that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the promised Messiah). [Learn **How to Get the Holy Spirit of God** here: <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1220>].

And so, when David prays here in Psalms 3:3: *But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head* – he's acknowledging God's ability to shield us from physical and spiritual harm. And David also pointed out that God Almighty is what he 'glories' in. Remember what the book of Jeremiah told us?

But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

Jer 9:24

That's why David said the Lord (YHVH) was his 'glory' – because David knew YHVH's name – He knows YHVH as the 'Covenant God', not just our Creator. This means David understood the promises of blessings for obeying God and the subsequent promises for disobeying God's Word (Lev 26, Deut 28). And the blood of Jesus Christ has not 'done away' with the promises of blessings and cursings for Jesus Himself told us He didn't come to destroy the Law but to fulfill it (Mth 5:17-20). What did Jesus fulfill?

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

*15 Having **abolished** in his flesh the enmity, even **the law of commandments contained in ordinances**; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;*

*16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, **having slain the enmity thereby**:*

Eph 2:14-16

13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

*14 **Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us**, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, **nailing it to his cross**;*

15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Col 2:13-15

Jesus 'fulfilled' the laws contained in the *ordinances* – that's the blood sacrifices that Israel was to perform to show they believed the Messiah would come and die for the sins of the world (Gen 3:15, Deut 18:19). But, this was only to be done until the 'time of reformation', as Paul points out in Heb 9:10. Incidentally, Heb 2:14 tells us that God (as Jesus Christ, incarnated in the flesh) also died so that, *through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil*. How did He do this? Verse 16 of Eph 2 (above) tells us that He did so by 'having slain the enmity'. What's the 'enmity'?

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

*7 Because **the carnal mind is enmity against God**: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

*9 **But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.** Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

Rom 8:6-9

Note that the word 'enmity' here is *echthra* (#2189) and means: *hostility*; by implication, a *reason for opposition*. It comes from *echthros* (#2190), which means: *hateful* (passively, odious,

or *actively, hostile*); usually as a noun, *an adversary* (especially Satan). So, our carnal mind (our heart) is basically at odds (hostile, even hateful) with our Heavenly Father and that's why we must 'deny it' *every day* by learning to kill our thoughts, desires, emotions and intentions that arise in our heart and mind every day. It's a daily struggle for everyone, as Paul points out in Rom 7. But, the more you work at denying that part of you that wants to sin (your heart – the carnal mind- the enmity to God) the better you'll get at it. It's like exercising your muscles. You must build them up to get stronger. So too is it with your carnal mind (heart). You must put God's truth into your mind (though process) and let it seep into your heart (desires, emotions, intentions) so that it permeates your entire soul. The reason you need to study God's Word, for yourself, is because you have to understand it. You have to absorb it into every fabric of your thought process, and desires, so it changes you into a 'new man' (Rom 6:6, Eph 4:22, Col 3:9, Luke 9:23) that *willingly* obeys God. But you have to know God's Word in order to know how to obey Him. So, again, that's why we must study it ourselves (2 Tim 2:15). If you have a gifted Pastor, Preacher, teacher (etc.) that's a blessing; but *never make them a replacement for studying God's Word for yourself*. Check out what they say and study God's Word yourself, in addition to listening to what they say (or write). Over time, by studying God's word and disciplining your 'inner man' to obey God's Word (in thoughts and desires), the Holy Spirit will help create a 'new man' in you. It'll change who you are, what you think about, what you desire, how you feel about Him and what your intentions are. And this is the transition we must make if we want eternal life. It's how we conform to God's Word and not the world. As Paul said in Rom 12:2: *be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

So, Jesus' death on the cross (the shedding of His innocent blood for our sins) had many positive implications for us. He not only destroyed Satan's power over the enemy (Heb 2:14) but He also paid for our sins. And when we humbly repent and continue to do so when we fall short (we don't need to be 're-saved' over and over again because the blood of Jesus Christ saves us 'once and for all times' – Heb 10:10) we will strive to understand how to obey Him, if we're sincere. That's why those who are sincere in their repentance will study God's Word. And when we do, the Holy Spirit will come into our soul and dwell within us. Why? To help us overcome the 'enmity' (our carnal mind – the heart – the part of us that wants to sin – it's where our desires, emotions and intentions are). That's why Romans 8:8-9 says that those who are 'in the flesh' (still have a fleshly mindset on) can't please God – that's because it's our fleshly mindset (our carnal mind; the heart) that we must learn to 'deny' by 'crucifying' it daily (Lk 9:23). And when we do this, we are not 'in the flesh' (mindset) anymore because *we're learning to obey God through the guidance (and cooperation with) of the Holy Spirit within us*. Paul also calls this 'walking in the Spirit' in Galatians 5, when he points out the works that those in the flesh do verses the fruit that those who have the Holy Spirit in them produce. So, while you'll still not be without fault with the Holy Spirit in you, you are a 'work in progress' – God is creating a 'new man' in you! And so, you're 'in the Spirit' when the Holy Spirit is in you (Rom 8:9) and therefore, you are not condemned by God (Rom 8:1) because you've repented and are sincerely striving to obey Him each day (which means the 'blood of Jesus Christ' is upon you). And *that's* why God was David's glory; David understood, and knew God, because the Holy Spirit was

working within him to create a ‘new man’... just as the Holy Spirit will do for us, **if** we remain faithful to Him and repent when He shows us our sins, like David did. And this is also why David could say that God is a ‘lifter up of his head’. God indeed does lift up our mind and heart (our soul) up when He puts His truth inside us. And He does this through His Written Word (when we study it faithfully) and His Holy Spirit (when we allow Him into us through sincerity, faith and love in Him). And let’s also remember where David was at this time. He was fleeing from his son, Absalom. So, it was a time of great grief for David, as well as those loyal to him. That’s why he asked God to lift up his head; he was basically asking God to help him through the ‘hard times’ he was experiencing.

So, David was an excellent example for us (as 1 Cor 10:11 says). While he sinned against God (grievously so) he did what most powerful leaders won’t ever do – he repented sincerely. Look, in this life, we’re all going to mess up. We just will. We’re not capable of living a sinless life in a flesh body; that’s why Jesus did live a sinless life (Heb 4:15, 2 Cor 5:21, 1 Peter 2:22, 1 John 3:5) – because He knew we couldn’t – and He paid for our sins to give us the chance to repent, whenever we do sin. And even after we’ve been ‘saved’ [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/208>] we still have to repent each time we recognize we sin. So, while David could have been prideful and not repented when Nathan the prophet came to him with the Word of God (which happened to so many kings after David) he didn’t. He humbled himself and sincerely repented. And part of repentance is *accepting God’s chastisement for our sins*. David did this too. But we should also remember how David pleaded with God for *help to make it through the hard times that came*. This shows us that, even if we’re being chastised, we should ask God for help through the hard times (persecutions – be it spiritual or physical). This applies, of course, also to the times we’re being unjustly punished by the world (1 Pt 3:14-22, James 5:10-11). What we should not do is ask God to remove the ‘hard times’ from us. Why? Because it’s learning to go through the ‘hard times’ that develops (molds) us into stronger people.

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

*3 Knowing this, that **the trying of your faith worketh patience.***

*4 But let patience have her perfect work, **that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.***

James 1:2-4

The word ‘temptations’ here is *peirasmos* (#3986) and it means: *a putting to proof* (by experiment [of good], experience [of evil], solicitation, discipline or provocation); by implication, **adversity**. When ‘hard times’ come, count it a joy because it helps our faith in God (and His Son, Jesus Christ – as well as the Holy Spirit) grow immensely. For, without experience how can we learn to ‘overcome’. It’s funny that so many Christians think that their life should be without hard times (as if life should be a ‘rose garden’) yet they want to be ‘overcomers’... if you never have any troubles or problems to overcome, how can you be an overcomer? We must learn to **Turn Problems in Life into an Opportunity** to grow into a stronger Christian and a better servant of our Lord, Jesus Christ [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/356>]. And never forget...

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

2 Peter 2:9

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

*7 That **the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth**, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:*

1 Peter 1:6-7

God knows how to deliver His own out of all ‘temptations’ (adversity). And these ‘troubles’ that come are actually good for us, because it tests our faith in God and His Son, Jesus Christ. This testing is more important than any earthly goods, even gold. So, we shouldn’t complain about them or be depressed when they come. Learn to overcome them... after all, you have to have *something* to overcome to be an ‘overcomer’, right? Let’s close this part 1 with a precious reminder – and *never* forget this promise...

*There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but **God is faithful**, who will **not** suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also **make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.***

1 Cor 10:13

We’ll pick this up in part 2....

AMEN.