

Part 4 – Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord

In part 3 we learned that the Lord loves righteousness and judgment, and that's because He does not like to see His children (or any of His creation) harmed. That's why the earth is full of His goodness, for He's the one who has total control over His creation and makes sure that evil is punished while those who do what's right (who love and revere Him) are rewarded. We also learned that, by God's Word, the heavens and earth were created. Gen 1:1 tells us this too. And, then we learned how He destroyed the first earth age (the world that then was, as Peter coined it) because of Satan's rebellion with a truly global flood (while Noah's flood only covered a portion of the earth that the fallen angels were mixing with Adamite women in). We also learned many other Scriptures (such as Gen 1:2, Ps 104, 2 Pt 3 and so forth) explain of this destruction of the first earth age. And the reason this Psalm spoke of this was to explain that: because our Heavenly Father is in complete control, and can punish the wicked (as He has done many times before), we should fear to do evil. Which is why this Psalm then called all the inhabitants of the earth to fear the Lord and be in awe of Him – which means to give Him the glory, honor and respect He so very much deserves, for He alone is righteous and all powerful. And He will, therefore, make sure that all the evil devices, conspiracies and councils of the wicked are 'brought to nought' (destroyed) so that the righteous won't forever be persecuted. And we also learned that He has communicated to us on earth the thoughts of His heart *through His written Word*. So, we can, not only know what *has* been (how He punished the wicked in the past), but also what *will* be (how He will again punish the wicked, especially when Jesus Christ returns). That's what gives us the assurance to know that *studying His Word is not a waste of time*. We gain so much valuable information, and advice, in His Word; and when we sincerely study, *and obey it*, we'll not only have peace of mind (from being at peace with our Heavenly Father) but we'll also be blessed by our Heavenly Father for loving Him enough to study His Word and obey His commandments. We'll now continue on with that thought in this great Psalm 33...

Psalm 33

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Throughout history, there have been many nations come and go. We've seen how even the most powerful nations (such as the Egyptians, Assyrians, Babylonians and so forth) have been destroyed *because of their corruption*, which came about because they did *not* worship the Lord (YHVH). However, God has promised that Israel will never cease to be a nation before Him (Jer 31:35-37). He said they would be punished (or chastised) but they would not cease from being a nation and promised to gather them back into a nation again (Jer 30:10-11, 47:28). And so, even when they were cast out of the Promise Land and taken captive, they did not cease to be a nation. Which means they did *not* amalgamate into the nations they were taken captive by, as some people say. Rather, they retained their national identity, which is why they then migrated away from their captivity lands once the Medes and Persians invaded them. And even while they were migrating (mostly through the Caucus Mountains and into Europe, even going over to the Americas) they still kept their national identity. And who they were was still known amongst

most of them, even when they rose to power during the Christian Era. Only recently has this knowledge of who true Israel really is (we call them ‘white Caucasians now’) has been lost to our people (albeit not to all of us). And it was because *true* Israel accepted the ‘New Covenant’ of Christianity that God rose them to power during the Christian Era, when He ‘regathered’ them in the ‘wilderness’ of Europe and America. That’s why they were so very much ‘blessed’ at that time.

But, even before this happened, David well knew that his nation (Israel) would only be blessed (which again means to be happy, #835) when they remained loyal to their God, Yehovah (YHVH). And that’s why David goes on to say that the nation who God has chosen to for His inheritance will also be blessed. This, of course, is only because of their righteous King. In the Old Testament, Israel’s king was Yehovah. But in the ‘New Covenant’, Israel’s King is Jesus Christ. And truly, they (Yehovah and Jesus Christ) are one in the same, as John 1:14, Col 1:15, John 10:30, 14:9, etc tell us. But the point is, without the Lord’s righteous laws and guidance, Israel cannot be righteous. In the Old Testament, Israel terribly failed in their commission to govern the world in righteousness because they refused (as a whole) to obey God’s Laws. But Israel’s failure to obey the Lord (YHVH) does not change the fact that they are still His inheritance; for they are, and always will be (Ex 19:5; Deut 4:20, 9:29, 14:2, 26:18, 32:9; Ps 28:9, 68:9, 78:62, 71, 94:14, 106:49, 135:4; Isa 19:25, 63:17; Jer 10:16).

But, just what does it mean for Israel to be HIS inheritance? In the Old Testament, Israel’s inheritance was the Promise Land. They literally inherited (through possession) land in Palestine. That is, except for the Levites, for their inheritance was the Lord (Num 18:20) and it will be this way in the Millennium as well, for the spiritual Levites, which are those who remain faithful to Jesus Christ (Ezek 44:28). And Rev 20:4-6 explains what this means when it says...

*And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; **and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.***
Rev 20:4

So, those whose inheritance IS the Lord, means they don’t inherit any land but rather, they are allowed to rule the Kingdom of God under the leadership of Jesus Christ. As Revelations also says...

26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:
27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.
Rev 2:26-27

And this (ruling the world) was to actually be Israel’s inheritance as well, as it is written....

1 Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.

2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand:

*7 **To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;***

*8 **To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;***

*9 **To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints.** Praise ye the LORD.*

Ps 149

Paul also candidly explains this is what the promises of God to Abraham really were...

*13 **For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.***

Rom 4:1-13

However, since Israel broke the covenant (Jer 3) they made with God (in Ex 19-20 they agreed to obey His Laws), Jesus Christ has made a New Covenant with Israel. And *only* those of true Israel who accept Jesus Christ have inheritance in Him. This means, only those of true Israel will rule the world under the leadership of Jesus Christ when He returns. But, the great thing about this is that Jesus Christ has extended this offer to those of *any* race who accept Him. Paul and Peter explain this extensively throughout the New Testament in places such as Gal 3, Eph 1, 5; Col 1,3; Heb 9; 1 Pt 1 and more.

But again, what does it mean for Israel (which now includes all gentiles who believe in Jesus Christ and excludes any of true Israel who do not) to be His inheritance? In the Hebrew, the word for ‘**inheritance**’ means, unsurprisingly, *something inherited*. But it can also mean (abstractly) *occupancy*, or (concretely) *an heirloom*; or generally an *estate, patrimony* or *portion* (#5159). So, what this means is that God’s inheritance is His government. It’s those who He uses to govern the world with and, importantly, He’ll only use those who are loyal to Him to do so. That’s why the “New Covenant” Jesus Christ made was extended to those who are not of Israel because they too will be allowed to rule with Jesus Christ because they are trustworthy. As Rev 21:24 explains, *the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it*. Each of the nations that are saved will have their own kings who rule over them, just as Jesus Christ is Israel’s King. However, Jesus Christ will still be King over even the gentile nations in the eternity, for He is the King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev 17:14, 19:16).

And truly, even before Jesus Christ died for the sins of mankind (Mth 13:44), the gentiles could worship the Lord and learn how to obey Him so they too (their nations as well) could be blessed. In fact, *that is what the Lord (YHVH) has wanted all along*. Thus, since Jesus Christ died, the Lord will give *anyone* who believes in Jesus Christ His Holy Spirit and bless them if they cleave to Him wholeheartedly (Acts 10; Gal 3; Titus 2:14, 1 Pt 2:9, etc.). So, while Israel has *always* been (and still is) the Lord's inheritance, the gentiles have *always* been able to be a part of Israel **if** they seek to learn of, and obey the Lord (YHVH). And while some think it is 'racist' to say that God has a chosen people, the truth is He really does have a 'chosen people'. But, it is not a 'racist' statement because it's not belittling other races, nor is His selection to the detriment of the other races. Israel being His 'chosen people' *always* been for the betterment of the world.

This is why He told Abraham (Gen 22:18), Issac (Gen 26:4) and Jacob (Gen 28:14) that, in 'thy seed' (Gal 3:16) shall all the nations of the earth be blessed. This 'blessing' was ultimately because Jesus Christ came through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (as well as David, as God promised him in 2 Sam 7). Thus, through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob/Israel's 'seed' (referring to Jesus Christ, Gal 3:16) will the world be 'blessed' through the righteous governing of Jesus Christ and His 'body' (i.e. His righteous government, which He is still building through those who have faith in Him). But, this 'blessing' to all nations was *also supposed to be* before the time of Jesus Christ. For Israel was chosen to be the nation who would *shed the Light of God's truth* (and the righteousness of His perfect Law system) *to the world*. So that, *any* nation who wanted to learn of the Lord (YHVH), and obey His Laws, could do so. The Queen of Sheba coming to hear of the wisdom God gave Solomon is an excellent example of this. [Thus, it is no surprise that there are *so* many Christians in Ethiopia today, for knowledge of Yehovah was shared to them, by their queen, thousands of years ago]. Therefore, *any* nation (or individual) that obeys God's Laws will also be blessed, *if* they do so wholeheartedly.

So, one of the main reason the Lord chose Abraham and his descendants (Israel) to be His 'chosen' people (i.e. peculiar people, as stated in Ex 19:5) – aside from using them to punish wicked nations (Jer 51:20) - was to shine the Light of His perfect Law system to the world. So that other nations would see how good God's Laws work *and want to apply them to their own nations too*. Obviously, Israel has failed miserably in this commission for, over the years, their own governments (not only in Solomon's latter years but also after they split into two nations after his death) became terribly corrupt. So much so, that the Lord (YHVH) had to punish them by allowing them to be cast out of the Promise Land. But the Lord did promise to gather them (Jer 23, Ezek 34). Which is why the He sent Jesus Christ (John 10). Not only to teach them the truth (Deut 18:18-19, John 10) but also to pay for their sins, as well as the sins of all mankind (Mth 13:44, 29:18-20). So, Israel's commission will now be fulfilled *through Jesus Christ*, when He returns to reign over Israel, and the world, at His Second Advent.

As a side note, it's important to also understand that, the people that most think are God's 'chosen people' are *not* truly true Israel. As Jesus Christ Himself said in Rev 2:9 and 3:9, many who claim to be 'Jews' (of the tribe of Judah) *really are not*. Not only are they *not* really of true Israel (as Jesus pointed out in John 8) but, ***no one can be God's 'chosen people' when they***

deny God's Son, Jesus Christ as the Messiah – not even those who are racially of true Israel. Jesus made it clear that race cannot save us. Even those who are of true Israel (which are the white Caucasians of the earth today), are not considered to be 'true' Israelites by our Heavenly Father **unless** they accept Jesus Christ. So, we see that to be considered "Israel" we must believe in Jesus Christ. And while this doesn't take away the fact that the true descendants of Israel are God's inheritance, it means that, only the ones who believe in Jesus Christ will inherit the earth. What's great about that is that *anyone* of *any* race, who believes in Jesus Christ, *can also inherit the earth* when Jesus Christ returns, **if** they believe in Him, and remain faithful to Him. Again, Gal 3 explains this clearly [<https://t.me/BibleStudyBooksEphesiansGalatian/12>].

So, indeed, the nation whose God is the Lord (YHVH) is blessed (happy), and all those who He has chosen for His own inheritance (all those who accept Jesus Christ, no matter what race they are) will indeed be His inheritance, as they'll be allowed to govern the world with Jesus Christ heading the government, at His Second Advent.

Psalm 33

13 The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

These verses virtually mirror what we learned a while back in the Psalms...

3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

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 11:3-7

Even though the governments of the world are all corrupted by now (i.e. the foundations of righteous governing are destroyed), the Lord (YHVH) is still King over all. He still lives and is in His Holy Temple (in heaven) and He still sees all that's going on in the earth (and heaven as well). Thus, He knows how to purify His servants by testing them and also how to punish the wicked. Now, we know there are times when God Himself has come to this dimension. Not only has He helped Israel in battle (Ex 14:9-31, Deut 9:1-6, 2 Sam 5:17-25, 2 Kings 19:32-37, 2 Chron 13:7-20, 2 Chron 14:9-15, 2 Chron 20:12-30, 2 Chron 32:16-22, Judg 4:4-24, Judges 5:18-23, Judg 7:15-25, Josh 6:12-21, 10:1-14, 1 Sam 7:7-13, 2 Kings 6:6-23, 2 Kings 7:3-11) but, He also investigated the claims against Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 18). And He also came to the earth to give Ezekiel His commission to warn Israel to repent of their sins (Ezek 1, 10). And He also appeared to other people throughout the Old Testament, such as Hagar (Gen 16:7-11), Moses (Ex 3:2 and more), Joshua (Joshua 5:13-15), Gideon (Jud 6:11-22), Elijah (1 Kings

19:7) Samson's parents (Jud 13:3-23) and more. To better understand how He did so, check out the following studies...

Was Christ Here On Earth Before His Birth - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/485>

You Will See Clouds and Wheels, Part 1 - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/392>

You Will See Clouds and Wheels, Part 2 - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/393>

Flying Upon the Wings of the Wind - https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Ezekiel/764

What we have to understand is that our Heavenly Father has technology far superior to ours. And even we on earth are able to keep track of things going on around the world through technology. However, because our Heavenly Father's technology is *so far superior*, He is able to read the heart and mind of each and every individual on earth. And therefore, He also sees all that is going on - good and bad (1 Chron 28:9, 1 Kings 8:39, Ps 7:9, Ps 11:4-5, Prov 17:3, Ps 44:20-21, Ps 94:11, Jer 16:17, Jer 17:9-10, Matt 9:4, Matt 12:25, Luke 5:22, Luke 6:8, Luke 11:17, Luke 24:38, Acts 15:7-9, 1 Cor 3:20, Heb 4:12, 1 Thess 2:4, Rom 8:26-27, 1 John 3:20-21). So, there's nothing that is done, said or even thought that He is not aware of. There's no hiding what you've done (let alone thought or desired) from Him. And, as Jesus told us in Mark 4:22, *there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad*. Eccl 12:14 explains this also when it says that *God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil*. And, as Paul points out: *every one of us shall give account of himself to God* (Rom 14:12) because *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* (2 Cor 5:10). And this is why it behooves us to accept His gracious clemency, through faith in Jesus Christ - and cast off our transgressions (rebelliousness against God), sins (breaking His commandments willingly), and iniquity (evil, perverseness, corruption of our spirit) - so that we can be found pleasing to Him and not have to be punished for our sins. But, why does David point out that the Lord can see everything that goes on in the earth; even what is in our heart and mind?

Psalms 33

15 He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.

Our Heavenly Father is using our time in a flesh body *to try and save our soul*. As such, He looks at what is going on inside our heart (desires, emotions, intentions and motivations) and mind (thought process). Not only to chastise us, *to help bring us to repentance*, but also *to help us grow and mature* into the kind of person (i.e. righteous) who can live with Him forever. And that's why David says that He 'fashioneth' the hearts of people on earth. However, He only does so to those who are *willing*, because we must be moldable (teachable) in order for Him to 'mold us'. The word '**fashioneth**' means *to mould into a form*; especially *as a potter*; figuratively, *to determine* (i.e. form a resolution). It's also been translated as - earthen, form, frame, make (-r), potter, purpose (#3335) and comes from #3334, which means to press (through squeezing into shape). This helps us to understand what is said here when David says that the Lord 'fashioneth' their hearts 'alike'. To fashion means to mold, like a potter, and '**alike**' here means *a unit* or

unitedly (#3162). **The Body of Christ (God’s eternal government) must all have on the ‘mind of Christ’ (1 Pt 4:1-2) so we can work together, as a unit, in a united way. We’ve got to have the same goal, same desires, same mindset in order to be a righteous (and eternal) government.** What stands in the way of this is our heart, which is our carnal mind; it’s the part of us that wants to sin (i.e. act like an animal). It’s the part of us that we must ‘re-program’ by studying God’s Word, absorbing it and allowing it to change the way we think, and what we desire, so we not only know God’s Word but we also want to obey it.

In other words, our Heavenly Father is watching all that goes on in the earth – even the hearts and minds of His children – specifically to try and save their soul from spiritual death. He’s trying to help us stop rebelling against Him by helping us to change our carnal mind (our wicked heart) into a heart like He has, which is *righteous*. This is what putting off the ‘old man’ (our carnal mind, the heart) and putting on the ‘new man’ (changing our heart to think and desire to do what’s right, like He does). And, like a potter does, our Heavenly Father molds us (Isa 45:9; Jer 18:1-10; Rom 9:8-33) into a ‘new man’ (who can live with Him forever) by helping us to put off the ‘old man’ *which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts* (Eph 2:22), and not serve sin any longer (Rom 6:6) by renewing the spirit of our mind (Eph 4:23) when we sincerely study His Word (Col 3:10) so we can put on the ‘new man’, which is created after His image of *righteousness and true holiness* (Eph 4:24).

This is what being ‘begotten’ by the Holy Spirit is all about. That’s why James 1:18 says: *of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.* John 1:12-13 explains this too when it says (speaking of Jesus Christ): *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: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.* Romans 8 also explains this so very well when it says, *for if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: 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).

So, our Heavenly Father is working (through Jesus Christ, Rom 8) to mold (fashion) the hearts of His children (whomsoever will allow Him) so they become people who can live with Him forever. *But*, those who are controlled by their carnal mind *cannot live forever*, let alone inherit the kingdom of God (Gal 5:19-21, 1 Cor 6:9-10). And that’s because *those who are carnally minded are unrighteous and do wickedly*. And they do so because their carnal mind (which controls them) is truly *controlled by Satan*. But, if we allow the Holy Spirit into our soul (through faith in Jesus Christ), we are then guided by the Holy Spirit of God, *instead of Satan* (Rom 6) and *that’s* what makes us fit to inherit the Kingdom of God, and live forever with Him. So, when this Ps 33:15 says He fashions our hearts alike, it doesn’t mean we are all *exactly* same but rather, that He is molding us into servants of the kingdom of God. Paul explains this well in Eph 4:11-16 [<https://t.me/BibleStudyBooksEphesiansGalatian/7>] and you can also learn more in the special study on **Unity in the Body of Christ** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1330>].

Psalms 33

16 There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

17 An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

The word ‘**host**’ here means *a force*, whether of men, *means* or *other resources*, such as an *army, wealth, virtue, valor, strength* (#2428). So, David is pointing out that it truly doesn’t matter how large an army a ruler has, nor how much money or resources (be it war horses, or tanks or bombs or whatever) they have – if the Lord (YHVH) is not for you (because you are doing wickedly) *then you are not going to win the war*. That’s why we can have assurance that, when we serve the Living God through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ, we don’t need a big army on earth. As many men and women of faith found out (Heb 11), it is far better to have the Lord of lords (YHVH) with you than all the riches or armies in the world. This is why David says later in the Psalms...

6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

7 The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

8 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

9 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

10 All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them.

Ps 118:6-10

There is no earthly (nor heavenly) army that can stop us from serving Jesus Christ when we keep our faith in Him strong. We can look at the lives of the apostles to see many examples of this [check it out in the book of Acts - https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Acts] but another really good example of this is found in 2 Kings 6, when the king of Syria sent a huge army (with not only horses, but chariots also) to arrest the prophet of Elisha for telling the Israelite king of all of the Syrian king’s military plans. Of course, Elisha only knew this because the Lord had been telling him what was going to happen and *instructed him* to tell the king of Israel. But, because Elisha served the Most High God, he was given an army of God’s angels to protect him...

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

*16 And he answered, Fear not: **for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.***

*17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and **he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.***

18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

2 Kings 6:15-18

Notice, there was a mountain full of ‘horses and chariots’ of fire around Elisha and his servant. Truly, though they could not be seen by flesh eyes (without the Lord opening one’s eyes as He did for Elisha’s servant), there was a *huge* army, much larger than what the Syrian king sent to arrest Elisha. Notice also that this army ‘came down’ to Elisha. And instead of asking God to have the army kill off the Syrian army, Elisha simply asked the Lord to smite them with blindness. Something that the angels also did to the perverts in Sodom and Gomorrah to save Lot (Gen 19:11). So, there is *nothing* that the Lords’ army is not able to do. They are stronger than all armies on earth, and even Satan’s armies in heaven, as Rev 12:7-9 tells us. So, as the Lord said in Isa 30:15, *in returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength*. Only when we turn our heart and mind back to Him (stop rebelling) and allow Him to create a ‘new man’ (who is righteous) inside of us, can we be saved spiritually. And, once we do that, we become His servants instead of Satan’s servants (Rom 6) who are entitled to His protection. And *He always protects His own*. And this is why Paul also wrote...

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?
32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?
33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.
34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.
35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 Rom 8:31-39

To reiterate: there is no earthly (nor heavenly) army that can stop us from serving Jesus Christ, *when we keep our faith in Him strong*. And we need to understand (and remember) this because we are soon going to face the *fiercest army* that has ever been (aside from YHVH’s army) when Satan and his fallen angels are cast out of heaven, to this earth. And while they will have means to physical physically kill people like the world has never seen, *that will not be their purpose*. Their purpose is to deceive the world (especially those who follow Jesus Christ) into worshipping Satan as though he were God Himself for Satan wants us to think he is our ‘savior’ (Rev 12, 2 Thess 2:4). Therefore, we must diligently work to put off the ‘old man’ and put on the ‘new man’ *who is created in God’s image of true righteousness and holiness* (Eph 4:24), *as well as* put on the spiritual Gospel armor (Eph 6), so we can be able to make a firm stand against the old dragon (Satan, the Devil – Rev 12:9). As Rev 12:11 tells us, the ‘overcomers’ overcome Satan, and his

deception (the ‘mark of the beast’) *by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

*11 And that, knowing the time, that **now it is high time to awake out of sleep**: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.*

*12 **The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.***

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

*14 But **put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

Rom 13:11-14

We’ll pick this up in part 5...

AMEN.