

Part 6 – Eternal Inheritance or Smoke Like the Fat of Lambs

In part 5 we learned that the wicked have a spiritual ‘sword’ and ‘bow’ they use quite well to ‘cast down’ the poor and needy and to slay those who are upright in conversation (i.e. who speak the truth). Their ‘weapons of war’ of course are their lying words and other means of deception, such as propaganda. And just as an arrow is shot forth, so too do they shoot forth their lies through the bows of technology via music, news, social media and more. But we also learned that we too have weapons of war, and our only offensive weapon is the Sword of truth, which is the Word of God. And that ‘sword’ is mightier, and sharper, than all the weapons of the wicked. That is why God promised that their own sword will ultimately be pierced into their own heart because the wicked will be ‘brought down’ by their own wicked words and works. Short of sincere repentance, the wicked of this earth will be convicted, and die, by their own weapons *of their own devising*, which includes the lies, deception and decrees *coming out of their mouths* which they’ve used to help tear down Christianity (and the western Christian nations) and largely place themselves in charge of our heavenly Father’s kingdom on this earth (Mt. 11:12).

That’s why our Heavenly Father also promised to break their bows (means of propaganda) which will be realized when Jesus Christ returns; for there will be no satanic interference allowed in the Millennium so all of God’s children can be taught the truth (*pure* truth) so hopefully many of them will be saved by the end of the Millennium. We also learned that it’s better to be righteous, and live humbly within our own means than to be filthy rich. After all, having many riches nearly always corrupt people. And those who sincerely follow Jesus Christ, and do have a good deal of earthly riches (thanks to God’s blessing, not ill-gotten gain) will use their money to help God’s children *and* spread the Gospel, instead of using it to fulfill their own greed and lusts. And lastly, we learned again that the ‘arms’ (power) of the wicked will be broken but the Lord will uphold the righteous. Though this happens, in part, even today, it will be fully realized when the *true* Jesus Christ returns to this earth (at His Second Advent) and takes over the earth. He will depose the wicked, put them in prisons and give His faithful servants (who did not worship Satan nor take the ‘mark of the beast’) authority over the earth *forevermore*. And this is where we pick up in this great Acrostic Psalm. And, there are still so many more precious ‘instructions’ and ‘promises’ yet to come...

Psalm 37

18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.

The ‘LORD’ here is God’s Sacred Name, *Yehovah* (#3068); it’s also His Covenant Name, which is why this verse says that the inheritance of the upright will be *forever* (eternal, #5769). And when it says that the Lord (YHVH) ‘knoweth’ the days of the upright, it’s a figure of speech (*Metonymy*, apx 6) that means He regards them with affection and favor; obviously because they are departing from evil and doing good (Ps 34:17, 37:27). The word ‘**upright**’ here is different than is usually used in the Psalms (which is #3477, meaning to be morally straight). Here it means *morally entire* because they have *integrity* and *truth* (#8549). This same word is actually translated many times a perfect as well as complete, unblemished and without a spot. And the

word ‘inheritance’ is a bit different than the word ‘inherit’ (#3423) in vs 9. Here the word ‘**inheritance**’ means *something inherited*, i.e. *occupancy*, or *an heirloom*; even *an estate*, *patrimony* or *portion* (#5159). And the words ‘**for ever**’ simply mean *eternity* (#5769). As we’ve learned before, the ‘elect’ (those who are righteous because they study God’s Word and work to obey it wholeheartedly, as well as work to share it with others using the gifts God has given them) will indeed inherit the earth *forever* - meaning from the Millennium onward - all through eternity. So, this is truly another wonderful promise from our Heavenly Father. It is written in His Word, which is His will - which means these promises are ‘part and parcel’ of your inheritance. But just as you have to formally claim things left to you in an earthly inheritance, so too you have to formally claim your spiritual inheritance from your Heavenly Father. And you ‘claim’ His promises by doing your part to obey the ‘instructions’ He gives us. And again, the promises of inheritance are wonderful. When Peter asked Jesus Christ what His disciples would get for forsaking all and following Him, Jesus responded...

*28 Verily I say unto you, That **ye which have followed me**, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

*29 And **every one** that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, **for my name's sake**, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.*

Matt 19:28-29

While this doesn’t mean we have to sell all our possessions and literally forsake our flesh family, what Jesus is saying is that we simply must be *willing* to lose all these things if we are truly doing to follow Him. For, during the antichrist’s reign (who is Satan) we might very well lose earthly possessions, and many of our family members will probably be unhappy with us for not bowing down to Satan, because they’ll think he is the Christ. Jesus explained this also in another place...

23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

25 For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

Luke 9:23-26

To truly follow Jesus Christ, we must be *willing* to ‘lose’ our ‘life’ in the flesh. While this might mean actual martyrdom (as has happened to many Christians throughout the centuries since Jesus Christ ascended to heaven) it also means we must be *willing* to lose our all our earthly possessions, carer, prestige (etc.) to remain faithful to Jesus Christ. And on the very basic level, it means to ‘deny’ our ‘self’ (our carnal mind, the part of us that want to sin; Paul calls it our ‘old

man') and take up our cross *daily* to follow Jesus Christ. The 'cross' Jesus was talking is not one you wear around your neck; it's the cross you carry *to your death*. So, we must be willing to put off our 'old man' *which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts* (Eph 2:22), and not serve sin any longer (Rom 6:6). We do this by *renewing in the spirit of our mind* (Eph 4:23) through diligently studying God's Word (Col 3:10) so we can put on the 'new man', which *is created in righteousness and true holiness* (Eph 4:24). As Gal 5:24 succinctly says: *they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts*. And if doing so costs us our flesh life, or our friends and family, or our fleshly belongings (or whatever) ... then so be it. It's *far better* to have eternal life than fleshly things that are temporary. As Jesus said also in Matt 16:26-27: *For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works*. Again, eternal (everlasting) inheritance is *far better* than earthly riches, which are only *temporary*; you can't take them with you when you die (1 Tim 6:7). That's why, in 1 Peter 4:1-2, Peter says: *Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he **no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God***.

And it's also important to understand that you no longer have to be a physical Israelite to inherit God's promises. As Paul explains so very candidly in Gal 3:29: *if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise*. And, Peter also explained, in Acts 10:34-35 that: *of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But **in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him***. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift! (2 Cor 9:15).

Psalms 37

19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

The subject is still the 'upright' and our Heavenly Father promises they won't be ashamed (or disappointed, #954) in the 'evil time', but will be satisfied 'to the full' (#7646). And what is the 'evil time'? It's speaking of the time during the 'great tribulation' of the 'antichrist' who is Satan [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/345>]. It's also called the 'time of Jacob's trouble' in Jer 30:7 and is explained to be a day so 'great' that there will be no 'time of trouble' (so greatly difficult) as that time. As Jesus said...

*21 For then shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25 Behold, I have told you before.

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matt 24:21-27

In other words, when Satan is cast out of heaven, to earth (with his fallen angels, Rev 12), it will be a more difficult ‘time’ *than has ever been before*. So difficult, that Jesus tells us the time has been shortened for the elect’s sake. Because, if it had not been shortened, there would be ‘no flesh saved’. In other words, all of God’s elect would be killed off if the time of tribulation had not been shortened; and the Lord (YHVH) doesn’t want that because He has plans to speak through them so the Gospel of Jesus Christ can be shared with the world (Mth 10:18-22, Mk 13:9-13, Lk 21:12-19, Rev 11). And the wicked also have to be warned what’s coming (the return of the *true* Jesus Christ) *before* Jesus Christ truly returns to take over the earth (take it back from the wicked who will be ruling). This is why Paul tells us *to take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand* (Eph 6:13). But, until that ‘evil time’, the wicked ones will continue to plot against the Lord and His servants (Ps 2), as Paul said in 2 Thess 2:7. But those who remain faithful to Jesus Christ won’t be ashamed, or disappointed, for their loyalty to Him, despite being persecuted for doing so.

Said another way: God is not going to leave you hanging, after you've demonstrated your faith in Him. You will not be disappointed. *He will fulfill His Word*. At His second advent, He brings your reward with Him (Rev 20:4-6, 22:12). But remember, *even now* you can partake of it, **if** you have entwined (binded) yourself to Him, through His Word. And so, even in these days of the spiritual famine (Amos 8:11) you will be satiated, which is to say, *filled to satisfaction*. Your needs are well-covered. His Word pours forth like waters from under the throne, straight to you, if you will but partake of it. As it is written in Ps 23:5, *Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over*. That spiritual table is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. But it is up to you to take a seat there, and eat thereof. Just as a family tends to talk together at the dinner table, so your heavenly Father talks to you through the unction of His Holy Spirit at that spiritual table He has provided for you in the final days of this flesh earth age. His Word IS your spiritual sustenance. Be sure you take part of it so you won’t be spiritually starving during these trying times, and so you won’t be ashamed during that ‘evil time’. As Jesus said...

20 Behold, I stand at the door; and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Rev 3:20-21

Psalms 37

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.*

This verse is the second ‘triplet’ of this Great Acrostic Psalm. As we learned in part 1, Psalms 37 Acrostic has four lines (a quatrain) assigned to each successive letter of the alphabet, *except* the fourth (vs 7), the eleventh (vs 20) and the nineteenth (vs 34); which each have three lines (a triplet) assigned to them. These triplets occur in *perfect order*. The seventh verse is the seventh letter from the beginning; the thirty-fourth verse is the seventh letter from the end; while the middle verse (20) marks the end of the first half with the first of the two middle letters. *That sets verses 7, 20 and 34 apart from the other verses*. Read together, **those three verses sum up the beautiful message of the Psalm**, and form what you might think of as an ‘exclamation point’ to God’s overall message to His ‘elect’. We’ll look at this ‘exclamation’ point later on, so remember this point (and verse).

So, while we formerly learned how the wicked bend their bow and shoot it out at the poor and needy, as well as those who speak truth (upright conversation, vs 14) we’ve seen many promises of what will end up happening to them *verses* what will happen to the upright, those who are righteous. And this verse truly gives us the ‘bottom’ line for the wicked; it tells us, very vividly, what their final end shall be, *unless* they wholeheartedly repent. However, for some of them (Satan and the fallen angels who came to earth and had sexual relations with flesh woman – as Gen 3, 6) their fate is already sealed. There is not chance for salvation for them; they are already condemned to die (Ezek 28, Isa 14 and Rev 20). As Jesus said, in John 3, in order to inherit eternal life, we must be (1) born into a flesh body and (2) be ‘born’ of the Holy Spirit. Being born ‘of’ the Holy Spirit is being ‘born of God’, as John 1:13 and 1 John 5:18 explain. And in 1 Cor 4:15, Paul explains that we are ‘begotten’ by God’s Holy Spirit when we believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the truth.

And in Rom 8:13-14, Paul explains that: *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*. And he also says, in Rom 8:11, that *if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you*. And James succinctly explains this in James 1:18: *Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures*. In other words, we are ‘begotten’ of God, through the Holy Spirit. And that’s because, when we truly accept Jesus Christ as our Savior and King, we will sincerely study His Word (Mth 11:29). And when we do that, the Holy Spirit *will* help us put off the ‘old man’ (our carnal mind, which is the part of us that wants to sin, Rom 8) and put on the ‘new man’ which is in the image of God’s righteousness and holiness (Eph 4:24). So that, *though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day* (2 Cor 4:16) by knowledge of Jesus Christ (Col 3:10). After all, it’s our Heavenly Father that teaches us to be prosperous and leads us in the right way to go (Isa 48:17) because He alone teaches us what righteousness is, and how to be (and do), righteousness (Isa 45:19). But, the wicked refuse to believe in Jesus Christ.

They not only refuse Him they literally *hate* Him. Did you realize that? Jesus Christ does have enemies, and they are the same as His Father's enemies. After all, the Lord (YHVH) said...

9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

*10 And repayeth them **that hate him to their face, to destroy them**: he will not be slack to him **that hateth him**, he will repay him to his face.*

Deut 7:9-10

39 See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.

*41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; **I will render vengeance to mine enemies**, and will reward them that **hate me**.*

42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy.

43 Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.

Deut 32:39-43

So, our Heavenly Father (and Jesus Christ) *does* have enemies; and they do, literally *hate* Him. But, He won't 'let this stand'. He will 'repayeth' those who hate Him 'to their face' and 'destroy them'. He says this *twice* in Deut 7, for emphasis. And in Isa 1:24 we're told: *Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies*. Again, we see that the Lord (YHVH) will avenge Himself upon His enemies. And in this 20th verse we see how this will ultimately happen. All of God's enemies will indeed be consumed by His consuming fire (Heb 12:29) and go up into smoke, just as the fat of lambs; *they'll never exist again*. But this is *after* the Millennium. Yet, even *before that*, it's also written that Jesus Christ will return to earth and pour out God's 'cup of wrath' on His enemies in the 'day of vengeance'. So, God's vengeance on His enemies is twofold. Once at Jesus Christ's Second Advent and then again after the Millennium (Rev 20). Further, this 'day of vengeance' (when Jesus Christ returns at His Second Advent) is something our Heavenly Father is *greatly* looking forward to. As He says through Isaiah, in Isa 63:4: *For **the day of vengeance is in mine heart**, and the year of my redeemed is come*. And in Jer 46:10 He says: *For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, **a day of vengeance**, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour; and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates*. Jesus also spoke of this day...

20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

*22 For **these be the days of vengeance**, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.*

Luke 21:20-22

As the special study on **The Armies** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/351>] well explains, Jerusalem compassed about with armies is referring to when Satan *and his fallen angels* are in Jerusalem. *They* form the ‘army’ that are surrounding Jerusalem, and *that’s* why Christians are supposed to ‘flee’. ***We are not supposed to be going to Jerusalem to worship Satan.*** We’re to stand against Him and his evil ‘beast’ governing system he’ll implement when he’s here. Paul also explains how Satan will be in Jerusalem claiming to be God in 2 Thess 2. And so, when Satan’s in Jerusalem, with his ‘army’ of fallen angels surrounding the city, *that’s* the time when Jesus Christ is *very soon* going to return to pour out God’s ‘cup of wrath’, which is the ‘day of vengeance’ that’s so dear to God’s heart. 2 Thess 1:6-12 explains this too. But this verse in Psalms 37:20 is explaining what will happen *a thousand years later*, after Jesus has been ruling the world, and His ‘elect’ (those who are faithfully serving in His government) have been teaching all people who are not already condemned to die (Satan and his fallen angels) the truth, so perhaps they can be saved from what this Psalms 37:20 is speaking of.

Now, let’s *make sure* we understand just what is the Lord promising here in this 20th verse. Consider what happens when you drip fat onto a hot fire... what happens? It is *instantly vaporized*. All that’s left is the smoke, which is the sign that something *once* existed, but *exists no more*. Ultimately, that smoke rises and *dissipates into nothingness*. **That** is what happens to the wicked enemies of our Lord and Savior after the Millennium. They are not tortured forever in some fiery pit. Once they hit the fire, they are gone forever. As Rev 20:15 says: *whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire*. The smoke of their burning rises, and then dissipates into nothing. And ***they can never exist again***. For them, it is ‘finis’. This is why, Deut 4:24, 9:3 and Heb 12:29 tells us that *our God is a consuming fire*. And, it’s also why, in Matt 10:28, Jesus said: *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***. The word ‘**destroy**’ here is the Hebrew word *apollumi* (#622), which means ***to destroy fully*** (reflexively, to ***perish***, or ***lose***). It’s the prime root for the word ‘perdition’ in 2 Thess 2:3 where Paul speaks of Satan being the ‘*son of perdition*’.

And it’s also the prime root for the word ‘Apollyon’ in Rev 9:11 where we’re told that the names of the king (Satan) over the ‘locust’ army (which are Satan’s fallen angels) is Abaddon (in the Hebrew) and Apollyon in the Greek. So, if we don’t want to have the same fate as Satan and the other fallen angels (who are already condemned to be blotted out of existence in the lake of fire, like the fat of lamb consumes away) then we must be diligent to do our part to ‘claim’ God’s promises by *obeying* the instructions He gives us. Physical death is but a ‘shadow’ of the real thing (Ps 23:4). When our flesh body dies, it decomposes back into the dust from which it came but our spirit goes back to God who gave it (Ecc 12:7). But, the ‘second death’ (Rev 20:14) will be eternal. Just as the fat of lambs dissipates into nothingness, so too will their soul and spirit dissipate into nothingness and we’ll never have to worry about them harming us again. [To learn more: **Sinners Are Not Tormented Forever** <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/330>]. The book of Ecclesiastes sums up this up, rather well...

12 Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him:

13 But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God.

Ecc1 8:12-13

We'll pick this up in part 7...

AMEN.