

Part 2 – The Blessed Ones

In part 1 we learned how that, after David had come to a good repentance (in Ps 38) he then waited patiently for the Lord to help him out of his troubles and ‘take care of’ his enemies. However, this didn’t mean he sat around and did nothing. He worked to bind his soul and spirit to the Lord (YHWH) by studying His Word and strove to kick off his sinful ways (and thoughts and desires) so he could learn to do what’s right instead of sinning. And, while David did have to endure many hard times from God’s chastisements (which part of making a good repentance) the Lord did eventually bring him up out of the ‘horrible pit’ that sin pulls us down into (corruption of our soul and spirit) and set him on *the Rock*, which is Jesus Christ (1 Cor 10:4), so that his ways were established to do what’s right. And thus, the Lord put a ‘new song’ in his mouth. This means, instead of singing a ‘sad song’ (lamentation) for the pain he felt from a guilty conscience, and for the hard times he was going through, he sang a ‘new song’ of *praise* to the Lord, for forgiving his sins and helping him through all his trials and tribulations. And the Psalms he wrote (the ‘new songs’) continue to teach people to fear to do evil, revere and trust in the Lord, *to this very day*. And this ‘new song’ is the thought we pick up with in this great Psalm that is still a ‘Prayer and Praise’ Psalm written ‘in view of’ the future blessings that Psalms 24 spoke of (prophetically looking forward to Jesus’ Second Advent) ...

Psalm 40

4 Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Now David continues explains what those who make a good (sincere) repentance to the Lord (YHWH) will do. And he says they’ll be ‘**blessed**’, which (in this case) actually means ***to be happy*** (#835, as in Ps 1 as well). And the only way we can truly be happy is when we put our trust in (‘maketh’ means *to put*, #7760) the Lord (Yehovah, #3068). Remember, Yehovah is God’s Covenant. So, it’s only a name that those who make a ‘covenant’ with our Heavenly Father use – i.e. those who sincerely strive to put off their sinful ways and turn to Him in faith, love and obedience. And when we do that (as David did) we will be blessed (happy) *because* trust in Him. The word ‘**trust**’ here means ***a refuge***, i.e. ***security***, or ***assurance*** (#4009). David spoke of this often in his songs (Psalms). Back in chapter 9 he wrote...

9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

*10 And **they that know thy name** will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.*

Ps 9:9-10

Our Heavenly Father is always someone we can count on. So long as we are sincerely seeking Him – to obey and serve Him *wholeheartedly*, and not pretending – then He’ll always help us

because, after all, we are His servants. And that's why He won't forsake us (i.e. because we have not forsaken Him for lies, idolatry and false gods). And, in Psalms 27:5, he likened our trusting in the Lord (YHVH) to a spiritual 'pavilion' we can spiritually flee to (in trust) because, when we pray to our Heavenly Father, our prayers go *directly to Him* (Rev 8:3-4), so long as we believe in Jesus Christ and pray *in His name* (John 14:13-14, 26, 15:16, 16:23-26). And then in Ps 31:20 he wrote how the Lord (YHVH) will spiritually hide us in the 'secret' of His presence, which is His 'pavillion' (i.e. via His Holy Spirit, through Jesus' interceding for us, Rom 8:34) from the proud men and the strife of their tongues. As Ps 64:1-4 explains, there are times when we really need this protection. And in Psalms 91 (1-4) we're told that, when we 'dwell' spiritually in the 'secret place' of the Most High (which means, *when we have the Holy Spirit within us* - Rom 8:9, 1 John 2:5) then we'll abide under the 'shadow' of the Almighty; which means we'll be protected by our Heavenly Father, both physically and spiritually. Our trust in our Heavenly Father – His Word, His Son and the guidance of His Holy Spirit – is our 'refuge' and 'fortress' (safe space spiritually) that we flee to, spiritually speaking.

In other words, the Holy Spirit will give us peace, and assurance, that we'll be 'ok' if we simply trust in Him and continue to do what's right - no matter how dire the situation seems. As Ps 91:4 says, His truth is a shield and a buckler to us, spiritually, because His truth is what deflects lies (and even fear) from our spirit when we're being persecuted (Eph 6:16). And that's why we're given so many promises (blessings) when we trust in the Lord (as Ps 37 revealed). Because those who do not trust (or believe) in God Almighty (YHVH) end up sinning and, eventually doing great evil, because they don't think serving God and doing what's right has any benefits (2 Thess 2:10-12). How wrong they are. As Isa 26:3-4 says: *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: **because he trusteth in thee**. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength*. Our Heavenly Father will *always* give us peace of mind *when* we trust in Him *and* continue to do what's right, even when being severely pressured to sin. And He'll also give us the internal strength (through His Holy Spirit within us) to do what's right, even when everyone else is not, and pressuring us to 'go along to get along'. And that's why David, in the latter part of verse 1 here in Psalms 40, says that those who trust in the Lord (YHVH) will be happy (blessed) when they trust in Him *and* they do not respect the proud or turn aside to lies. The word '**respecteth**' here means *to turn* or, by implication, *to face*; i.e. *appear or look at* (#6437). And the word '**proud**' means *the insolent* (#7295). It's speaking of those who are embolden to sin and strongly urge others to do the same (#7292, the prim of 7295). And the words '**turn aside**' means *to detrude* (to thrust or force down, out, or away) or *become derelict* (run down or negligent) (#7750). It can even mean to practice idolatry, which is trusting in anything other than our Heavenly Father. And, of course, the word '**lies**' means a *falsehood* (untruth) or even, figuratively, *an idol* (#3577) and comes from a word that means to *lie* or *deceive* (#3576).

What this tells us is that, *when* we have truly made a good repentance, we'll trust in our Heavenly Father (His Word, the truth) instead of the lies or anything else (John 8:44). For many people also trust in their riches and/or their status in life. People also like to trust in pastors, politicians and other idols (like people in the entertainment industry) that lie to them, and even urge them to rebel against the Most High God (YHVH). Those who don't believe in and/or trust in the Lord (YHVH) must have *something* else to believe in. But, when we reject truth (don't believe in nor trust in God's Word) then we automatically embrace a lie... **that's what apostasy IS.** [Learn more in the study on, **Apostasy**: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/499>]. So again, if we truly trust in our Heavenly Father, we won't listen to (or believe in) the lies that people say (or that evil spirits whisper in our ears). If we hear them talking we simply 'take no heed' to it.

And truly, there are so many other Scriptures that speak of those who are blessed (happy) when they listen to, believe in and obey (wholeheartedly) our Heavenly Father *instead of* false gods and idols. David spoke of this back in the very first chapter of the Psalms when explaining that those who don't walk in (listen to or obey) the counsel of the ungodly or sinners will delight themselves in the Law of the Lord and think about it day and night. And because of this, they'll be like a tree planted by rivers of water instead of the 'chaff' that blows away at the time of harvest. And, back in Ps 32:1-2, David also told us that happy (blessed) are those *whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered and whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile*. Ps 65:4 also says that happy (blessed) *is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple*. And Psalms 15 gave us details of the characteristics that those who are happy (blessed) will have because they are allowed to be a part of the Kingdom of God. Jesus does so too in Matt 5:3-12. And we could go on and on... Ps 84:4-5, Ps 84:12, Ps 112:1, Ps 119:1-2, Isa 56:1-2, Matt 24:42-51, James 1:12, 25 and more. But there's also many blessings spoken of in the book of Revelations – which is a book that many teach is 'sealed' and they therefore don't even teach it because they say we cannot understand it. Yet, in Revelations 5 we're told that Jesus Christ unsealed it for us (as His Holy Spirit does for all of God's Word, *to those who sincerely seek Him*). And in the very first chapter of Revelations, we're told...

*1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto **his servants** things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:
2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.*

*3 **Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.***

Rev 1:1-3

Did you catch that? Jesus Christ Himself said that we *will* be blessed (*supremely* blest; fortunate, and well off, #3107) when we read, hear and keep (obey) the words that are spoken of in the Revelations. So, certainly, the book of Revelations is NOT sealed to us, because Jesus Christ has opened it to us, through His Holy Spirit; but that's *only* when we are His servants (as vs 1 says). So then, **the only people who this book of Revelations** (or all of God's Word, for that matter) **is sealed to are those who are *not* His servants!** Which is why there's *many* other Scriptures in the Revelations that go on to explain about those who are 'blessed' when they read, understand and obey the instructions within it: i.e. Rev 14:13, Rev 16:15, Rev 20:6, Rev 22:6-7, Rev 22:12-15. And thus, the book of Revelations is not contradictory to the rest of God's Laws. It simply **Enhances and Magnifies** it [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/421>], helping us to understand things that were formerly not extremely clear, though they were written of. And that's why it behooves us to understand the book of Revelations and to study it diligently [which you can do at this link: https://t.me/Bibelstudienbucher_Offenbarungen], along with the rest of God's Word, of course. So then, what else does David have to say?

Psalms 40

5 Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

David now uses God's Sacred Name (Yehovah) and another 'title' back-to-back. The '**LORD**' here is *Yehovah* (#3068), which means: (the) **self-Existent** or **Eternal**. It is His 'covenant' name because only when He was making a covenant with Israel did He reveal His Sacred Name to Moses [which you can learn more about here: <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>]. So, when David uses Yehovah, he's saying that he is in a covenant with Him because David believed in Him and believed that the Messiah *would* come (which He did as Jesus Christ); *and* he is trying to obey the Lord, Yehovah so he can receive the promised blessings. But, then he says that Yehovah is my 'God'. In the Hebrew, this word '**God**' is '**Elohiym**' (#430), which means the Supreme God. Apx 4 in the *Companion Bible* tells us that this 'title' for Yehovah is used when connecting Him to His creation; thus, it's essential meaning is **the Creator of all things** – i.e. the **Supreme God**. That's why Ps 96:3-5 says to *declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people* because *the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods*. And why is He to be greatly praised and feared above all other 'gods' (who are false gods)? Because *all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens*. There's no one else who created the heaven or earth... or even us (Gen 1:1, Isa 42:5, Isa 45:12, 18, Ps 96:4-5; 148:1-6, John 1:1-3, Acts 4:24; 14:15, Eph 3:9, Col 1:16, Rev 4:11; Rev 14:7). The Lord (Yehovah) made it all; yes, He even created our body, soul and spirit (Gen 1:1, 26-27).

So, David is simply acknowledging that Yehovah is *his* Creator *and* the Creator of all things, and that he has acknowledged that, as well as accepted His covenant and is trying to do 'his part' by

obeying the commands of God's Word; because He knows that, not only do blessings come from that, but *that's also the only way we can ever have peace of mind and heart*. And this is why he says that Yehovah's works are truly wonderful. The words '**wonderful works**' are actually one Hebrew word that means *to separate*, i.e. *distinguish* (literally or figuratively); by implication, *to be* (causatively, *make*) *great, difficult, wonderful* (#6381). And in Acts chapter 2, when the Holy Spirit was first given on Pentecost day (after Jesus died, rose again and ascended to heaven to sit at the right hand of God and be our intercessor, Rom 8:34) the apostles (filled with the Holy Spirit) spoke about the 'wonderful works' of God. The words '**wonderful works**' (Acts 2:11) mean (*in the Greek*) *magnificent*, i.e. (neut, plural as noun) *a conspicuous favor*, or (subjectively) *perfection* (#3167). If you read on, you'll see Peter (by the Holy Spirit in him) give a very good summary of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In other words, **salvation through Jesus Christ IS the most 'wonderful work' that God has done**. And Peter used the Old Testament Scriptures – not only to prove that Jesus really was the Christ, the Son of God – but also to explain that His death and resurrection paid for our sins and allow us to be forgiven our sins so we can obtain eternal life. This is also the chapter where we are told that David was a prophet (vs 29-30), giving credence to the fact that many of the Psalms are indeed prophetic, just as much as they are often historical (speaking of David's own experiences).

And truly, Yehovah's many works are indeed wonderful. So much so that they (without a doubt) separate Him from all false gods... who have not created anything but lies and sin and deception (John 8:44) and pave the way for people to lose their soul in the 'lake of fire' (Rev 20). But, the 'wonderful works' of Jesus Christ is that *He can save us from spiritual death, if* we'll only believe in Him, and cast off our sinful thoughts, desires and works and cleave to God's Word instead. The blessing of His Holy Spirit is that He gives us the internal strength, and understanding, in how to do that (i.e He teaches us how to do what's right so we can live forever). Truly, *the only good 'thing' in us is the Word of God and the Holy Spirit*. That's why, if we don't want to receive the cursings that the wicked people get (which is spiritual death eventually), we must 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). And the Holy Spirit helps us to do this by *renewing the spirit of our mind* (Eph 4:23) as we diligently, sincerely and consistently study God's Word (Col 3:10), helping us to put on the 'new man', *which is created in God's Image of righteousness and true holiness* (Eph 4:24).

Yet, there are also many other wonderful works we can speak of, which are written. One only has to look at how God created this earth age, how He (with great power) freed Israel from bondage and brought them into the Promise Land. And how He kept His promise to bring forth the Messiah (Jesus Christ), which saves us from our sins. How He '*added to the church daily such as should be saved*' (Acts 2:47) and truly, how He continues to do so! How much more could we go on to speak of the *many mighty* works the Lord (YHVH) performed when saving Israel from their enemies (once they repented) and the *many mighty* miracles (healings, raising people from

the dead, etc.) that He did in the Old Testament *and* in the New Testament through Jesus Christ and the apostles. As David said, there's so many 'wonderful works of God' that they cannot be numbered and it would take far longer than we have time for in this study to speak of. The word '**reckoned**' is also interesting because it means *to set in a row*, i.e. *arrange, put in order* (#6186). So, if you wrote them all down in a long list, you'd lose count trying to count all of God's wonderful works! As John said, at the end of the Gospel he wrote: *And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written* (John 21:25). So, the point is, our Heavenly Father is not 'out to get us'. He doesn't want even the wicked ones to have to die (aside from Satan and the fallen angels who are already condemned to death). That's why He has created this earth age [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/496>] and brought forth Jesus Christ to save us – both from our own sins and from the evil ones who persecute those who follow Him. As David said here, Yehovah's thoughts to usward are not bad, they are very good. Truly, our Heavenly Father loves us so much [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1344>]. And *His many wonderful works prove it*. His righteous plan of Salvation (through Jesus Christ) proves that too. As He said in the book of Jeremiah...

*10 For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my **good word toward you**, in causing you to return to this place.*

*11 For **I know the thoughts that I think toward you**, saith the LORD, **thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.***

12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

Jer 29:10-14

However, those who continue to do evil, and utterly refuse His (many) calls to repent, He **is** angry at. As David wrote Ps 7:11: *God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day*. And in the 11th Psalm, he pointed out that...

*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 11:5-7

So, our Heavenly Father has great plans (good thoughts) to those who accept His gracious clemency through Jesus Christ. But the wicked will have to be punished for their refusal to repent from their wicked ways. Again, the wicked don't truly get away with anything. They will be punished. *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad* (2 Cor 5:10).

1 Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? who can shew forth all his praise?

Ps 106:1-2

10 All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee.

11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

*13 Thy kingdom is an **everlasting** kingdom, and thy dominion endureth **throughout all generations.***

Ps 145:10-13

We'll pick this up in part 3...

AMEN.