

Part 1 – Spiritual Thirst

In chapter forty-one, part 1, we learned that those who are blessed (happy) will ‘consider’ the poor. This means to use God’s Word to discern people who are *truly* in need verses those who are not; meaning, we should discern if people are poor (having hard times) from their own bad habits, and bad choices, in life *or* if they truly are trying to change their life for the better (turning back to the Lord, through Jesus Christ) and just need some help (physically and/or spiritually). If we don’t learn to discern this then we could end up aiding and embedding their sins instead of helping them to find true peace of mind and salvation through Jesus Christ. After all, God’s Word teaches us how to do what’s right so we can be blessed by God and don’t consistently need handouts from others. But when we do learn to rightly discern (with the help of God’s Word and the Holy Spirit) how to help others (whether they are poor physically and/or spiritually) then we will be happy (blessed). And we’re also given many more promises than just being happy (having true peace of mind). Our Heavenly Father also promises to deliver us out of all troubles because He’ll guard us as closely as someone puts a fence (hedge) around a precious part of their property. And, if we’re a Christian, we *are* God’s property because *we’re a part of Him* (a part of the Body of Christ). Another promise we’re given is that He’ll also revive our soul and spirit, as we study His Word and work to faithfully serve Him each day; helping to shine the light (the truth) of Jesus Christ to His wayward children. Thus, He won’t deliver us to the desires of our enemies because, when we faithfully serve Him, our enemies are HIS enemies. And He definitely does *not* bless His enemies! He’ll also help us in times when we’re physically sick, or being very afflicted spiritually, so long as we continue to keep our faith in Him strong and continue to try to do what’s right, as His Word instructs us to do. Our Heavenly Father is *always* faithful to reward us with the ‘promises’ He gives us *so long as* we’re faithful to obey the ‘instructions’ He gives us.

In part 2 we learned that the healing we need the most in our life is healing of our soul. And that only comes when we make a good repentance and study God’s Word, for truth is the *only* thing that can cleanse, *and* heal our ‘inner man’ (heart, mind [spirit] and soul). And as we are cleansed, and healed, inside our Heavenly Father will give us strength to get through anything. It doesn’t matter if we are betrayed by our best friend or even our family (as will happen to many of Jesus’ faithful servants during the ‘great tribulation’, Mth 10:18-22, Mk 13:9-13, Lk 21:12-19) our Heavenly Father (and Jesus Christ) will *always* protect us and give us the strength we need to make it through the hard times. That’s a promise directly from the Lord (YHVH) Himself (1 Cor 10:13) and He’s *always* good for His Word. So long as we don’t forsake Him, He’ll never forsake us.

In part 3 we saw David asked the Lord (YHVH) to be merciful to him and raise him up (spiritually and physically) so he could requite his enemies. But we learned David wasn’t asking for the Lord (YHVH) to help him ‘pay back’ his *personal* enemies but rather, to establish law

and order again. For David's enemies were truly God's enemies, because David was a faithful servant of the Lord (YHVH). What's more, he was also the rightful king of Israel. So, when David's own son convinced nearly all of Israel to rebel against him, they were truly rebelling against the God of Israel (YHVH) *and* His righteous laws, which David did a pretty good job of enforcing... which some people in Israel apparently did not like. And David also said he realized that the Lord favored him because He wouldn't let his enemies triumph. Time and time again, throughout David's life, the Lord blessed his military campaigns because David obeyed the Lord (YHVH). He never fought against Saul when he was king or his own national army. Rather, he fought against Israel's enemies, even protecting people in his own nation against the Philistines when he was in the wilderness running from Saul (and the Israelite army) who were literally trying to kill him. And what we can glean from this is that, when the Lord (YHVH) blesses our efforts to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ (with whatever gifts He's given us) we know that He's pleased with us too, just as He was with David. But like with David, if we sin against Him, He'll also let us know that too! For our Heavenly Father chastises us for our good (Heb 12). David also said that, instead of letting his enemies triumph over him, the Lord (YHVH) continued to uphold him by establishing his soul and spirit (heart and mind) in His Word and helping him learn to do what's right. That's still how he 'upholds' and establishes us today too. So long as we faithfully study His Word and sincerely strive to obey Him, He'll keep His Holy Spirit in us to teach and guide us how to obey Him daily; for the Lord only gives His Holy Spirit to those who are wholeheartedly trying to obey Him (John 14:15-16, Acts 5:32). David ended Psalm 41 (which is the last chapter in the 'book of Genesis' in the Psalms) by declaring that the Lord, Yehovah, is the God of Israel forever and ever, Amen and Amen. Which simply means that: the fact that Yehovah (YHVH) is the God of Israel and should be blessed forever - *is 'truth'*, for Amen simply means to declare something is 'sure', 'faithful' or 'truth' (#543). And if we want to bless our Heavenly Father, we'll continue to share the truth (His Word) with others for *that* is what pleases Him *immensely*, above anything else (aside from our sincere love) that we can give or do for Him.

So, now that we have finished the first 'book' of 'Genesis' in the Psalms, we'll now begin the next 'book', which is the 'Exodus' book. You can find more details about this on page 720 in the *Companion Bible*, as well as information on why the Psalms are 'divided' into five 'books' in correlation to the first five books of the Bible (Pentateuch). We also covered this in more detail in the Prelude to the Psalms, [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Psalms/5]. But, since we're about to start the 'Exodus book', we'll simply do a refresher on what we're about to study...

(Psalms 42-72) THE EXODUS BOOK – CONCERNING ISRAEL AS A NATION. The counsels of God, which are *concerning Israel's ruin, Israel's Redeemer (Jesus Christ), Israel's redemption* (Ps 68, Ex 15:13). It begins with Israel's cry for deliverance and ends with Israel's king reigning over the redeemed nation. The book concludes with a Benediction and a double AMEN.

Now, page 759 in the *Companion Bible* also gives a very detailed outline of this ‘Exodus Book’. And, each chapter also (as with all of the Psalms) has an outline, which is greatly helpful when studying. If you want to check it out, check out this link to the Old Testament in the *Companion Bible* in PDF, if you don’t have one [<https://t.me/BestStudyBible/6>]. So, the first two chapters in this ‘Exodus’ book (42-43) are linked together. The outline of these two Psalms (as the *Companion Bible* provides) shows why they should really be one Psalm (similar to Psalms 9-10) for they both give a repeated appeal to God. This is why Psalms 42 has no subtitle and Ps 43 has no title. And the ‘theme’ of these next two Psalms is ‘Israel’s Ruin being realized’ - meaning, realizing what life is like without our Heavenly Father. As we learned back in Ps 39, life in the flesh is very empty and shallow without our Heavenly Father, for the peace that the Holy Spirit gives us is truly what makes life worth living; not pleasure of the flesh. The Structure of this ‘Exodus’ book in the *Companion Bible* (on page 759) also points out that these Psalms 42-43 open with ‘crying and tears’ just as Exodus does in Ex 2:23, 3:7-8 and 6:9.

Now with that said, one might be tempted to think that these Psalms were written during the days when the children of Israel were in the wilderness since we’re studying the ‘Exodus’ book of the Psalms. But that’s not necessarily the case, as this Psalm 42 will reveal. First off, the Psalmist (in this 42nd Psalm) will speak of being in the house of God (vs 4), which is something they did not have before they were freed from Egyptian bondage; and even when the Tabernacle was made while they were in the wilderness, Israel was not separated from the Tabernacle because it stayed with them the whole time. And secondly, it also speaks about being in the land of Jordan (vs 6), which they never experienced before they were in the Promise Land.

So then, when was this Psalm written? It’s likely (albeit not specifically stated) that it was written by someone who was a faithful follower of David, and fled with him into the wilderness during Absalom’s rebellion. The context of the chapter strongly suggests this, and it’s actually quite similar to some of the Psalms that David wrote during that time too. But the reason it is in this ‘Exodus book’ of the Psalms is because it shows how *Israel was ‘ruined’ by rebellion against God*. And while Israel did rebel against God (many times) in the wilderness, they were not yet even in the Promise Land. But Israel was ‘ruined’ when they rebelled against David, who was God’s anointed king. In other words, the Psalmist of this Psalm 42 realizes the horror of being kicked out of his nation because he was not able to worship before the Tabernacle in Jerusalem, where God’s Ark of the Covenant was, which was symbolic of God’s presence because that’s where He appeared to Israel at during this time. That’s something that hurt David deeply too (Psalms 3-13, for example). So, this Psalm teaches us a vital lesson in that it will show us how important it is not to let ‘bad thoughts’ about our situation overcome us. We *must* learn to control our thoughts and emotions (our carnal mind) and think about reality, which is revealed to us in Gods’ Word so we continue to do what’s right and learn to endure the hard times...

Psalm 42

1 Mas'-chil, for the sons of Ko'rah.

So, the 'title' of this chapter shows that it is a "Mas'-chil" Psalm and it's the second of thirteen (32, 42, 44, 45, 52, 53, 54, 55, 74, 78, 88, 142). But, what does this mean? Apx. 65 XI tells us **it's an 'Understanding' or 'Instruction' Psalm** for public use. Unlike the "Michtam" Psalms (which are all by David) these are by various authors, except for six of them, which are by David. Apx. 65 also tells us that 'Mas-chil' means *to look at, scrutinize, to look well into anything* (1 Sam 18:30); hence the noun will mean understanding arising from deep consideration (Prov 13:15, Neh 8:8). Thus, these 'Maschil' Psalms ***gives us the basis of all true instruction and understanding***. Indeed, the first 'Maschil' Psalm, chapter 32, taught us the importance of sincerely repenting and how to do so. It showed us that true repentance not only requires acknowledging our sins (breaking God's Laws), transgressions (rebellion against God) and iniquities (having a corrupted/perverse, or even evil spirit) – but that we must also study God's Word to learn how to do what's right (which is what cleans our heart and mind) and learning to actually implement His Word into our daily thoughts, desires, words and actions. And true repentance also requires trusting in our Father's Word; meaning the promises He's given us for doing what's right in obeying His Word. So, that's essentially the first great lesson of the "Mas'-chil" Psalms and this next Psalm will follow up with that teaching by teaching us to kick out our worries and fears and trust in the Lord (YHWH) *no matter what happens to us*.

Now, we also see that this *Mas'-chil* Psalm was written *'for the sons of Ko'rah'*. So, it behooves us to know who these 'sons of Ko'rah' are. Exodus 6:16-24 tells us that Korah was a cousin of Moses and Aaron; so, he was of the tribe of Levi but not of the Aaronic priesthood. It was Korah who (along with some other men) rebelled against the Lord (YHWH) (Num 16:1-3). And in Num 16:24-27 we're told that Korah and some of his family died by a miraculous event in which the earth opened up and literally swallowed them up. However, Num 26:9-11 and 27:3 explains that not all of Korah's children died, *because they obeyed* Moses' command to get away from their father; which shows not all of his children followed his rebellion in that they feared the Lord (YHWH) enough to obey Him. And that's why the descendants of Korah were later allowed to be singers and porters for the Lord's Temple (1 Cor 9, 15). In fact, one of the three 'head' musicians that the Holy Spirit (through David) appointed over all the musicians in the Temple was Heman, a descendant of Korah (a Korathite). And he had 14 sons who were appointed over the 24 courses of singers for the Temple (1 Chron 6:33, 1 Chron 16:39-43, 1 Chron 25:1-7). And in 1 Chron 25:1 we're told that they were to prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals and in verse 5 we're told that Heman was king David's seer, which means he was a prophet. So, even though Korah himself was a rebel – judged and executed by God Himself – not all of his children followed in his evil ways and were blessed for that. This proves what Ezekiel 18 and 33 tell us; that God only punishes the children for the sins of their father *when they follow in their*

father's sins, which is what Ex 20:5-6 says as well. So, it's quite likely that this *Mas'-chil* Psalm that was written for the sons of Ko'rah was very likely written by a 'son of Korah' himself. Which also indicates that some of the Korathites remained loyal to David during Absalom's rebellion, for that's when this Psalm was most likely written. So, without further a due, let's look at the rest of verse 1...

Psalms 42:1 continued...

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

The word '**hart**' simply means a **male deer** (#354) and the word '**panteth**' actually means **to long for** (#6165). The word '**brooks**' (in the context of this verse) means **a bed or valley of a stream**. It's also been translated as a 'channel', which is why the *Companion Bible* notes that it could even be rendered as a 'gorge'. The point the Psalmist is making here is that his soul (the essence of who he is) longs for God as a deer longs to get a drink of water, but has a long and arduous trip down the gorge to be able to get to the water. Now, the word 'God' here is '*Elohiym*' (#430), which means *the Supreme God*, who is our *Creator* (Apx 4). In other words, the Psalmist is saying he feels it's as hard to approach our Creator - who is the Supreme God above all gods (2 Chron 2:5) – as it was for a male deer to make it down a very steep gorge to get a drink of water. A male deer is used because they are well known for their strength, thus emphasizing the point that: even for a *strong* deer it was hard for them to get down a gorge to get a drink of water. And that's how this Psalmist felt, *spiritually*. He was going through hard times and his soul was troubled greatly. He longed for peace of mind as a deer does water; but peace for his 'inner man' felt as hard to obtain as even a strong deer trying to get to water that's in a deep gorge. As we move along in this Psalm, we'll learn *why* he makes this statement but let's not forget what our spiritual Living Water is...

7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

*10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee **living water**.*

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

*14 But **whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.***

John 4:7-14

Jesus Christ is the One who gives us the Living Water, which is *spiritual*...

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

*38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.***

*39 (But **this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given;** because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

John 7:37-39

How do the Living Waters flow out of Jesus Christ's 'belly'? Because the Living Water is truth and it's given to us by His Holy Spirit, which is in the body of Jesus Christ, as vs 39 above explains. So, the Psalmist here in Ps 42, is yearning for the *truth* to quench the spiritual thirst of his aching soul...

*1 **Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.***

*2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? **hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.***

*3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, **and your soul shall live;** and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.*

4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.
Isa 55:1-4

Our Heavenly Father promised that when the Messiah came (Jesus Christ) He would give us the Living waters, which would cause our soul to delight in 'fatness' (be fulfilled with truth) so our soul can live. We need the truth in order to live eternally and that's why Jesus Christ said: *To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, **that I should bear witness unto the truth.** Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice* (John 18:37). And in Isa 58:11, our Heavenly Father said: *the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.* The Lord (YHVH) fulfilled this promise when He gave us the Holy Spirit, which came after Jesus Christ died for our sins and rose again (Acts 2:33). Indeed, the Lord (YHVH) guides us continually, and satisfies our soul with the truth, when His Holy Spirit helps us to understand His written Word so we can obey it in our every day life. That's why He could also promise that *the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea* in Isa 11:9. When Jesus Christ returns, this verse will be a reality.

And in Isa 12:3 He promised that, *with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation*. Indeed, we ‘draw out’ the truth from God’s written word with the help of the Holy Spirit that teaches us truth. Which is why Jesus said that *when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come* (John 16:13). As Isa 48:21 pointed out, just as God caused the waters to flow out of the rock for Israel when they were in the wilderness (Num 20:11) so too did the spiritual waters (the truth) gush out after Jesus Christ was ‘struck’ on the Cross, when God gave us the Gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:33). That’s why God promised, many times, that we would not be forever spiritually thirsty (Isa 35:5-7, Isa 43:20, Jer 17:7-12, etc.) as those who forsake the fountain of living waters and refuse to accept Jesus Christ (Jer 2:13, 17:13). And God promises to *continue* to pour out the Living Waters of truth, even after (and more so) when Jesus Christ returns (Zech 14:8-9) and even into the eternity (Rev 22:1-6). So again, this Psalmist is yearning for the *truth* to quench the spiritual thirst of his aching soul...

Psalm 42

2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living GOD: when shall I come and appear before God?

First off, notice how the word ‘God’ is used *three times* in this one verse? If you have a *Companion Bible*, the second ‘GOD’ will be capitalized because it’s different than the other two times the word ‘God’ is used in this verse. So, the first and third time ‘God’ is used, it’s the same as in verse 1: ‘*Elohiym*’ (#430), which means *the Supreme God*, who is our *Creator*. But the second time ‘GOD’ is used in this verse is ‘*El*’ (#410), which means the Almighty God who is Omnipotent; it shows His strength, power and might. The *Companion Bible* always shows ‘*El*’ (#410) as GOD in all caps. ‘*Elohiym*’ (or ‘*Elohim*’) is God the Creator putting His omnipotence (‘*El*’) into operation. That’s why the word ‘living’ (#2416, which means ‘alive’) is before the second ‘GOD’ which is ‘*El*’. So, the Psalmist is saying his soul yearns for his Creator (‘*Elohiym*’) who is the only Living God (‘*El*’) instead of yearning for false gods and the idols that are created to represent them.

But *why* does he yearn? Notice what he says in the latter part of this verse: *when shall I come and appear before God?* Since this Psalm was likely written by someone who followed David into the wilderness, when David and his family fled from Absalom, it means they were also leaving the Ark of the Covenant, which was symbolic (at that time) for God’s presence. After all, David would not allow the Levites to follow him into the wilderness; he told them to take the Ark back to Jerusalem and IF God delighted in him, He would bring David back (2 Sam 15:24-26). So, David willingly left both his home, his throne *and* the Ark of the Covenant in Jerusalem. That was because he knew the rebellion was part of God’s chastising him, as the prophet Nathan told him in 2 Sam 12. But, the only way they could ‘legally’ make sacrifices to God (which was how they were to ‘communicate’ with God at that time) was before God’s Tabernacle, where His

Ark was to be. And that's why the Psalmist of this Psalm 42 says he thirsts (yearns) to for his God, who is the Living God and then wonders when he'll be able to go back to Jerusalem and 'appear' (#7200, to see) 'before' (#6440, the face of) God ('*Elohiym, the Supreme God*, who is our *Creator*). In other words, He wants to be able to worship His God again because that's what gives peace to his troubled soul...

Psalms 42

3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

The Psalmist uses an analogy to explain his grief of being driven out of Jerusalem, where the Ark of the Covenant was (which, again, was symbolic of the presence of God at that time). As most people know, when you cry a lot, your tears run down your face and you end up 'tasting them' because they run to your lips. So, the Psalmist is simply saying he's crying so much that he's 'eating' his tears day and night. But, who is 'continually' saying to him 'where is your God'? This is likely what the rebels were saying about David and those who followed him. Remember, Absalom stole the hearts of Israel by lying about, and slandering, David; and it's likely they also slandered many of those who were followed him because they remained loyal to David. So, in a very malicious, and even mocking way, they claimed God had left David because He allowed him to be overthrown by his own son, Absalom. However, *the truth was* that God was simply chastising David for his sins with Bath-Sheba, and against her husband, who he had killed by sending him to the hottest part of the front lines (2 Sam 12). God had *not* left David, nor anyone else who truly loved and remained loyal to Him (by not following Absalom's rebellion).

But what this verse also teaches us (living today) to prepare for, is what will likely to be said to us. For, as Rev 12 and 2 Thess warns us, Satan (and his fallen angels) will be kicked out of heaven to earth. And when they are here, they'll be claiming to be God (the Savior of mankind) and his angels who have come to save the earth from all our problems (Dan 7:2,20, 11:21, Rev 13:5-6, 11-17, 2 Tess 2:4). And, it's also written that all the world will follow, and worship him, as though he really was God, the 'Savior' of all mankind. All that is, *except* those whose names *are* written in the book of life (Rev 13:8). And when that time comes, just what do you think people will be saying to you? They'll likely say the same thing: where is your God? If you refuse to accept Satan (the antichrist - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/345>) as God, then they'll want to know who you worship because they think the 'real' God Almighty is already here - yet it's just an imposter, as Paul warned us in his second letter to the Corinthians...

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

*14 And no marvel; for **Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.***

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

2 Cor 11:13-15

The words ‘**transforming**’ and ‘**transformed**’ here mean to **transfigure** or **disguise** (#3345). And, indeed, Satan disguises himself as an ‘angel of light’ and those who are false apostles disguise themselves as apostles of Christ, which is why so many unwitting Christians will follow them into worshiping Satan as God when he comes [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/500>], just as Jesus Christ warned us of in the parable of the 10 virgins in Mth 25. That’s why it’s so critical to get the oil you need and make sure you’re ready for it [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/286>] so you don’t fall for Satan’s lies, even though nearly everyone else in the world will. And *how* do we prepare?...

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

*11 **Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.***

*12 **For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.***

*13 **Wherefore 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.***

*14 **Stand therefore**, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*

*15 **And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;***

*16 **Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.***

*17 **And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:***

*18 **Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto **with all perseverance** and supplication for all saints;***

Eph 6:10-18

If we don’t work to put on the *whole* armor of God NOW, then there’s no way (as Mth 25 says) we’ll have enough oil (truth) in our soul to help us get through the tribulation of the antichrist (who is Satan coming to earth, claiming he is God, to seduce you into worshiping him). So, like the Psalmist of this 42nd chapter, we too must ‘pant’ after God’s Word, with all our heart, mind, soul and strength (Mk 12:30) so we don’t fail to have our soul and spirit (heart and mind) ready for the war that is so very soon coming...

*42 **And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?***

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

*44 **Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.***

45 **But** and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

46 **The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.**

47 And that servant, **which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.**

48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. **For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required:** and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

49 I am come to send fire on the earth; and **what will I if it be already kindled?**

Luke 12:42-49

28 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and **he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully.** What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.

29 **Is not my word like as a fire?** saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

30 Therefore, behold, **I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.**

Jer 23:28-30

We'll pick this up in part 2...

AMEN.