

Part 2 – Confidence in the Lord

In part 1 we learned the importance of remembering the ‘days of old’, which means *history*. Specifically, we should remember the history of the Bible, for it tells us of the *many mighty* works our Heavenly Father has done throughout the ages since He first established this earth age. As the Psalmist (Hezekiah) pointed out, it was not because of Israel’s strength (or righteousness) that they inherited the Promise Land, but because of *God’s* strength *and* righteousness in keeping His *unconditional* promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1122>]. For He promised not only to bless their descendants - and make them as numerous as the stars of the sky and as uncountable the sand that’s by the seashore - but He also promised to give them the Promised Land, where the wicked heathen were living. Thus, it’s important we remember the ‘days of old’ so we know that: just as God ‘made good’ on His promises in the past, so to will He *continue* to ‘make good’ on His promises *for the future*. If we don’t forsake Him, He’ll never forsake us. And He promises to let those who remain faithful to Him inherit this world when His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, returns to take over this world. And that’s a promise well worth remembering! So, we’ll now see Hezekiah continue on speaking in this Psalm...

Psalm 44

4 Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

Hezekiah now declares that the Lord (YHVH) is His King and His God (*'Elohiym* (#430), which means *the Supreme God*, who is our *Creator*). And he asks that the Lord (YHVH) will ‘command deliverances’ for Jacob. The word ‘**command**’ here is a prime root that means ***to constitute, enjoin*** (#6680). To ‘constitute’ can mean several things, including *to set up, enact* or *establish*. And to ‘enjoin’ means *to direct or impose by authoritative order or with urgent admonition*. And the word ‘**deliverances**’ is actually the same word as was translated ‘health’ back in Ps 42:11 and 43:5 (when the Psalmist said that the Lord, YHVH was the ‘health’ of his countenance). It is **yeshuw` ah** (#3444), which means ***something saved***, i.e. (abstractly) ***deliverance***; hence, ***aid, victory, prosperity***. As we learned before, it’s a word closely related to Jesus’ name because Jesus is a Greek word (#2424) that comes from the Hebrew word #3091 **Yehowshuwa`** or **Yehowshu` a**, which is often translated as Joshua in the English; it simply means *Jehovah-saved* and is thus ‘comparable’ (closely related to) this #3444 **yeshuw` ah** because of the meaning.

So, in other words, Hezekiah is asking that the Lord (YHVH) save them. And instead of simply asking for deliverance for his own nation (the southern kingdom of Judah) he asks for deliverances (to be saved) for **all** of ‘Jacob’. Back in Psalms 22, when covering verse 23, we learned that there is often a reason the Bible uses the name ‘Jacob’ and ‘Israel’ at different times, even though they are speaking of the same person. When Jacob was going back ‘home’, after having gotten wives and wealth in his mother’s homeland, he wrestled the angel of the Lord. And, at that time, the

angel of the Lord told him: *Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed* (Gen 32:28). However, from that point on, Scriptures still sometimes refer to Jacob as ‘Jacob’ ... but sometimes as ‘Israel’, as we saw in Psalm 22:23 which read: *Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel*. And **the reason for doing so is very important**. As the *Companion Bible* points out in the side notes for verses in Gen 32:28, Gen 43:6 and Gen 45:26, 28... **the name ‘Jacob’ (which means contender) is used of the natural Jacob and his natural seed**. However, Israel is used for *spiritual* Jacob and his *spiritual* seed. Israel means ‘God commands, orders or rules’. Mankind attempts it but always, in the end, fails. Out of some forty Hebrew names compounded with ‘El’ or ‘Yah’, God is always the **doer** of what the verb means. **Thus, the name ‘Jacob’ is also used of Jacob and his descendants (natural seed) weakness**. For example, in Gen 42:36 Jacob is called ‘Jacob’ when he didn’t want to let Benjamin go to Egypt to buy corn, because he thought he would lose him as he did Joseph and Simeon. But in 43:6 Jacob’s name ‘Israel’ is used because Jacob *submitted to God’s will* to let Benjamin go to Egypt to buy food.

So again, the Scriptures use these two names (Jacob and Israel) *to signify two different things*. **Jacob is used to refer to Jacob’s natural seed, but also refers to weakness of man, especially that of Jacob’s natural seed**. But Israel is used to refer to ‘spiritual Israel’ and their ‘strength’ *in faith* in God (Gal 3) and *submitting themselves to God’s will*. You can read more about this in Psalms 22, part 6 via this link [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Psalms/241]. So, Hezekiah’s use of this term ‘Jacob’ is not frivolous; it has great meaning because all the tribes of Israel (both in the northern kingdom and the southern kingdom) had indeed been weak in faith and un-submissive to God’s Will (His Word) at the time this Psalm was written. Of course, as we learned, Hezekiah had been working hard to change things in his own nation (the southern kingdom of Judah) and he also was trying to help his brethren (the northern tribes) to return to the true God (YHVH) as well. As we also learned, he invited those who were left in the northern tribes of Israel to come to the first Passover he held; and while few took him up on his offer, he nevertheless tried. And here we even see him praying for them as well, just as he did when they kept the Passover in Jerusalem for the first time in a long time (1 Chron 30:18-20). This is a mark of someone who truly had great compassion for his brethren.

Now, we’re told in 1 Kings 18:9-10 that it was not until the fourth year of his reign that the Assyrians began to besiege Samaria (the capital of the northern ten tribes) and in the sixth year of Hezekiah’s reign the city fell to the Assyrians, which (as we have learned) the Assyrians then moved south to Hezekiah’s kingdom and Jerusalem alone was spared. But, in the very first year of Hezekiah, not all of the Israelites in the northern kingdom had been taken captive yet; some but not all. And Hezekiah did his darndest to, not only clean up his own nation (and the priesthood so they could worship God again) but the Chronicles tells us how much effort he put

out to help the northern tribes of Israel turn back to God. For a good refresher on all this history, check out 2 Chronicles 30-31.

Psalms 44

5 Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

The words ‘**push down**’ means *to but with the horns* but, figuratively, it means *to war against* (#5055) and the word ‘**enemies**’ can also mean *an opponent* (#6862); it’s even been translated as *adversary*. And the words ‘**tread them under**’ mean *to trample* (#947). Let’s remember, Hezekiah began this Psalm by referring to the Lord’s ‘past record’ in fighting for Israel; specifically, how He enabled Israel to inherit the Promise Land through His strength and help. And now Hezekiah calls on the Lord (YHWH) to again use His great might and strength to help them because he knew there was no way Judah’s army could successfully fight against the Assyrians *on their own*. They needed the Lord God (YHWH) to help them. But he shows tremendous faith that they will be able to ‘push down’ (war against) and trample (win the battles) their enemies (the Assyrians at this point in time) through ‘God’s name’ (YHWH) - which is a figure of speech (*Metonymy*, of adjunct., apx 6) that simply means *with God’s help* – by speaking in the *futuristic* tense: With God’s help they *will* be able to overcome their enemies.

This again is a *critical* thing for us to remember. For, just as Israel was *only* successful in battle when they remained faithful to the Lord (YHWH) so too can we *only* be successful in the *spiritual* battle (that we are *all* in, Eph 6) if we remain faithful servants to our Lord, Jesus Christ. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus told us...

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

Luke 10:18-20

The first word for ‘**power**’ here means *privilege*, i.e. (subjectively) *force, capacity, competency, freedom*, or (objectively) *mastery* (concretely, magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control) and *delegated influence* (#1849). And the word ‘**tread**’ means *keen* or, by analogy, *rapid* (#3691). The word ‘*keen*’ can mean intense, strong or powerful but it also means to be very alert as in having a quick, penetrating mind as well as to be extremely sensitive in perception and showing a quick and ardent responsiveness. Rapid, of course, means a fast rate of motion, activity, succession, or occurrence.

What Jesus is referring to, of course, is the power of His Holy Spirit that abides within us *when* we believe in Him; which also means we study His Word sincerely and strive to obey it wholeheartedly each day. It is the Holy Spirit that **is** *the* ‘force’ or ‘delegated influence’ which causes our heart and mind to be so strong we can have a quick and penetrating mind to discern right from wrong and good from evil. **And this is what we need in the spiritual war: to be able to discern evil, and fight it, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.** And Jesus told us that the power of His Holy Spirit would help us to ‘tread’ (spiritually be swift and sharp so we can outwit and overcome) ‘serpents’ and ‘scorpions’ - which refers to Satan himself (#3789, who is *the* Serpent, Rev 12:9, 20:2) and his fallen angels (#4651, who are likened to scorpions in Rev 9). Further, Jesus also gives us power (from His Holy Spirit) over **all** the ‘power’ of the enemy. That means *anyone else* who serves Satan. And the second ‘**power**’ means **force**, even **miraculous power** (#1411). This should make you think about how Satan will come to earth with power, signs and lying wonders to deceive the world into worshiping him as God (2 Thess 2:9, Rev 13:13-14). So, we have power (through faith in Jesus Christ; God’s Word) over all the power of the enemy... when we have the Holy Spirit within us. And the word ‘**enemy**’ here means **hateful** and refers to **an adversary, especially Satan** (#2190). And with this power Jesus gives us (which is His Holy Spirit in us) ‘nothing’ (meaning: not even one (man, woman or thing), i.e. none, nobody, nothing - #3762) shall ‘**hurt**’ us, which means **to be unjust** or **do wrong** (#91).

Now, we know that in this flesh life, *all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution* (2 Tim 3:12) and Jesus told us this as well in Matt 5:10-12. But He also told us we’ll be greatly rewarded for enduring the hard times that come from serving Jesus Christ. So, the promise that Jesus gives us in Luke 10:19 is the promise of *spiritual* protection from the enemy. In other words, *no one will be able to deceive us into following Satan*. They won’t be able to cause us to go back to habitual sinning, which is rebellion against the Lord (YHVH). In John 15, Jesus told us that we must abide ‘in Him’, which means to study and absorb His Word into our heart and mind and allow His Holy Spirit to guide us in our life (Romans 8:9, 1 John 2:3). For, without the Word of God and Holy Spirit abiding in us, *we can do nothing* (John 15:5). Only when the Word of God and Holy Spirit is within us can we produce good spiritual fruit for our Heavenly Father (Gal 5:22-24). After all, when we know the truth of who Satan really is, worshiping him is not a temptation. But, if you don’t know that, then it’ll be easy for many to apostatize from the true Jesus Christ and worship Satan [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/500>] simply because they don’t know any better. People who don’t study God’s Word themselves (as 2 Tim 2:15 says we should) enjoy listening to false apostles who teach ‘traditions of man’ instead of the truth. As 2 Cor 11:13-15 warns us, Satan and those who follow him *pretend* to be ministers of righteousness and *that’s* what is so deceiving about them.

But, if you are truly ‘connected’ (spiritually) to the Vine, Jesus Christ, you won’t be deceived by Satan’s lies *no matter who they come from*. That’s why Paul so urgently admonishes us to put on the Gospel armor in Eph 6. We are truly warring against *principalities, against powers, against*

the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places (Eph 6:12). And we have power over it, *from* Jesus Christ, simply because of the Word of God and Holy Spirit that literally dwells within us. It is from the Word of God – combined with the Holy Spirit – that we learn how to utilize our gifts each day and also how to overcome all temptations and trials. It's through studying God's Word each day that we have the strength to endure the hard times. And the Holy Spirit will even comfort our heart by giving us the strength and understanding we need to continue to serve Him obediently, despite the hard times. And it's also through the Holy Spirit within us (which dwells in us due to our sincere faith in Him) that gives us the power to kick all evil thoughts, desires and emotions out of our inner man and enables us to help others do the same.

So, while most of us are not a king, like Hezekiah was, or even a ruler in society, we can still (and should) still learn to 'take dominion' over our own 'inner man': which means must to make a good repentance for all our sins and study God's Word to learn how to kick out our sins and do what's right, *sincerely*. And *then* the Holy Spirit will teach us how to 'take dominion' over all areas in our life (which God gives us authority over) and subdue it all to God's Word. This is usually done gradually as you grow and mature in His Word. But the point is, we shouldn't be looking to physically war against anyone (unless in self-defense) because, at this point in time, we are living in the generation of the fig tree [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/295>]. And that means we *know* the whole world is going to go into a worldwide government lead by wicked people. The reason for this is to prepare the world for Satan being kicked out, so he can try and fool the world into worshiping him (Rev 12, 2 Thess 2). We know this is going to happen and we can't stop it because 'it is written' that it will happen. And while that doesn't mean we should just lay over and let people run over us (nor give up), it also means we should be careful not to fight against God's plan. When Jesus Christ returns, He will clean up the whole world; our job right now is to be strong in sharing the Gospel (the truth) by shining it through our words and actions as well as using whatever gifts He gives us to serve Him *now*. And when Satan is here on earth, we should *still* use our gifts to serve Jesus Christ; we are not to stop serving Jesus Christ no matter what [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/495>]. And if the Holy Spirit should want to use us to speak through (Mth 10:18-22, Mk 13:9-13, Lk 21:12-19) then we *should* let Him for that indeed is 'treading' on the enemy! After all, when the Holy Spirit speaks through His servants, the wisdom is such that no one can gainsay or resist it (Luke 21:15). So, while in Hezekiah's days, they were to physically make war, our warfare is different, as Paul to well said...

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

*4(For **the weapons of our warfare are not carnal**, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;))*

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.
2 Cor 10:3-6

When you learn to make your own heart and mind submissive to God's Word, then He'll teach you how to help others do the same and warn those who refuse to do so. And the ultimate manifestation of this is when (or if) the Holy Spirit chooses to speak through you when Satan's on earth pretending to be God (i.e. the 'great tribulation'). These are the ways we 'push down' our enemies, even when our nation is operating in direct opposition to God's Word and the world itself is going to 'hell in a handbasket'.

Psalms 44

6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

The *Companion Bible* points out that the words 'bow' and 'sword' are being used as a figure of speech here (*Metonymy*, of Adjunct, apx 6) which means 'military science'. And the word '**trust**' here means **to hide for refuge, to trust, be confident or sure** (#982). And the word '**save**' means **to be open, wide or free** and (by implication) **to be safe, free or succour** (#3467). In other words, Hezekiah won't trust in any form of man's 'weapons of war' to save him. As David said back in Ps 20:7: *Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.* And in Ps 18:32-36 David also explains how it was the Lord (YHWH) who taught him how to fight and made him both physically and spiritually able to do so. David was truly a mighty man of war but it was because God made him so! And it was all because David sincerely *trusted* in the Lord, as his first experience fighting in the military (with the giant Goliath) proved. Remember what he said? ...

*45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but **I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.***

*46 **This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.***

*47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: **for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.***

1 Sam 17:45-47

David really 'nailed' the point home in his speech before the giant Goliath (who was likely to three times bigger than David). As David pointed out, it's not the army that has the best military equipment that wins; it's the army that has the Lord on their side. And if neither side is pleasing the Lord, He still ensures that the nation He wants to be in power comes out ahead. As the

account in Daniel 2 explains (among many other Scriptures), our Heavenly Father is in control of all things. So, Hezekiah, like David, well knew where their salvation came from, even if they did have to literally go out and fight physical enemies. It's our Heavenly Father who gives us the strength, and the understanding, to be successful in all kinds of warfare, **if** we simply trust and obey Him wholeheartedly. As David later wrote: *It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes* (Ps 118:8-9). All other people will let us down every now and then, but our Heavenly Father can *always* be trusted. And Jeremiah even went further when he wrote...

*5 Thus saith the LORD; **Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.***

6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

*7 **Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.***

8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Jer 17:5-8

Jeremiah makes an important point here; did you catch it? Those who trust in 'man' (meaning mankind) and in 'flesh' (his own strength, wisdom, intelligence, ect.) are those whose heart has departed from the Lord (YHWH)! In other words, **the only reason people don't trust in the Lord (YHWH) is because their heart has departed from Him.** As Jesus said...

*6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, **but their heart is far from me.***

*7 Howbeit **in vain do they worship me**, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*

8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

*9 And he said unto them, Full well **ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.***

Mark 7:6-9

This is also written in Mth 15:8 and Jesus quoted it from Isa 29:13. So, that's why those who don't trust in the Lord are cursed; it's because their heart is far from Him. And when our heart is far from Him, that means it's close to something else...

1 Then came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me.

2 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

3 Son of man, ***these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face***: should I be inquired of at all by them? [Ps 66:18]

4 Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel ***that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face***, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols;

5 That I may take [seize, #8610] the house of Israel in their own heart, because ***they are all estranged from me through their idols***.

6 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; ***Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations***.

Ezek 14:1-6

Clearly, if our heart is not near to our Heavenly Father, then that's because we've put idols in there instead. When our heart is close to our Heavenly Father, it means we put His Words into our heart (desires, emotions) and mind (thoughts), which is truly what He's *always* wanted; and that's also what the New Covenant Jesus Christ makes with us is about (Jer 31:33, Heb 8:10, 10:16). In the Gospel of John, Jesus told us...

15 ***If ye love me, keep my commandments***.

16 And ***I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever***;

17 Even ***the Spirit of truth***; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: ***but ye know him***; for ***he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you***.

18 I will ***not leave you comfortless: I will come to you***.

John 14:15-18

So, God's Word must be **in** our heart and mind before the Holy Spirit will dwell in us. That's why, the Holy Spirit was shared with the 'gentiles', in Acts 10, when Peter began to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Even though they were not 'well studied' in God's Word, when they heard the Gospel (the truth) – and *believed* in it – the Holy Spirit was given to them. Of course, we must *continue* to study God's Word so we continue to 'abide' in Jesus Christ (and so His Holy Spirit will continue to abide in us) but those who didn't have the written word relied on those who knew it. That's why the apostles (including Paul) were so instrumental in spreading faith in Jesus Christ. And thank God they wrote letters to the Churches, and even to the scattered Israelites for we still have those letters today which help explain the Old Testament. So, we today have no excuse to be ignorant of God's Word because we have it readily available, whereas back even a few hundred years ago they did not. Those who believed in Jesus Christ before they had God's Word to read every day (as we do) remembered it many times by memorization; that's what many songs were for – hence the reason for the book we are studying!

So again, if we do not have God's Word in our heart – then we'll put something else in there. Idols are simply anything (or anyone) who comes before our Heavenly Father in our heart. What do you hold dear to your heart? What's most important in your life? That's what you worship. Jesus told us in Matt 6:24 that: *No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.* In other words, you either love the things of the world (which means you serve Satan) or you love the true Living God (YHVH); Paul explains this well in Rom 6 as does Moses in Deut 30. And Jesus also said in Matt 6:33 that we must seek *first* the kingdom of God, and learn to do what's right according to God's Word (His righteousness) in order to obtain eternal life. And **if** we do that, our Heavenly Father will *always* give us what we need to sustain our life here on earth. Our Heavenly Father *always* takes care of His servants who love Him with all their heart, mind soul and strength (Mk 12:30). And this also means we can't even put family before Him. While we are to love them, and take care of them, Jesus told us that we must love them *less*. In Luke 14:26 the translation says that if we do not 'hate' our family we can't be Jesus' disciple; but the word 'hate' can also mean to 'love less' (#3404) and that's certainly what Jesus meant. He then went on to say (in vs 27) that we must also 'bear our cross' and come after Him if we want to serve Him. That means we must not only be willing to die for Him but, we also have to be willing to kill (crucify) our carnal desires and emotions that cause us to sin (*daily*, Lk 9:23), **if** we want to be His disciples (His servant). And that's simply because, if we serve Jesus Christ, we're a part of His eternal government, which is un-corruptible. So, we must get rid of the things that cause our inner man to be corrupted. And having idols in our heart does indeed corrupt our 'inner man' (heart and mind).

So, trusting in our Heavenly Father (and loving Him more than anything and anyone else) is *critical* in the spiritual war; it's also critical when fighting physically too. For those who don't love and trust Him will make war *unjustly*. But those who trust in Him will do so righteously because He alone knows when it's right to fight and when it's not. As Rev 19:11 says of Jesus Christ, *He is Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.* Jesus Christ's judgments are *always* righteous, as is His warfare. Further to that, when you are fighting in accordance to God's Will (His Word), the Lord (YHVH) will also make sure you are successful! As David's life showed, he was very faithful to fight the battles that the Lord (YHVH) told him to (1 Sam 23:2,4, 30:8, 2:1, 5:19,23). And, over and over, the Lord gave him the victory, as Ps 18 so beautifully pointed out. And that's why we shouldn't trust in any physical weapons of war, money, power, prestige or anything 'of the flesh' to save us. Our trust must be solely in our Heavenly Father, in all things we do. And even though we must do the work to serve Jesus Christ on earth, He'll always give us the strength to get through whatever comes our way. As Paul said in Phil 4:13: *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me...*

39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

*40 And the LORD shall help them and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, **because they trust in him**.*

Ps 37:39-40

*The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked **will he destroy**.*

Ps 145:20

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

2 Peter 2:9

3 Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ,

*4 Who gave himself for our sins, **that he might deliver us from this present evil world**, according to the will of God and our Father:*

5 To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gal 1:3-5

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

AMEN.