

Part 3 – Due Praise to the Lord

In part 2 we learned that David likened the wicked men who kept chasing him to lions who rip and tear at their prey in a *spiritual* way, just as a lion *physically* rips and tears at its prey. He also likened their ‘teeth’ (tongue) to spears and arrows *and* a sharp sword – their lies and slanders ripped up David’s ‘good name’ and shredded his ‘good character’ - in the minds of the fools willing to listen to the lies of the wicked. And that’s why David asked that God be exalted (exalt Himself) even above the heavens, as well as on earth. David wanted our Heavenly Father to show His power *over* the wicked ones so that they, themselves, would fall into the very pits *they dug* for him. Indeed, it is the policy of our Heavenly Father to allow the wicked ones to be ‘rewarded’ for their wickedness, by being judged by *their own* wicked words and works. And that’s why David was assured ‘their day was coming’ and he (with great emotion) *twice* (for great emphasis) declared that his heart was ‘fixed’ upon God - because he *truly* trusted in Him, *wholeheartedly*, to deliver David from the difficult times that kept coming upon him. David also promised to give God the praise for His deliverances that he was assured would soon come. We too should be careful to give our Heavenly Father the praise, *and* the glory, for all that He is done, for *the LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy* (Ps 145:20). So, we’ll now continue on in this great Psalm to see what else David had to say to the Lord when he was hiding in a cave...

Psalm 57

8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

David is not glorifying himself here. He’s using a figure of speech (*Metonymy*, of effect, apx 6) to speak of his tongue (or heart) which gives glory to God. And the way David usually praised (and glorified) God was by writing (and singing) Psalms, which is why he then calls for the ‘*psaltery and harp*’ to ‘awake’ as well. And he then goes on to say he will awake *early*, which means he’ll wake up *very* early, at the dawn of the day *with* great earnestness to praise God (#7837, 7836). So, David’s basically using three things (his tongue/heart, the psaltery/harp and his flesh body) to speak of praising our Heavenly Father, even at the very beginning (dawn) of the day. And this declaration comes right after he had twice (for emphasis) proclaimed his heart was ‘fixed’ (steadfast) upon trusting in the Lord and that he would sing and give him praise. So, he’s now saying that he’ll do so (sing and praise God) with ‘all he’s got’! This essentially means that David’s saying: even though he’s going through really hard times, he will still praise our Heavenly Father, *wholeheartedly*, because of His everlasting goodness towards those who love and obey Him. This not only shows *great* faith on David’s part, but his resolve to be thankful to, and praise, our Heavenly Father – even during the most troubling times in his life. And this is a very good lesson for us to learn from (1 Cor 10:11). After all, when we’re going through hard times, it does us good to ‘count our blessings’ and thank (and praise) our Heavenly Father for His goodness. It’s not only pleasing to our Heavenly Father, but keeps our mind where it should be:

on Him. It helps to keep us from being depressed [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1409>] or ‘down in the dumps’. As the book of Isaiah says...

3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

Isa 26:3-4

When we keep our mind (and heart) ‘fixed’ (stayed upon) our Heavenly Father (and His Word, His promises in it) then we’ll always be strengthened in our ‘inner man’. And this is especially important when we’re going through hard times, because we need the internal strength (that comes only from our Heavenly Father) to get through the hard times. Paul also gives us great wisdom concerning this...

6 Be careful [#3309 anxious/worried] for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Phil 4:6-8

So, Paul also teaches us to keep our mind on things that are *true* (etc.) because *that’s how* we keep control of our carnal mind that *wants* to be afraid, upset or depressed (etc.). When we discipline our mind to think on God’s Word (and His promises in it) – as well as all the many benefits He continues to give us (Ps 103) – then the Holy Spirit will give us peace that truly passes all carnal understanding. As Paul says in Rom 8:6, *to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace*. **This** is a very important part of the spiritual war we’re all in (Eph 6). We have to be able to continue to control our heart (desires, emotions) and mind (thoughts) so we can stay focused on what *really* matters in life: pleasing our Heavenly Father – i.e. following *and* serving (obeying) Him, *wholeheartedly*.

Psalms 57

9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.*

David’s now making a promise that he indeed ‘made good’ on, for there are many Psalms he wrote (even very personal ones) that were shared with his nation when he became king. They were not only wonderful songs to praise God with, but also very instructional (and prophetic too). Now, the word ‘Lord’ here shows as *Adonay* (#136) in the *Strong’s Concordance*. But, the *Companion Bible* has a note that explains this is yet another place where the ‘ancient custodians’

(Sopherim) altered God's Sacred Name – *Yehovah* (#3068, i.e. YHVH) to '*Adonay* (#136) out of 'mistaken' reverence for God's Sacred Name. So, it is really ***Yehovah*** (#3068), (the) *self-Existent* or *Eternal*. While 'Elohim is God as the Creator of all things, *Yehovah* is the same God *in covenant relation to those whom He has created*. *Yehovah* means the Eternal or Immutable One, He Who WAS, and IS, and IS TO COME. So, David's promising to loudly (and proudly, in a good way) praise *Yehovah* (#3068) among the people (referring to his own nation) as well as all the other nations who would come to Jerusalem to worship the true God, *Yehovah*. Again, this is a promise David made good on. And *thank God* so many of his songs were written down because they are still wonderfully instructive for us today!

Psalm 57

*10 For thy **mercy** is great unto the heavens, and thy **truth** unto the clouds.*

Now David explains *why* he'll be greatly praising (by singing and playing for Him) our Heavenly Father (*Yehovah* = YHVH - <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>). And he again references God's 'mercy' (lovingkindness or grace, #2617) and 'truth' (stability, certainty, truth, trustworthiness, #571) just as he did in verse 3. Remember, 'mercy and truth' is what our Heavenly Father (and Jesus Christ) govern (Ps 25:10, Isa 16:5) with and it's also what cleanses us of our iniquities (Prov 16:6). And he uses the 'heavens' (the sky, #8064) and the clouds (the firmament, #7834) as an earthly analogy for infinity. As another Psalm of David says...

8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

15 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

*17 But **the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;***

18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

Ps 103:8-18

So, David is declaring that – to those who fear our Heavenly Father – His mercy is endless and He will always give us truth (His Word) in our 'inward parts' - which is what preserves our 'inner man' forever. As Ps 61:7 says: *He [who loves and obeys God] shall abide before God for ever: O prepare **mercy and truth**, which may preserve him*. The word '**preserve**' here means (in the context of this verse) **to guard**, to **protect**, **maintain**, **obey**, etc. (#5341). In other words,

God's mercy and truth that He gives those who love, revere (honor) and serve (obey) Him is what allows us to live *forever* with Him. As the book of Romans says...

*1 There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but **after the Spirit**.*

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

*4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, **who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit**.*

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

*6 **For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.***

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

*9 **But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.** Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But 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.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

*13 **For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live**.*

*14 **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God**.*

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

*17 And if children, then heirs; **heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ**; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Rom 8:1-18

When we sincerely study God's Word and learn to obey it (from the heart) then we will not be condemned for our sins, *because* Jesus' blood was shed to atone for our sins *when* we repented *wholeheartedly*. And walking 'after' (obeying and following) the Holy Spirit (and the Word of God) IS how we 'abide' in Jesus Christ, as John 15 speaks of. And that's what causes us to be considered God's children, which means we're joint heirs [<https://t.me/BibleStudyAudios/92>] (of

heaven and earth) with Jesus Christ! What that boils down to is that, when the true Jesus Christ finally returns to earth, we'll be given eternal life (an eternal body, soul and spirit) and allowed to reign with Jesus Christ, under His governance. We'll be a part of Jesus' everlasting government that governs not only earth, but heaven itself. So, receiving 'mercy and truth' from our Heavenly Father is a vital part of that. It's literally the difference between eternal life (and being allowed to reign with Jesus Christ, forever) and eventually being blotted out, never to exist in any form anymore (Rev 20).

Psalm 57

11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

David now repeats – word for word – what verse 5 said. And note that the word 'God' in both verses is '**Elohiym** (#430), which means *the Supreme God*, who is our *Creator*. Indeed, our Heavenly Father (YHVH) is the Supreme God – both over heaven and on earth. And that's simply because He created all things in the Universe (and whatever is beyond that!). And whenever something in the Bible is repeated, it's always done for *great emphasis*. So, again (for emphasis) David calls upon God to manifest Himself – to manifest Himself to His enemies (which are also David's enemies) so that they know they are 'but men' and not 'gods'. An earlier Psalm David wrote explains what he's saying here quite well...

19 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O LORD: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah.

Ps 9:19-20

And this will happen, even to Satan himself! As Rev 20:1-3 tells us, when Jesus Christ returns, He will have Satan arrested and put in a pit the entire Millennium. 2 Thess 2:8 tells us that, at that time, *the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming*. So, even Satan (who will magnify himself over God when he's on earth, as 2 Thess 2:4 and Rev 13:5-6 say) will be shown to be 'but a man' when the true King of king returns and *manifests Himself over all His creation, even Satan*. As the book of Isaiah says...

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

Isa 14:12-16

When Satan is on earth, with his fallen angels (Rev 12-13, 2 Thess 2, etc.) he'll be pretending to be God – he and his fallen angels will pretend to be righteous and holy (2 Cor 11:13-15) while blaspheming our Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and all those who follow Him (2 Thess 2:4, Rev 13:5-6, Dan 7:8,20, etc.). But his lies – as well as his real lack of power – will be totally destroyed when Jesus Christ returns *with great power and glory* (Mth 24:30, Mk 13:26, Lk 21:21). So, while David's request that God manifest Himself over the wicked ones was granted during the days that David lived (God eventually killed off David's enemies and rose him to be king over all of Israel), it will be granted in a very grand way when the true King of kings (Jesus Christ) finally returns to take over all the earth. And all those who have remained faithful to Him will also be glorified (Col 3:4, Ps 37:34) because the world **will** know that they were *right* to refuse to worship Satan, even in the face of fierce persecutions. This is something we should keep in the forefront of our heart (desires, emotions) and mind (thoughts) daily...

Psalms 57

To the chief Musician, Al-tas'-chith,

This beautifully instructive Psalm now ends with a subscription that's exactly like the subscription on the last Psalm (56). And that's because they are both a 'cry of distress' at a 'crisis' during David's life. And that's why **Al-tas'-chith** means '**Thou must not destroy**' or, '**destroy not**' (#516). And, of course, we also already know that the words '**To the chief Musician**' mean '**to He that has the victory**' or '**to He that gives the victory**' – which, of course, is referring to Jesus Christ (apx 64). And, while David began this Psalm by asking for God's mercy, he now ends it by asking our Heavenly Father to manifest Himself over the wicked so they don't think they can get away with their vile sins. And, just as He did so in David's day, so will he do so again (Ecc 1:9). And therefore, He will always save, and help, us when we have a 'crisis' (Deut 4:25-31). If we don't forsake our Heavenly Father, He'll *never* forsake us...

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

*13 But **he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.***

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Matt 24:9-14

17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.

18 But there shall not an hair of your head perish.

*19 **In your patience possess ye your souls.***

Luke 21:17-19

*But that on the good ground are they, which **in an honest and good heart**, having heard the word, **keep it, and** bring forth fruit **with patience**.*

Luke 8:15

17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

*18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him **in truth**.*

*19 He will fulfil the desire **of them that fear him**: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.*

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

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Ps 145:17-21

AMEN.