

Part 2 – The Righteous Judge

In part 1 we learned that this is another anonymous Psalm or Song and its subject is still ‘praise promised and trouble remembered’, just as the last Psalm/Song was. But, in this chapter, the Psalmist began by calling upon God to cause His face to shine upon them, which means to let His favor ‘shine’ upon them. That’s why the Psalmist also asked that God be merciful and bless them. And the reason the Psalmist asks for this was so that the whole earth could know God’s holy and righteous ways, which are truly what saves *all* nations. For it is only our Heavenly Father who saves us from the wicked ones and shows us kindness, such as giving us mercy, grace and blessings. But, that is only if we strive hard to learn of ‘His Way’ (God’s Word) and obey it, *from the heart*. Because it is the truth (God’s Word) that gives us *spiritual* life. So, we must not only study God’s Word to learn of Him (so we know how to obey God, so we can live forever) but we must also clean out our sinful desires so we *want* to obey God, instead of sin. And that’s what God’s ‘way’ teaches us how to do. Which, again, is why the Psalmist asks for God to shine face upon them so His Word could go forth to all the nations and be a blessing to them too. And this is the thought we pick up with...

Psalm 67

3 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

So now, after asking for God’s mercy and blessings - and for His way to be known upon the earth so all nations could be saved – the Psalmist asks that all the people would praise God. And the title ‘God’ here is the most commonly word used in the Psalms: **‘Elohiym’** (#430), which means *the Supreme God*, who is our *Creator*. ‘Elohiym (or ‘Elohim) is God the Creator putting His omnipotence (‘*El*’) into operation. And, both of the times the word ‘**praise**’ is used here means (in the context of this verse) means ***to revere or worship with extended hands*** (#3034). And the fact that the Psalmist repeats his request that the people – yea, even all the people – praise God, is done for *emphasis*. So, he’s not just asking that all the people in *his* nation praise God, but all the people *in the world* praise God. So, he’s essentially asking that our Creator, and Supreme God (#430), be the King of kings and Lord of lords over all the earth... and He indeed will be, as it is written...

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

24 Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

Isa 45:22-25

When our Heavenly Father swears by Himself, there is *nothing* ‘higher’ to swear by; so that means *whatever* He swore will come to pass. In this case, He swears that *every* knee will bow to Him and *every* tongue will confess that He indeed **is** God (our Savior) and there are *no other* gods beside Him. That means He is also the King over all kings and the Lord over all lords – *there is no higher authority than our Heavenly Father, Yehovah* (#3068). And, Paul quoted this in the New Testament...

9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Rom 14:9-12

Paul quotes Isaiah to make the point that we shouldn’t try to go around judging people as though we are the official judge in our community. Many people make their own ‘kangaroo courts’ simply through the wicked use of their tongues. They not only put people on ‘trial’ but also condemn them, and even try to execute their perverted judgement on others, simply through malicious gossip. While we all have to use good judgment in our every day life to discern good from evil – so we are not taken advantage of or hurt – Paul advises us to be careful about ‘judging’ others - further than using discernment for the purpose of knowing how to interact with them. And the reason he says not to judge others (gossip, slander, talebear, etc.) is because we *all* (everyone in the world) will be held accountable for our sins when Jesus Christ returns. So, even if someone seems to be getting away with some ‘sin’ you feel is awful, don’t worry about it. Unless you have proof to take to a courtroom, turn it over to God in prayer and trust He’ll take care of it. Again, we’ll *all* be judged when Jesus Christ returns; and that means there won’t be any sins that are not punished (*unless* they have been repented for, in faith in Jesus Christ). Jesus also warned us of the same thing in Mth 7:1-5 and a few chapters later He said...

35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

*36 But I say unto you, **That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.***

*37 For by **thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.***

Matt 12:35-37

The word ‘idle’ here is #692 and means *inactive*, i.e. **unemployed**; (by implication) *lazy*, or *useless*. So, we should be really careful what we say (as well as what we think and desire) and

who we speak to as well. And studying God's Word helps you to learn how to discern when and what to say to others. It not only gives you good advice concerning this but, when Jesus sees you trying, He'll give you help from the Holy Spirit to learn to discern this (1 Peter 3:15, Col 4:5-6). As Prov 15:28 says: *the heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things*. And in Prov 15:23 we're told: *A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, **how good is it!*** And how true this is! So, the point to remember, concerning our study here in the Psalms is that: just as this Psalmist asks that all people on earth would praise God, so shall it be. For God has sworn by Himself that all people will bow a knee to Him. And that *will* be fulfilled when Jesus Christ returns to earth, at His Second Advent, as King of kings and Lord of lords (1 Tim 6:15, Rev 17:14, 10:16). So, there truly is a prophetic nature to this Psalm (as with so many of them)...

Psalm 67

4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

And now the Psalmist again asks for the nations to do something. But this time it's to be glad (blithe or gleesome, #8055) and sing for joy. And the reason? Because our Heavenly Father *will* judge *all* people righteously. The word '**judge**' here means more than just *to judge*. It also means *to pronounce sentence* (for or against) and, by implication, it means to *vindicate* or *punish* (#8199). So, if we serve our Heavenly Father, 'judgement day' is a day *we should look forward to*. As Isa 61:2 says, the day of vengeance of our God is what *comforts* all those who mourn for the wicked things going on in the earth. So, our Heavenly Father will judge – and punish – the wicked ones. But, to those who love, revere, trust and obey Him, He will *richly* reward their love, service and faithfulness to Him (Mth 5:12). And *that's* why we'll be so incredibly 'glad' to see His long-awaited judgment. Seeing the wicked ones get what they deserve (while we are rewarded) *will* cause us to sing for joy. But, as Ps 112:10 explains, when the wicked ones see Jesus Christ returns, they'll be *greatly* grieved and *gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish*. Isa 2:17-21 and Rev 6:14-17 also tell us they'll be so upset, and scared, that they'll even pray for the rocks to fall upon them to hide them from God's fierce wrath. But, everyone else (who has not been doing wickedly, or worshiping false gods and idols) will be *elated* to see Jesus Christ return to see God's long awaited 'cup of wrath' poured upon the wicked ones. As another Psalm so beautifully says of this day...

10 Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

*13 Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: **he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.***

Ps 96:10-13

So, even God's creation will be 'happy' that Jesus Christ has returned because, as Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans...

*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.***

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

*21 Because **the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.***

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

*23 And not only they, **but ourselves also**, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*

24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

*25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we **with patience wait for it.***

Rom 8:18-25

So, even the creation will be delivered from the corruption of this earth age. And with all of the pollutants in the world, it's not too hard to understand why. And so, even the earth will be cleansed and put back into its proper order when Jesus Christ returns; because He will rule righteously and cause the whole world to submit to His righteous Laws (i.e. God's Laws). And Paul also points out another reason we (who remain faithful to God) will rejoice; it's because our body will be changed to be everlasting, like Jesus' body is (Phil 3:21); so that means, we'll be rewarded eternal life when Jesus Christ returns. So, there will be truly *many* things to be glad about, and sing for joy for! Now, this verse also ends with a 'selah', which always means to '*stop and think*' about what *has been said* (vs 4) with what's *about to be said* (vs 5). The 'connecting thought' here is the righteous rule of God (vs 4) with renewed praise for it (vs 5) ...

Psalm 67

5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

This verse repeats verse 3 (word for word) and whenever this is done, it's always to add **emphasis** to the point expressed. So indeed, all people *will* praise God when He returns as Jesus Christ – the King of all kings and Lord of all lords. For finally, there will *never again* be any wicked people ruling the earth. And that is *truly* something to praise God for!

Psalm 67

6 Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

The Psalmist now speaks of how the earth will respond to Jesus Christ's return. As we learned above, even the creation will be delivered from the bondage (corruption) of this flesh earth age. And therefore, it will 'yield her increase' quite abundantly; far more than anything we have ever seen before. And not only will the earth itself flourish, but so will those who are righteous – those who remained faithful to our Creator and His Son, Jesus Christ. As it is written...

*3 For the LORD shall comfort Zion: **he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.***

4 Harken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people.

Isa 51:3-4

1 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

*6 Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: **for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.***

7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:

*10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: **they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.***

Isa 35

*12 The **righteous shall flourish** like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.*

13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

15 To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.
Ps 92:12-15

*12 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, **I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream**: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees.*

13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

*14 And **when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice**, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and **the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies**.*

15 For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

Isa 66:12-15

1 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

*2 But **unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings**; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.*

3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 4:1-3

God likens the freedom that the righteous people (who remained faithful to Jesus Christ) will have to a calf who is let out to the pastures for the first time. They are sooo happy! They run and jump and play... it's really quite a wonderful thing to watch. And that's the 'picture' our Heavenly Father gives to explain how *we will feel* when we are freed from the wicked ones, when Jesus Christ returns to take over the world and right every wrong.

Now, the Psalmist also repeats the word 'God' here (in vs 6) to add **emphasis** that it is our *Creator*, who is the *Supreme* God (#430 Elohyim) who will bless us. Not false gods or idols, but God Almighty who is our Creator. He *alone* is all powerful (omnipotent) and He will put His power into operation (in full) when Jesus Christ returns to take over the world.

Psalm 67

7 God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

God (#430, Elohiym) WILL bless those who have remained faithful to Him. But, all those who did not remain faithful to Him, or who never feared Him in the first place (because they did not

fear to do evil) will indeed fear (and revere) Him when He returns *because He'll punish them severely for their wickedness*. And, as Jesus warns us, even many who call themselves Christians will be mourning when He returns, because they did *not* remain true to Him (Mth 4:21-23). So, it's very important for to us to remember (and share with others) the fact that: *before the true* Jesus Christ returns, *there is a 'false' Christ coming*. So, we shouldn't trust in false promises of being raptured out of the earth before this happens [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/457>] because God (and Jesus) wants us to *stay here on earth* (John 17:15) **and fight** (spiritually) *against the lies* that this false Christ spews out of his filthy mouth (Mth 10:18-22, Mk 13:9-13, Lk 21:12-19). And that false Christ is none other than Satan himself, as Rev 12 and 2 Thess 2 so candidly explain. To learn more about this, check out the following studies...

Antichrist, Satan or Man <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/345>

How Can Satan Deceive the Whole World <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/380>

The Apostasy – Part 1 <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/499>

The Apostasy – Part 2 <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/500>

The Apostasy – Part 3 <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/501>

Now, this verse also ends with the 'subtitle' *To the chief Musician*, which we know by now means 'to He that has the victory' or 'to He that gives the victory' – which, of course, is Jesus Christ (apx 64). And it is Jesus Christ that will give the people reason to praise God, be glad and sing for joy when He returns to judge the world in righteousness and govern with the truth!

*6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and **the government shall be upon his shoulder**: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

*7 **Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.***

Isa 9:6-7

AMEN.