

Part 2 – The Deep Thoughts of the Lord

In part 1 we learned the subject/title of this Psalm 92 is a “***Prayer and Praise For Sabbath Rest***”. So, it’s a beautiful Psalm (or song) that not only prophesies of the Sabbath rest that is *yet to come* (during the Millennium), but it also teaches us how we can have *spiritual* rest (peace of mind) even yet *today*. For while our flesh bodies *do* need one day to rest, out of the week to rest (whatever day works for you), what’s even *more* important is learning to *spiritually* rest by learning of, trusting in, *and obeying* God’s Word. And truly, we need that *every* day! And that’s also what this beautiful Psalm teaches us to do, which is why it began by telling us we *should* give thanks, and sing praises, to Yehovah, who truly is the Most High. For, giving thanks to the Lord (YHVH) is not only pleasing to our Heavenly Father, it’s also good for us because being thankful is *a vital part of the spiritual warfare* (Eph 6). And this is because, learning to put God at the forefront of our heart and mind (and not ‘self’) creates in us a rejoicing and *thankful* attitude, which is *what enables us to persevere through all hard times*.

And we also learned it’s good that we share the truth with others (such as His lovingkindness and trustworthiness) so others can be blessed by having a personal relationship with the Lord (via Jesus Christ). And lastly, we also learned the power that music has to lift up our spirit *and* to help us *remember* God’s Word. That’s why God’s Word has so often been put to music (such as the Psalms we’re studying); it’s because it helps people to *remember* God’s Word so they can strive to *obey it* (and obtain God’s blessings). And this was even more important in the day and age when most people didn’t know *how* to read, nor did most have a Bible they *could* read. So, the first part of this lovely Psalm laid the foundation for the importance of learning to spiritually ‘rest’ (trust and obey) the Lord (Jesus Christ), which is what *truly* ‘observing’ the Sabbath day really is. And, in this next study, we’ll learn about the *reasons why* we should give thanks to the Lord (YHVH), praise His name and share the truth about His faithfulness and kindness with others, through whatever our God given gift(s) are...

Psalm 92

4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

As stated before, this verse begins to explain the reasons *why* we should give thanks to the Lord (YHVH), praise His name and share the truth about His faithfulness and kindness with others. And yet again, God’s sacred name is used here. Although it’s rendered as ‘**Lord**’ it is actually ***Yehovah*** (#3068), which means (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*. And then the word ‘**glad**’ here means *to brighten up*, i.e. (figuratively) ***be*** (causatively, ***make***) ***blithe*** or ***gleesome*** (#8055) while the word ‘**work**’ means ***an act*** or ***work*** (#6467). And then the word ‘**triumph**’ means *to shout*, usually *for joy* (#7442). It’s also been rendered as be

joyful, rejoice, shout for joy and sing for joy. And the word ‘**works**’ here means ***an action*** (good or bad); generally, ***a transaction***; abstractly, ***activity***; by implication, ***a product*** (specifically, a *poem*) or (generally) ***property*** (#4639). It’s been rendered many ways, such as act, business, deed, do (-ing), labor, occupation, operation, working, workmanship and wrought. And then the word ‘**hand**’ does man ***hand*** but (importantly) it’s *the open one*, which ***indicates power, means*** and ***direction*** (#3027).

So, the Psalmist (whoever it is) uses God’s *Sacred* (and covenantal) name, which indicates that, whoever is writing this Psalm, *is in a covenantal relationship* with our Heavenly Father. And essentially, he’s explaining that he’s got *so many reasons* to give thanks, and praise, our Heavenly Father; and that’s clearly what makes him *so happy* that he *wants* to share that with others (i.e. showing forth God’s loving-kindness and faithfulness). And while he doesn’t expound on just *what* ‘works’ the Lord has done that have made him so happy, it’s clearly something that made him feel quite ‘triumphant’ – *so much so* that he wants to shout for joy (#7442). However, all we have to do is *study the Bible* to see many of God’s *past* ‘wonderful works’. In fact, we can even look at the beauty of the earth (mountains, rivers, etc.) and the stars at night to appreciate His wonderful works, as Psalms 19 so well pointed out. But, in regards to Israel (which the Psalmist was surely of) God *had* done many wonderful works for them. From the time He brought them out of Egypt, to saving them *many times* they were in the Promise Land; and then when Jesus Christ came, He too did many mighty works for the people – healing and cleansing many with astounding miracles (Mth 4:23, 8:16-17; Mk 1:34; Lk 4:40; John 6:2, 10:32, etc.).

In fact, it was the ‘wonderful works of God’ that the apostles spoke on Pentecost day, when the Holy Spirit first came to dwell *within* mankind (i.e. those who believe in Jesus Christ). And, if we are really honest with ourselves, it’s quite likely you’ve witnessed some wonderful works of God in your own life, as well as those you know. Psalms 107 also gives a long list of wonderful works of God, as did Psalm 78. And, in Psalm 40:5, David pointed out that, *many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered*. So, there’s so many wonderful works of God, that it would take a very long time to write a list of them! At the very end of his Gospel, John also said this too, when he wrote that *there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written* (John 21:25). So, we certainly cannot note all of God’s ‘wonderful works’ in this study. So, ‘suffice it to say’ that the Scriptures themselves (i.e. the Word of God) truly ‘speaks for itself’ on this matter. And the bottom line is that God’s creation, and His plan of salvation, is *quite* amazing...

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5 O LORD, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.

Again, the word ‘**Lord**’ here is *Yehovah* (#3068), which means (the) *self-Existent* or *Eternal*. And the word ‘**great**’ here means *to be* (or *make*) *large*, in various senses, such as in *body*, *mind*, *estate* or *honor*, also in *pride* (#1431). And then the word ‘**works**’ is the same as it was in verse 4, which means *an action* (good or bad), a *transaction*, activity or, by implication, a *product* (specifically, a poem) or (generally) *property* (#4639). And then the word ‘**thoughts**’ means *a contrivance*, i.e. (concretely) *a texture*, *machine*, or (abstractly) *intention*, *plan* (whether bad, a plot; or *good*, *advice*) (#4284). And the word ‘**very**’ means (in the context of this verse) *wholly* or *speedily* (#3966) while the word ‘**deep**’ means *to be* (or *make*) *deep* (literally or figuratively (#6009)).

So, now the Psalmist is clearly praising the Lord (YHVH) for all of His wonderful works. And he notes that God’s thoughts are ‘very deep’. And that means that God looks *far into the future* and has the *foresight* to know how to make things happen so that His children have the best opportunity to return to Him (through Jesus Christ), so they *can* receive salvation and, eventually, *eternal* life. That’s really the whole point to our life in the flesh. God wants us to realize that we truly do *need* Him to live forever. Not only did our Heavenly Father create our flesh body, but also our soul and spirit (Ezek 18:4, Rev 4:11). And we, therefore, *need Him to live eternally*. And that means we need His Word, which is *truth* (John 17:17), *if* we want to live *eternally* (John 6:63). David also made a similar statement in Ps 145:3, which he wrote that: *Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable*. The word ‘**unsearchable**’ here means *examination*, *enumeration*, *deliberation* (#2714) and it comes from a word that means *to penetrate*; hence, *to examine intimately* (#2713).

This simply means that, no matter how much we study God’s Word, we’ll never understand it all. This is why some people liken God’s word to being ‘pregnant’ because, the more you study it, the more you learn! So, no matter how old you get, you won’t ever understand all of God’s Word (His wonderful works and ways). And, of course, that’s why we should *continue* to study God’s Word (2 Tim 2:15, John 8:21-32) our *entire* life, no matter how old we get or how much we think we know. That’s also why it’s good to go ‘back to the basics’ [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1070>] every now and then (meaning to study the basics from time to time) because the basic truths in God’s Word will help us to *keep growing* in understanding. It’s kind of like a pyramid. In order to build higher (understand more) you have to broaden the foundation of your understanding (of the so called ‘basics’). This is because, after you’ve studied a while, and then ‘go back to the basics’, you realize that *you didn’t fully understand the ‘basics’!* So, your ‘foundation’ (spiritually speaking of the basic truths in God’s Word) *grows larger*; and that’s what helps you to keep growing *more and more* mature, wise and strong, spiritually speaking.

And truly, there are some things hard to understand in a flesh body. As the prophet Isaiah wrote, when writing about his hopes for the Lord to speedily return to earth: *For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him* (Isa 65:4). However, as Paul explained in 1 Cor 2:6-16, ***our Heavenly Father has given us His Holy Spirit*** (when we believe in, and serve, Jesus Christ) ***to help us understand the things that He has written to us in His Word***. For, those things that are written in God's Word, *are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come*, so that we won't be decided in to rebelling against God (1 Cor 10:11-12), especially when the antichrist [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/345>], who is Satan, comes to earth *before* the true Jesus Christ returns. And in 1 Cor 2:6-16 Paul also points out that those who are carnally minded (they only think 'in the flesh' and not any deeper) are not able to understand God's wonderful works, let alone the 'mystery' of His plan of Salvation, through Jesus Christ. But, when we believe in God Almighty – and His Son Jesus Christ – then the Holy Spirit does help us to understand those 'hidden mysteries' *written* in His Word. That's actually why Jesus used parables so much of the time [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/381>]. Those who are interested *will seek out the deeper meaning* of them; and those who are not serious about loving and serving the Lord (YHWH) wont'. That's why Paul wrote...

6 *Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect [mature]: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:*

7 *But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the **hidden wisdom**, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:*

8 *Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

9 *But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.***

10 *But **God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit**: for **the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.***

11 *For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*

12 *Now **we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.***

13 *Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

14 *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

15 *But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.*

16 *For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

1 Cor 2:6-16

So, even though God's thoughts are 'very deep' – and we truly cannot understand them all while in a flesh body – He has given us, who believe in Jesus Christ, His Holy Spirit *specifically so* we **can** understand *what He's written to us*. For He's given us His written Word (the Bible, both the Old and the New Testaments) so we **can** know the things *He wants us to know*. And part of what He wants us to know are His wonderful, and mighty works; but also, His plan of Salvation. And in Rom 11 – when Paul is explaining (and marveling over) God's amazing plan of salvation (His plan to save His wayward children) - he wrote...

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Rom 11:33-36

So yes, God's wisdom and knowledge is truly beyond our comprehension, in a flesh body; and likely even beyond our comprehension when we're in a spiritually body too (in the other dimension - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/263>). But, that doesn't mean we cannot understand His Written Word, which truly tells us all we need to know to live our life in the flesh quite happily, and in obedience to Him. Again, the 'thoughts' that God wants us to know, and understand, are written. And thus, **He's given us all the information we need to know, to find eternal life, in His written Word**. That's why Jesus said that *it is the spirit that quickeneth* [makes our soul alive; it revives us spiritually]; *the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life* (John 6:63). Prov 4:22 also tells us that God's Words *are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh*.

However, it *takes time* to understand God's Word *because* we must not only study it, but also meditate on (think deeply about) God's Word. That's why, only those who are *serious* about loving, and serving God (and Jesus Christ) will do so their *whole* life (after they accept Jesus Christ). But, the fact that we'll never understand it all, simply proves how immeasurable God's Word is. Yet, His Word continues to teach us our whole life, which is why some liken it to being 'pregnant'. His Word continues to feed us, spiritually, our entire life. And, it gives us hope that, if we continue to seek and serve Him, then God *will* give us *eternal* life when we die, or when Jesus Christ returns, whichever comes first. Thus, God's Word also helps us to prioritize our life; it helps us to remember life in the flesh is short and it's far better to live our life for Him rather than for the pleasures of the flesh (1 Pt 4:1-2). For, when we do so, we 'store up' treasures up in heaven, instead of on earth (Mth 6:33). Because, when we depart from this flesh body, we cannot take anything with us, *but* our 'good works', and *knowledge* of the Most High God, that we've worked so hard to obtain while on earth (Ecc 5:15, 1 Tim 6:7, Rev 14:13) ...

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 **For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.**

8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some **coveted** after, they **have erred from the faith**, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

12 **Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life**, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

1 Tim 6:6-12

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

AMEN.