

Psalm 92 - Review

In chapter ninety-two, part 1, we learned the subject/title of this Psalm was 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) in the Lord (Jesus Christ), which is what *truly* ‘observing’ the Sabbath day really is.

In part 2 we began to learn 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 one of the reasons *why* is because the ‘works of the Lord (YHVH)’ are truly mighty and too numerous to count. Thankfully, we have God’s written Word, which teaches us about many of His mighty works, of which His beautiful plan of salvation is paramount. And, God’s thoughts are *so deep* that, even though we study His Word our entire life, we’ll never understand it all. Just when we think we ‘know it all’, if we ‘go back to the basics’ and study them again, we’ll see that we did not fully comprehend them the first (or last) time we studied them! And that’s what should motivate us to study God’s Word our *whole life*. And truly, learning of God’s ‘wonderful works’, which He has written in His Word, does give us so much to be glad for, *and* to praise Him for. Not only for the salvation He’s given us, but because it reveals the joy and happiness that He’s promises us eternally, to those who love Him. And thankfully, we can even partake of that great joy *now*. For, when we study His Word, and strive hard to obey Him, His Holy Spirit gives us great joy (and peace of mind) even yet today (Ps 16:11, Isa 26:3-4).

In part 3 we learned that the brutish (stupid) man and the fool (stupid, silly) simply don't know how great God's works are, nor how wonderfully 'deep' (wise) His thoughts are. They either reject the thought of God existing at all, follow 'false gods' (and idols), or cleave to the 'traditions of man' that totally make void God's Word. And that's why *they are rebellious fools* despite being 'smart' in the 'ways of the world'. And that's also why God *doesn't* allow them into the *true* 'Church' (the Body of Christ) and thus *won't* use them to govern the world when Jesus Christ returns. And we also learned of an analogy (which we've seen used before in Psalm 37 and 90) that the Psalmist used to explain that the brutish (stupid) man, and the fool (stupid, silly), also don't understand their coming *demise* for remaining rebellious to the Lord (YHVH). For, just as grass grows up quickly, so do people. We're young (flourishing) only for a short time before we then wither (grow old) and then die (are cut down). So, the wicked (and the wicked 'workers of iniquity') *will* be 'cut down' (die in the flesh) just as we all do. And all their ill-gotten gains won't help them when they appear before the judgment seat of Christ, to receive things done in their body, according to what they've done (2 Cor 5:10).

In part 4 we learned that our Heavenly Father truly is the *Supreme* God who has *always* existed and *always* will, which is what His name, Yehovah, means (#3068). And then we also learned that all of His enemies will, eventually, perish, which means that they will be totally 'blotted out of existence', just as the 'fat of lambs' goes up into smoke and *dissipates into nothing* (literally). And then we also learned that all of the wicked 'workers of iniquity' will be *separated from* their positions of authority, and even imprisoned, when Jesus Christ returns. And, no matter how hard they try and fight against Jesus (Satan will try to gather all the armies of the world against Him), *they will lose*. Not only will Jesus come at a time they are not expecting (as a thief in the night) but He will come with his holy angels in *mighty* flying vehicles that will be *so overwhelming in power* that no one can stop them from gathering up all the people on earth *for judgment*. And that's truly what this part of Psalm 92 looks forward to as well - because it's a '*Prayer and praise for the Sabbath rest*' – and the *ultimate* 'rest' (Sabbath) *cannot* come until the *true* Jesus Christ returns and ushers in the Millennial period.

In part 5 we learned how the righteous will be given *great* power (over the wicked) at Jesus' Second Advent. For, He'll not only depose all the wicked ones, and 'workers of iniquity' (as we learned of in verse 9), He will also raise up (exalt) the righteous, which means He'll install His own government (the Body of Christ), which will consist *only* of those who have *remained loyal* to Him, His Father and *His Word* (Rom 8:17; Rev 1:6, 5:10, 20:4-6). Thus, while the enemies of the Lord will perish *and* the workers of iniquity will be scattered (separated from the righteous ones, Mth 13:47-50), the righteous ones (those who remain faithful to the *true* Jesus Christ) will not only be exalted high above all others (by being allowed to govern the world with Jesus Christ when He returns) but they'll also be forever 'refreshed' by God's blessed Holy Spirit (i.e. given eternal life), which is what the 'fresh oil' in Ps 92:10 represents. Thus, we also learned that the

righteous will ‘see’ (and in look intently at) their enemies (their foes, who have been ‘lying in wait’ to kill them, spiritually and/or physically) when the *true* Jesus Christ returns. And they’ll even be able to hear (intelligently and with great attention) the demise of the wicked ones and the ‘workers of iniquity’; which is why Mth 13:42 says they’ll hear their ‘*wailing and gnashing of teeth*’ of the wicked ones (and workers of iniquity, Mth 7:21-23) when Jesus Christ returns. And that simply refers to the immense complaining, and abundant crying, they’ll be doing because they realize they worshiped the false Christ (Satan) instead of true Jesus Christ and they are now in very *bad* ‘standing’ with the King of kings and Lord of lords. So, this beautiful Psalm has been just *full* of promises; and it’s also *immensely* prophetic.

In part 6 we learned of the blessings that the true ‘Sabbath Rest’ (i.e. at Jesus Christ’s return, during the Millennium) will have upon those who remain loyal to the *true* Jesus Christ (and don’t worship Satan, nor take the ‘mark of the beast’). For, they will *flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon*, which means they’ll be morally upright (as a palm tree grows very straight) and *abundantly* fruitful, spiritually (just as a date palm tree is). And that’s because (like a cedar tree) they have their spiritual roots (heart and mind) firmly ‘rooted into’ God’s Word. And we further learned that they’ll also *be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God*, which is prophetic for when Jesus Christ returns. For, after He deposes the wicked ones from all positions of authority on earth (and cleans Jerusalem during the ‘day of vengeance’) He will then ‘plant’ (install) His own government (the Body of Christ) in the Millennial Temple (God’s house). And, because Jesus Christ will be the King of kings (leading and guiding them as they govern the world) the righteous will flourish greatly, in His courts, as they judge for Him *and* teach His children how to truly obey God, *from the heart*. And, because they’ll also be given eternal life when Jesus Christ returns (the first resurrection) they’ll be fertile (fat) and flourishing no matter how much time goes by. And the fact that the Lord (YHVH) – through Jesus Christ – rewards the righteous shows that He is upright and totally uncorruptible (not evil). Like His Father (YHVH), Jesus Christ doesn’t pervert judgment and His faithful government (the Body of Christ) won’t either, because they made His Word their moral foundation *and stuck with it*, faithfully serving Him, and brining forth great spiritual fruit, even while in the flesh. That’s why they are entrusted to govern, with Jesus Christ, for the Millennium.

So, this beautiful Psalm really did prophesy a lot about the true ‘Sabbath Rest’, which is the thousand years Jesus Christ will rule when He returns (the Millennium). Yet, it can even be prophetic for the eternity too. For all those who are not blotted out of existence in the ‘lake of fire’ (destroyed fully, body soul and spirit) will also flourish, and enjoy great peace, during the eternity as well. And that too, shows just how righteous (upright) our Heavenly Father really is! So, there is truly much to praise, and thank, our Heavenly Father. Not only for what He has done, but what He will do, through Jesus Christ...

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

32 *He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*

33 *Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.*

34 *Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*

35 ***Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?*** *shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

36 *As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*

37 *Nay, **in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.***

38 *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,*

39 *Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

Rom 8:31-39

AMEN.