

Part 1 – The Lord Will Openly Show His Righteousness

Now, we've come to the *fourth* chapter in the part of the 'Numbers Book' of the Psalms (chapters 95-100), which are related to *Rest for the Earth Anticipated*. And, let's remember that **Psalm 95**, had the subject/title of "*Worship in View of the Rest, Anticipated*" because it specifically spoke of *true* worship of the Lord (Yehovah). We therefore learned that, while our Heavenly Father does enjoy our praise, songs and thankfulness to Him, all outward worship truly means *nothing* if it's *not* accompanied by *true inward* worship. And the essence of *truly* worshipping our Heavenly Father (YHVH) is *not* hardening our heart to His 'Voice'. Thus, *true* worship is softening (opening) our heart *to the truth*, which is His Word and Holy Spirit. And then, **Psalm 96** had the subject/title of a "*Summons to Sing the New Song*". So, it was a *call* to sing a 'new song' *in anticipation* for the coming 'rest for the earth' (when Jesus Christ returns to rule the earth in righteousness), to which even the creation looks forward to (Rom 8:18-23). And, while Psalm 96 put forth 'the call' to sing the 'New Song', the last chapter (**Psalm 97**) was the '*answer*' to it, because it was the *actual* 'New Song'. So, it spoke a bit more about the *how* the 'Lord reigneth' when Jesus Christ returns. Now, what's unique about this next chapter (**Psalm 98**) is that it's actually another "*Summons to Sing the New Song*". So, it's similar to Psalm 96, and will even include some very comparable verses within it (verse 1, 8-9). However, instead of *anticipating* the coming 'rest for the earth' (as Ps 96 spoke of), this Psalm 97 looks forward to what the Lord (YHVH) will do, *for Israel* when He returns...

Psalm 98 *I A Psalm.*

Now, this Psalm begins in a unique way because it has a very short subscription with only the words 'A Psalm'. Not only is this unique for this section of the Psalms (95-100) but it's unique to the *entire book* of Psalms. The word '**Psalm**' here is the usual Hebrew word rendered as 'Psalm', *mizmowr* (#4210), which means *instrumental music* and, by implication, *a poem set to notes*. So, you could think of it as a form of meditating (like a poem). And what we'll learn in this precious Psalm is something we *should* think deeply (meditate on) about! For it summons us to 'sing a new song' for what the Lord (YHVH) will do for Israel when Jesus Christ returns...

Psalm 98 *I ... O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.*

Now, aside from the subscription ('A Psalm'), this first verse begins exactly like Psalms 96 did; but the rest of it is different *because* the subject is what God will do *for Israel*, when Jesus Christ returns (as verse 3 will point out), instead of just the whole earth, although the latter part of this Psalm does touch on that, which is why verses 8-9 are again much like Psalm 96. So then, the

word ‘sing’ does mean *to sing* (#7891) and the word ‘new’ does mean *new* (#2319) and the word ‘song’ does mean *a song* (#7892) but, abstractly, it can also mean *singing*. And then the word ‘Lord’ here is God’s sacred (and covenantal) name *Yehovah* [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>] which means (the) *self-Existent* or *Eternal* (#3068). So, His name *reveals* that our Heavenly Father (Yehovah) is the *only* one who has *always* existed and *always* will, which is why He is *eternal* (Rev 1:8, 4:9, 11:17, 16:5, 22:13). Further, Yehovah is God’s covenantal name *because* His name is most often used *in connection to* those who are loyal to Him (obey His Covenant), which is why He first revealed His Sacred Name to Moses (Ex 3:14-15; 6:2-4), who then revealed it to the children of Israel (Ex 4:29-31) [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>]. And that’s why, while He is the God of Israel, is also the God of those who are redeemed *through faith in Jesus Christ* (Gal 3:26-29). And, what’s also interesting is that the 144,000 of Israel (Rev 7), who are sealed before the ‘great tribulation’ (Mth 24:21) begins, will also be redeemed and *that’s* why they *also* sing a ‘new song’, as recorded in Rev 14.

So then, this first verse (here in Ps 98) also tells us *why* we’re called to ‘sing a new song’ to the Lord (YHVH) - in anticipation for what He will do for Israel (redeeming them) when Jesus Christ returns. It’s because the Lord (YHVH) has done ‘marvellous things’. The words ‘**marvellous things**’ here means *to separate*, i.e. *distinguish* (literally or figuratively) and, by implication, *to be* (or *make*) *great, difficult* and *wonderful* (#6381). And it is the great, difficult and wonderful things that our Heavenly Father (YHVH) does *that distinguishes Him* from all of His creation, even those who are called ‘gods’ - such as rulers and judges on earth, as well as the fallen angels that are worshipped (i.e. false gods). Because our Heavenly Father has created all things in heaven, and on (and under) the earth and the seas (even us), He therefore has *more* power (and authority) than *anyone* else (Gen 1:1, Isa 42:5, Isa 45:12, 18, Zech 12:1, Ps 96:4-5; 148:1-6, John 1:1-3, Acts 4:24; 14:15, Eph 3:9, Col 1:16, Rev 4:11; Rev 14:7). So, his works truly are far beyond anything or anyone else in heaven (fallen angels) or on earth (rulers and judges). As Isa 55:9 says, His thoughts, and ways, are so much higher than ours, He likens it to the space between heaven and earth! And, as Paul declares, in Rom 11:33, *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!* While there is much about our Heavenly Father we can understand (if we sincerely study His Word) our mind in a flesh body simply cannot comprehend everything about Him. Thankfully, He’s given us all we need to know (in flesh bodies) to serve Him effectively here on earth (Mk 13:23). And, past Psalms (such as 78) have done a magnificent job at detailing God’s *many* wonderful works - such as the creation of this earth as well as the things He’s done in connection with His beautiful plan of salvation, of which Jesus Christ is paramount.

And then (going back to Ps 98:1) we’re told that *his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory*. The word ‘**right hand**’ means *the right hand or side* (leg, eye) *of a person* or *other object* (as the stronger and more dexterous) (#3225) and the right hand (or arm) is often used, figuratively, to refer to *power* (ex: Ex 15:6,12; Ps 16:8, 44:3, 60:5, 110:1; Isa 41:13, 62:8,

etc.). And that's simply because the right hand has always been (throughout all time) the most commonly dominant hand in people (which is to no offense to the left-handed people out there!). And the word 'holy' means *a sacred place* or *thing* and even *sanctity* (#6944) while the word 'arm' means *the arm* (as stretched out) but is also used, figuratively, for *force* (#2220). And then the word rendered here as 'victory' is actually commonly translated as *salvation*, for it means *to be open, wide or free*, i.e. (by implication) *to be safe*; causatively, *to free or succor* (#3467). This word is actually the prim root of the Hebrew word that Jesus' Greek name (#2424) comes from, which is *Yehowshuwa`* (or *Yehowshu` a*, #3091) and means *Yehovah-saved*. So, the 'marvellous things' that this 'new song' wants us to sing unto the Lord (YHWH) about is for His ability to save His children - *specifically*, those who love and fear (obey) Him. For, while *the LORD preserveth* (guards and protects, #8104) *all them that love him, all the wicked will he destroy*. So, this Psalmist is beginning to speak of God's salvation...

Psalm 98

2 The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

Again, this is what gives us *reason* to sing the 'new song' when Jesus Christ returns. The word 'Lord' here is, again, God's sacred (and covenantal) name, **Yehovah**, which means (the) *self-Existent* or *Eternal* (#3068) [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>]. So, His name *reveals* that our Heavenly Father (Yehovah) is the *only* one who has *always* existed and *always* will, which is why He is *eternal* (Rev 1:8, 4:9, 11:17, 16:5, 22:13). And the words 'made known' here mean are a prim root that simply means *to know* as in *to ascertain by seeing*. But it's used in a great variety of senses: figuratively, literally, euphemistically and inferentially - including *observation, care, recognition* as well as *instruction, designation, punishment*, etc. (#3045). And then the word 'salvation' here is the Hebrew word *yeshuw` ah* which means *something saved*, i.e. (abstractly) *deliverance*; hence, *aid, victory and prosperity* (#3444). And it's closely linked to the Hebrew word rendered in the first verse as 'victory' (#3467), which is one of two prim roots for Jesus' Greek name (#2424) *Yehowshuwa`* (or *Yehowshu` a*, #3091) and means *Yehovah-saved*.

So again, we see the Psalmist speak of the Lord's (YHWH's) salvation, but he's pointing out that His salvation will be 'made known' and *that's because*, when Jesus Christ returns, the *entire* world will see Him return to the earth (Mth 24:27; Rev 1:7). Why? Because when Jesus Christ returns, the heaven will open up (Rev 6:14, 19:11) to reveal Jesus Christ returning with *ten thousands of his saints* (Jude 14). As Jesus said, He will return coming *in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory* (Matt 24:30). And that's because Jesus (and His massive angelic army) will return in their magnificent flying vehicles [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/392>] and those on earth will be *entirely helpless* to stop them – not only the armies of the earth but also Satan and his fallen angels, who also have impressive flying vehicles quite similar (but not as

powerful) to Jesus Christ and His army of ‘saints’ [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/393>]. So, the Lord’s (YHVH’s) salvation (deliverance and victory) will be ‘made known’ because it will be an event that the *entire* world will see. That’s why Jesus told us (who remain faithful to Him) to *look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh* (#Luke 21:28). Why look up? Because that’s **where** Jesus Christ and His massive army of ‘angels’ (i.e. His faithful followers in heaven, which include people who have already died in the flesh, 1 Thess 4:14) **come from when they return**. And, *they* are our ‘redemption’ *because they will deliver us* (who are faithful servants of Jesus Christ, on earth) from the wicked ones who have been persecuting us during the ‘great tribulation’ [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/345>]. As the book of Jude says, the purpose of Jesus returning with *ten thousands of his saints* (Jude 14) is *to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him* (Jude 14-15). Thus, **it is the punishment of the wicked ones on earth** (including Satan and his fallen angels, Rev 20:1-3) **that saves those who are righteous**, which means those who *remain* faithful to Jesus Christ and *don’t* worship Satan, the fallen angels nor his wicked ‘beast’ system. Again, that’s *why* the Lord (YHVH) will make known His salvation – i.e. Jesus Christ’s return will be clearly seen by all people on earth. As Rev 1:7 says, *behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.*

And then, the second part of this 2nd verse (in Ps 98) says that *his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen*. And let’s remember, this is still speaking of the ‘new song’ the righteous ones will be singing when Jesus Christ returns. The word ‘**righteousness**’ here means **rightness, rectitude, justice, virtue** and, figuratively, it can also mean **prosperity** (#6666) and has also been rendered as *justice*. As it comes from a prim root that means **to make right** (#6663). Indeed, the Lord’s (YHVH’s) justice (righteous judgments) do make things right! And then the words ‘**openly shewed**’ are quite a revealing Hebrew word, for it means **to denude** (especially in a *disgraceful* sense) and, by implication, it can also mean **to exile** (captives being usually stripped) and, figuratively, it also means **to reveal** (#1540). So, what this Hebrew word teaches us is *how* Jesus Christ will ‘openly show’ His righteous judgments when He returns. That’s why Jesus will truly fulfill *all three* meanings of this word when He returns. So, He will ‘denude’ the wicked ones *by revealing their sins* via the judgment that comes at His return (2 Cor 5:10). And He’ll also ‘exile’ them to prisons (Isa 24:22; Mth 13:40-42; Rev 20:1-3) for the Millenium. Thus, God’s righteousness that He ‘openly sheweth’ in the sight of the heathen **is** His *punishing the wicked and rewarding the righteous*. And that *will* be ‘openly shown’ to all people on earth, even the ‘**heathen**’ which simply means **foreign nations** (Gentiles), i.e. who are not of Israel (#1471). But today the ‘heathen’ also refers to those who don’t know Jesus Christ (and/or don’t remain faithful to Him). So, it’s not just Israel who will see Jesus’ return, but the *entire* world; and just as we (who remain faithful to Jesus Christ) will finally get to see true justice enforced, so will the

wicked ones... and they will be crying their eyes out and complaining terribly to themselves about it (Mth 13:41-42, 47-51; Rev 1:7)!

Psalms 98

3 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Now we see another aspect of the ‘new song’ the righteous ones will be singing (i.e. those who remain faithful to Jesus Christ). When Jesus Christ returns, He will remember His mercy and truth towards the house of Israel. Now, *this doesn’t mean He forgot!* It simply means that He will do the things God has long promised. Some of God’s promises are time related; meaning, they cannot be fulfilled *until the right time*. Jesus’ First Advent was like that (Rom 5:6) and so is His Second Advent (1 Pt 5:6). That’s why the word ‘**remembered**’ not only means *to remember* but also *to mention* as well as *to mark* (for recognition) (#2142). So, when Jesus Christ returns, He will remember God’s ‘mercy and truth’ *that He has promised to the house of Israel*. The word ‘**mercy**’ here means *kindness* (#2617) and has been rendered, many times, as *loving-kindness*. The word ‘**truth**’ here means (literally) *firmness* but, figuratively, it means *security* and morally, it means *fidelity* (#530). But, a word it’s associated with (a feminine of) is even more revealing, for it means *established, trusty* and *trustworthiness* (#529). And it comes from a prim root that means *to build up or support; to foster as a parent or nurse*; figuratively *to render (or be) firm or faithful, to trust or believe, to be permanent or quiet*; morally *to be true or certain* (#539). So, you could think of God’s truth has His Word (for it is, John 17:17) which He has sworn to do for Israel. And while there are some promises He swore (unconditionally) to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob/Israel and to David also [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/824>] that are already fulfilled, there are still *many* more yet to be fulfilled at Jesus’ Second Advent.

We learned quite a bit about this back when we studied Psalm 89 [which you can study via this link: https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Psalms/1105], which frequently used the *same* Hebrew word rendered as ‘truth’ here in Ps 98:3 (#530) but was mostly rendered in Ps 89 as ‘faithfulness’ (and once as ‘truth’). The Psalmist of Ps 89 continued to remind God of His promises (which were *unconditional*) to David because of demise of Israel that he was seeing at the time he wrote the Psalm. But most of the promises to David were regarding His ‘seed’ (descendant) that would be the Messiah, i.e. Jesus Christ (as written in 2 Sam 7:12-16 and 2 Chron 17:11-14). For truly, it is only Jesus Christ who will rule over Israel *forever*. And so, true to God’s promise to David, a descendant of David (of which Jesus Christ was, Lk 3:31) will rule the world (and over Israel) forever, without end, once Jesus Christ returns. And, as this 3rd verse (in Ps 98) also points out, God’s mercy will be extended to Israel again (as *many* Scriptures promise, Isa 44,45, 49, Jer 23, Rom 11, etc., etc...). You can learn more about God’s promises (i.e. His mercy and truth) towards Israel in the following studies...

Fulfilments of Israel in prophesy <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/824>

The Unconditional Promises <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1122>

OT & NT Fulfilments of the ‘Mystery’ <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/933>

Ezekiel 17 https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Ezekiel/301

Isaiah 18 https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Isaiah/410

However, only those *of Israel* who accept Jesus Christ will be able to inherit the promises God gave to Israel (i.e. be allowed to govern with Jesus Christ when He returns); the others will be treated as the infidels they truly are! And what’s beautiful about this is that, even the Gentiles (non-Israelites) *who accept Jesus Christ* can also have a part in serving in the Kingdom of God when Jesus Christ returns. For all those who are not of Israel will be allowed to rule their own people when Jesus Christ returns and installs His righteous government; and that privilege will continue on in the eternity too (Rev 21:24). But we can never forget that God has not forgotten His people, Israel. They will be ruled by Jesus Christ (as will the whole world) and Jesus’ ruling will bring great prosperity to the earth and to *all* those who love and obey Him. And the wonderful thing about the Millennial teaching period [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/421>] is that all those who were fooled into worshipping Satan (shortly before the true Jesus Christ returns) will be taught the truth (God’s Word/Laws) without any evil (satanic) interference (because the wicked ones are locked up in prison - Isa 24:22; Mth13:40-42; Rev 20:1-3) so they can have the opportunity to turn back to God, *by accepting Jesus Christ*, and be allowed to live on in the eternity (the second resurrection) instead of having to die spiritually, as Satan and his fallen angels (who came to earth and mated with flesh woman) have already been sentenced to (Rev 20:10-15; Ezek 28; Jude 6) [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Psalms/437].

And then the second part of this verse 3 (in Ps 98) said that: *all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God*. The words ‘**all the ends**’ means (in the context of this verse) **cessation**, i.e. **an end** (especially of the earth); often used adverb, **no further** (#657). And the word ‘**earth**’ does mean **the earth** (*at large, or partitively a land*) (#776). So, this means that, when the end of this fleshly earth age comes (which is when Jesus Christ returns) everyone will see (#7200) the salvation of our God. The word ‘**salvation**’ here means **something saved**, i.e. **deliverance**; hence, **aid, victory, prosperity** (#3444). And, it’s closely associated with one of the two prime roots that Jesus’ Greek name (#2424) comes from, which is **Yehowshuwa`** (#3091) and means **Jehovah-saved**, because God saves us through Jesus Christ – spiritually and physically! Truly, Jesus Christ not only saves our souls from spiritual death (by atoning for our sins, cleansing and protecting our inner man from sin, Satan and all other evil ones) but He’ll also save us from them when He returns to the earth, as the study [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/489>] **Point A To Point B** so well explains. And then we also see a ‘title’ for our Heavenly Father (Yehovah) used here. The word rendered as ‘**God**’ here is ‘**Elohiym**’ (#430). And while it can be used for false gods or rulers and judges on earth, when used as a ‘title’ (as it is here) of the Lord (YHVH) it means **the Supreme God**, who is our Creator. Thus, ‘**Elohiym** (or ‘**Elohim**) is God the Creator putting His

omnipotence ('*El*) *into operation*, which is likely why it's being used here in this verse which speaks about God's power to save His children via the return of Jesus Christ.

However, note that this verse (in Ps 98:3) did **not** say *everyone* on earth *would* be saved; it simply said everyone **would see** the salvation of God. In other words, even the wicked ones will see Jesus Christ return and save the righteous from their wicked hands... but they will *not* be saved by Jesus. All those who have made themselves God's enemies will receive His wrath *instead of* His salvation. But still, they will *see* the righteous ones (who remained faithful to the Lord, YHVH) be saved (from them) when Jesus Christ returns. And that's why those who remain faithful on earth will have *much* to rejoice in, at the return of Jesus Christ, as the latter part of this lovely Psalm will declare. But, we'll have to wait until part 2 to learn more about that! Until then, let's remember...

6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:

*12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ **may be glorified in you, and ye in him**, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

2 Thess 1:6-12

We'll pick this up in part 2...

AMEN.