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“BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT”



“Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” – Eph. 5:17-20

We are encouraged with the opportunity to bring our lives into His control, and live under His influence unto the praise and glory of God. In the fullness of the Holy Spirit we are equipped to sing our beloved Lord’s praises and live with thanksgiving in his will.

TRUST

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” Proverbs 3:5,6.

Let us touch on some facts, fundamentals, of faith concerning receiving Him. He requires sincerity. And that we not allow our mentality to hinder. Receiving the Holy Spirit does not depend on how hard we try or how much we cry. **(1)** We are to simply hear the Word. The Spirit fell on all them that heard the Word.” Acts 10:44-46. **(2)** Believe His promise, Acts 1:4 & 2:39; **(3)** And take the gift. The Holy Spirit is Gods gift offered to his children. Our Father has poured out the Spirit for us to drink Him into our being unto the fullness.

THIRST

Jesus said, “If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink.” John 7:37. Thirst relates to an awakened need for moisture, a serious lack, a deep inward desire, yearning for that essential to life. Water is to plant life what the Holy Spirit is to our spiritual being and so much more. The promise Jesus offers here is to be received upon terms of faith. Here we find faith in action of the thirsty, “coming and drinking.” We open up unto Him and receive Him into our being. By faith we simply swallow the blessed refreshing billows that He has so graciously poured out for us.

“He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his (innermost being) belly shall flow rivers of living water.” John 7:38. We also may understand how He can make us channels of blessing, to one another, and thereby Our dear Lord is to be glorified. Jesus said, “blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.” Mt 5:6. What a wonderful promise is given in Isa. 44:3, “I will pour water on him that is thirsty, I will pour floods upon the dry ground.”

In the gospel of Luke 11:9-13, we read that our heavenly Father gives the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. He knows how to give the best gifts unto His children, and He would have us come to Him as to a loving Father and ask, thanking Him for His wonderful gift.

In Acts 1:4, they were waiting for the fulfillment of the promise. They continued with one accord in prayer. In Acts 2:1-4, as they continued in one accord the Spirit came and filled the house where they were setting with a sound as a rushing mighty wind...and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. In Acts 10:44-46, as they were hearing the

Word, the Spirit fell on them. We read in Acts 19:1-6 that when Paul prayed for them, the Spirit fell on them and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

TONGUES

Let the Holy Spirit speak. One fundamental factor, we are blessed to give our voice in praise from our hearts. Remember to yield, and in submission, do not force your words to be spoken in English. With God's Spirit upon you, by faith relax your jaw, and tongue, and don't try to form the words, nor frame your sentences. Let Him speak the words He wants to say. As you give the sound from your voice let Him take your tongue in the directions He will, in languages you have never spoken before.

Remember! We want the Holy Spirit to fill us. We are not to be seeking tongues. Tongues are just a sign that He has filled us. "Forbid not to speak in tongues" I Cor. 14:22,39. Paul did say, "I thank God I speak in tongues more than you all." I Cor. 14:18. He also said, I would that ye all spake in tongues. He who speaks in an unknown tongue is edified. I Cor. 14:4.

We sometimes pray in the Spirit with an unknown tongue, and the Spirit prays through us at times when we don't know what to pray, but are groaning unto God for His will. "Likewise the Spirit helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Rom. 8:26,27. See also, I Cor. 14:14,15. These signs shall follow them that believe. Mk.16:17. Thank God for all those that are believing Him, unto Divine fullness.

J. D.



THE LAST DAYS

Anita Clark

“I will go and return to my place, till they (the Jews) acknowledge their offence and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early. Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for He will heal us: He hath smitten and He will bind us up. After two days will He revive us: in the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight.” Hosea 5:15-6:2.

A erroneous teaching that has been around for a long time is, that God has set aside Israel and will never again recognize them as His chosen people. This false teaching states that the Church (believers in Christ Jesus during this present age) has inherited all of Israel’s former blessings, even going so far as to say that the Church is Israel in God’s sight and will inherit the earth. Some who uphold this false doctrine also believe that the Millennial reign of Christ has already started, and that Jesus will not come back physically to earth again. Using Scriptures which say we are the children of Abraham by our faith, they twist it to declare that Israel has absolutely no future place in God’s program. There are many proponents of this teaching today.

This teaching is definitely not according to the Scripture. In our text we see that after the judgment of God upon Israel, there will come a time of true repentance (acknowledgment of their offences or sins) and restoration and healing by God. Apostle Peter says, “But, beloved be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” (II Pet.3:9). About two thousand years ago Israel committed the greatest sin in all of their history. They rejected their Messiah, crucifying Him on a cross. God set them

aside and began to deal with the Gentiles. Jesus' message was "whosoever will to the Lord may come." In the beginning of the Church Age, Apostle James stated, "Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written. After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and will set it up." (Acts 15:14,15).

Apostle Paul wrote to the Romans concerning Israel in Romans 9,10,&11. He states emphatically that, "God hath not cast away His people which He foreknew," (Ch.11:2) but rather, "...that blindness in part is happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved..." (Ch.11:25,26). After this age known as the Church Age or the Grace Age, in which salvation is to whosoever will, is over, God will turn back to Israel. After the final opportunity for the Gentiles to be saved, God will again deal with Israel. "All Israel" which shall be saved, will only be a small part of the whole nation. During the tribulation of seven years, which will come upon the earth in the near future, the trials will be so hard for Israel, that only one-third will survive until the end. (Zech.13:8,9).

Jesus warned that judgment would come upon Israel, after His time, stating that not one stone of their temple would be left upon another. This took place in 70 A.D. when the Roman army under Titus, besieged them and killed thousands and enslaved many into exile. We have read that upon every tree that could be found, the Romans crucified Jews at that time. For centuries Israel has been without a homeland, tossed and driven about in the various nations withstanding horrible persecution. But God had promised that Israel would be gathered back again to her land. Ezekiel 36:24 tells of God's

promise to Israel, “For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.” Ezekiel 37,38 & 39 are prophetic of that time of restoration. Israel was likened to a “valley of dry bones,” but God brought life to them.

The Millennial Reign of Christ is described in the Bible as being a time of peace. There will be no more wars. The earth will be beautiful, “blooming as a rose.” Wild animals will be tame, while children play around in safety near the dens of once poisonous snakes. Israel will be the “head nation and not the tail.” The new Jerusalem will descend and hover over the restored earthly Jerusalem. The Lord Jesus Christ will be reigning on the throne of His father David, long promised in II Sam.7. People will live very long lives. Little children will not be held accountable until they reach one hundred years old. Another important feature of that time, Satan will be bound in the bottomless pit for the duration of the 1,000 years.

The importance of “rightly dividing the word of Truth,” (II Tim.2:15) cannot be overstated or overemphasized. Scripture must be compared with Scripture to be able to gain the correct interpretation of any given Scripture text. It used to be sung, “Every promise in the Book is mine.” Praise God that this is not true. There are promises to Israel, promises to the Church, promises to the sinner (eternal judgment), and promises to Satan himself. We are a heavenly people. We have been “seated with Christ in the heavenly places.” We will not be earth dwellers, but will be reigning with Christ Jesus in the midst and round the throne. Praise Him! Israel is a sign nation. Jesus said to watch for the sign of “the fig tree.” Matt.24:32-35.

“When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.” Israel is called a “fig tree” in the Old Testament prophecies. For centuries Israel was like a dead tree (like the one Jesus cursed because it had no fruit). Then, suddenly, life began to spring forth and now, Israel is a nation again, gathered out of all the nations where they were scattered. The prophecies concerning their re-gathering will have greater fulfillment in the near future, but we can see a partial fulfillment now. What other nation in the history of the world has gone from annihilation to restoration and even revival of their ancient language after it was not spoken for centuries?

There are many other signs of the times in which we live. Christians in Iraq are being targeted for destruction and persecution. Also, al Qaeda has warned that they are planning targeted assassinations in Western countries. The warnings of possible attacks on financial institutions in the U.S.A. are being taken seriously. God may allow another devastating attack on our soil anytime. We must pray and believe God’s Word. He is in control and has a plan made from before the foundation of the world. This is the God we serve. “He’s big enough to rule the mighty universe, but small enough to reign within my heart.”

We are living in the last days of this age. The Lord’s return is at hand. Do you believe that? “The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.” (Romans 13:12).



ROMANS

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Chapter 7:7-14

“What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.”—V. 7.

“Is the law sin?” Law gave sin its strength, it imputed sin, by it is the knowledge of sin, it made transgression to abound, it was used to stir up all manner of covetousness in man, it used the commandment to deceive and slay its adherents, but it is not sin. By the law, Paul had learned that the desire, or the mere impulse of nature, was sin.

“But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead”—V. 8. “Occasion” means, an opportunity or a starting point. It also means, to accomplish an object.

What the commandment wrought in Paul was “Covetousness.” The three words in these verses, “Covetousness,” “Lust” and “Concupiscence” are all the same word in the Greek language. It means, violent desire, or appetite toward all forbidden things. “Sin was dead.” It had no law to give it strength. One of the reasons sin cannot have dominion over us is that we are not under law—Rom. 6:14.

“For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.”—V. 9. “When the commandment came.” The will of man rebelled against that which seemed to restrain it. The bar that God set against the activities of the flesh brought to light all the hidden and innate self will that man is prone to. We feel that this was after Paul

had been saved, and felt so wonderful, that he was sure the Lord would help him keep the law perfectly. Then the commandment in all its force and true meaning came home to his renewed conscience. He didn't die literally, but sank into the confusion of all the self effort revealed in the following verses. The law manifested that the carnal mind was completely and hopelessly at enmity with God, and Paul found a carnal mind in himself. He found something in his person, that try as he would, that "something" was not subject to the law of God, and as he tried to force the issue, he learned that it could not be. See Rom. 8:7.

The law was against every desire of carnal nature. Still, nature desired. Hence the law must pass the death sentence on Paul. The law told men to do but did not give the ability, either to stop doing forbidden things, or the power to do what was commanded. Grace gently instructs, then gives the ability to carry out the revealed will of God. If grace were to tell us to fly, it would first give us wings.

"And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death"—V. 10. On the ordaining to life, see Lev. 18:5. The law of Moses promised life, but this is one promise that no son of Adam ever claimed. The law (Commandments) ministered naught but condemnation and death—2 Cor. 3:7-11. The commandments commanded with a threat of death to their violators. None obeyed. Therefore, the death sentence hung over all under the power of law. If men kept it, they were promised life, but how many do we know that obtained life by keeping the law of Moses?

"For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me"—V. 11. Sin deceived Paul. It led him into the very things the law condemned. The word "Deceived" means, to deceive thoroughly, delude, or beguile. Sin lulled Paul and beguiled him. He felt secure until the commandment came home to him.

THE LAW IS HOLY, JUST AND GOOD

“Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good”—V. 12. Paul uses five adjectives to describe the law. They are as follows:

1. Holy. It means, Separate from common conditions and uses, hallowed and pure.
2. Just. Meaning, righteous, upright or pure.
3. Good. This means, intrinsically good or profitable.
4. Spiritual. (V. 14). Having to do with the Spirit.
5. Good—V. 16. This word is completely different than the preceding word so translated. It means, beautiful, of good quality, possessing moral Excellence.

These words describe the law God gave to a nation of sinners, that is, as a whole, they were sinners; of course, there were exceptions. This is the law that sinners still ask for, and saints believe they can keep. According to Acts 15, those who were under it could not bear it. It was a galling yoke to them. Since we have life, and also have Christ, the law can minister nothing to us. We have more than it required or could bestow, even if men could have kept it. Since we have Christ, why turn back to it to get what we already have?

Inasmuch as the law boldly prohibited sin and stood against it in every degree, and since it would not allow it in any measure, even to the point of asking to be allowed to control men’s desires, it manifested that it was holy, just and good. We were dyed-in-the-wool sinners. That was the trouble.

NOT THE LAW BUT SIN BROUGHT DEATH

“Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might

become exceeding sinful”—V. 13. Paul does not blame the law for his death, but sin. To be a good law, the law had to pass the death penalty because of Paul’s sin. By the law, sin was actually seen as it is before God, and it was seen to be immeasurable sinful. It is a deadly, death-bringing evil.

“For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin”—V. 14. And sin entirely owned the slave, and all are deeply devoted to their master by nature.

The spiritual law was given to men in the flesh. Paul was a Christian, and was carnal. That is, he was yet a babe in Christ. This is the descriptive word for a Christian who is not walking in the Spirit. He does not say, “We are carnal,” for all are not. But the condition that he was in was a carnal state. All men are sold into abject slavery to sin. However, this text describes the Christian in a confused state because of sin in the flesh. No man can bear the yoke of the law according to Acts fifteen, and neither can any man with all his efforts break the yoke of sin.



**My Savior suffered on the tree,
Oh, come and view the Lord with me.
He bore my sins, and curse, and shame,
And I am saved through Jesus’ name.
I know my sins are all forgiven,
And I am on my way to heaven.
And when the storms of life are o’er,
I’ll sing upon a happier shore.
And this my ceaseless song shall be—
That Jesus tasted death for me.**

I Truly Believe

I truly believe that if we trust completely, God guides, uplifts and heals. Not always, and indeed rarely, as we want or expect, but always in a manner that far exceeds anything we mortals could contrive.

I would like share an experience in my own life that occurred very recently. A few months ago in a bowling tournament I injured my back that turned out to be pinched nerves. Anyone that has ever experienced that knows how painful it can be. I couldn't walk nor do any kind of work without excruciating pain. I won't go into any details about all the professionals I saw. Each assuring me that they could help me. After giving each of them every opportunity to help me there was very little progress. One Orthopedic Doctor recommended an MRI procedure. It was ten days of extreme pain before I could even get an appointment. After the MRI it was another ten days of extreme pain before I could see the Doctor again for results. When I finally did get to see him, he suggested an Epidural Injection. I needed another appointment with a pain specialist. The earliest they could get me in was three weeks of more extreme pain.

The next morning, feeling very low, I went down to a little sanctuary we have in our basement. I picked up my Bible and it fell open to Psalms I had highlighted at some previous time.

Psalms 28:6-7

“Blessed be the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplications! The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart

trusted in Him and I am helped. Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him”

Psalms 30:2

“O Lord my God, I cried to You and You healed me.”

I left the little sanctuary still in great pain but with a sense of peace and direction. I would go to the Pain Clinic where the day before I had made an appointment that was three weeks away and see if there was any possible way they could see me sooner. I talked to the Nurse and was told that the only thing they could do was to take my name in case they had a cancellation. Still with a sense of peace I was prepared to leave the Clinic and continue to trust God for answers. I thanked the Nurse and started to leave when she said, *“Just a minute and I will be right back”* A few minutes later she returned and said, *“We just had an appointment that is 20 minutes late, and our policy here is that after 20 minutes we cancel. It is now a cancellation—come with me !!”*

From there on God opened doors faster than I could walk through!!! The Nurse took me into a small room and took a case history. I was quite happy to know that at last something was happening. At the same time I was wondering if I would be able to see the Doctor that day. When I asked the Nurse, she said *“Oh yes, the Doctor will see you in a few minutes.”* I was wondering if I was dreaming that good things were beginning and hoping that it wouldn't be too many days before they would actually do something to relieve the pain. When I asked the Doctor when he thought they would be able to do the procedure, he said, *“If you come with me the Nurse will prep you and we will do it now.”* By now I was sure I was dreaming, but by the Grace of God this was really happening to me !!!!!

The Nurse took me into another small room—prepped me and in a few minutes the Doctor came in and about 15 minutes later

the procedure was completed. An appointment was made to see the Doctor in three weeks on a follow up. In a little more than an hour from the time I walked painfully into the Doctors office I left the Clinic practically pain free !!!!!!! A few hours later I was completely pain free.

This along with many other things I am without any doubt convinced that God not only works in mysterious ways but when He wills it to be—He works with great haste !!!! This too I am convinced of. If we trust and believe, God will always direct our paths. And this too I believe. God will and does intercede when we in faith and trust call upon Him. When we think we are at the end of all we can do and God seems to turn a deaf ear to our needs it is only because it isn't the time according to His plan. But His time table is infinitely better than anything we can ever do. *Trust and believe !!!!!!!*

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*I Believe, that is to say
The lenses of my soul sweep heaven always.
I believe, by this I mean
My mind is open to the things unseen.
I believe, I firmly hold
To untimed truth, that never has been told.
I believe what has been told
By men of worth, whom years do not make old.
I believe Judea's Son,
Whose work continues, as it had begun.
I believe tomorrow's Light
Is always burning 'round the rim of night.*

GOD'S PRESERVATION

By Arthur Eggers

THE SOUL OF MAN

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24. *“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole **spirit and soul and body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.”*

When God created man He made him in three parts as a triune man. In this way he is in the image of God. These three parts make up a complete man. Jesus died for man that the whole man would be saved. Paul's desire was that every part be kept blameless until Jesus returns for the salvation of the body. First, the one doing this is the God of peace or of quietness and rest. It is this faithful God who has called us to this rest and He also will make it happen so we will be ready when the Lord Jesus Christ returns. He will preserve you for that day. The thought is that God will keep His eye on you keeping you from defeat. We will not study these parts in the same order as in the Bible; I would like to study the soul first.

THE SOUL: In the Old Testament the word is NEPHESEH, this noun means self or person and has the thought of the individual being, the inner self or what one is to himself. This would include the heart, life or mind.

Exodus 1:5. *“And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt already.”* There were 70 individual people from the house of Jacob that came to Egypt. Each one followed Jacob on his own; it was his choice to go.

Leviticus 17:10-11. *“And **whatsoever man** there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you,*

that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people, For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.” This commandment is not new it goes back to Noah in Genesis 9:4. “*But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.*” “*Whatsoever man there be*” that is as an individual person; the word “soul” three times should be person. I counted 165 times it is used with the personal pronoun “my soul” and has the thought of possession or has control. Everyone was responsible for himself not to eat blood because He saw His Son in it.

Joshua 10:30. “*And the LORD delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Israel; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein; he let none remain in it; but did unto the king thereof as he did unto the king of Jericho.*” Also read verses 32, 35, 37 and 39, and many others show souls as being a person.

Joshua 23:14. “*And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.*” The heart is the midst of man and is the inner man as being the seat of his desire and emotions. It is translated mind, understanding and courage. When used together the thought is the whole inner man. The phrase afflict your souls is to abase oneself, also atonement for your souls. Jesus paid the price of atonement and each one must receive Him for themselves.

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT it is the word PSUCHE; the invisible man, immaterial and in this sense he is the image of God.

Acts 2:38-41. “*Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for*

*the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is **unto you**, and to **your children**, and to **all** that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, **save yourselves** from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about **three thousand souls**.”*

Peter is saying every individual one of you is to repent and be baptized. The promise is to each one hearing, they are to tell their children to believe. Then in verse 40, three thousand individual people were baptized and added to the church.

Romans 2:5-6. *“But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.” Who will render **to every man** according to his deeds.”* Also verses **8-9.** *“But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon **every soul of man** that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile.”* Every individual is responsible for themselves. According to the deeds of the flesh which every individual commits, God will judge.

1 Peter 3:19-20. *“By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, **eight souls** were saved by water.”* Only eight people were delivered from the death of the flood. One might say; “you just picked a few to make a point.” The fact is; the Hebrew word (neh'-fesh) is used very widely in a literal or figurative sense, it is a breathing creature. It could be translated, appetite, beast, body, breath, creature and many more. The purpose of this lesson proves that the soul of man is his individual personality. You and I are different, and will remain different in eternity though we have been born into one spiritual body, that is the

body of Christ, this makes us all one in Him. Though there are other meanings of this word, time will not let me read all these scriptures. A question we have is; does the soul have feelings?

Psalm 35:9. “*And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.*” True joyfulness is from the inner man and not from the lips. There is only one source of rejoicing and that is our salvation, soul, spirit and body.

Psalm 35:13. “*But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.*” Oh! What an expression of feelings when one afflicts himself on behalf of another’s sickness.

Psalm 42:2-4. “*My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God? When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.*” A thirsty soul satisfied with waters of tears. What is it that strengthens us when we are down and peoples ask; where is thy God? We then begin to pour out the soul in us remembering the experiences we had with the Lord as we went with others to worship with the voice of joy and praise.

Other thoughts along this line in **Psalm 119:25.** “*My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.*” **Psalm 119:28.** “*My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.*” {Other places: Job 19:2, Job 27:2 and Job 30:15-16}

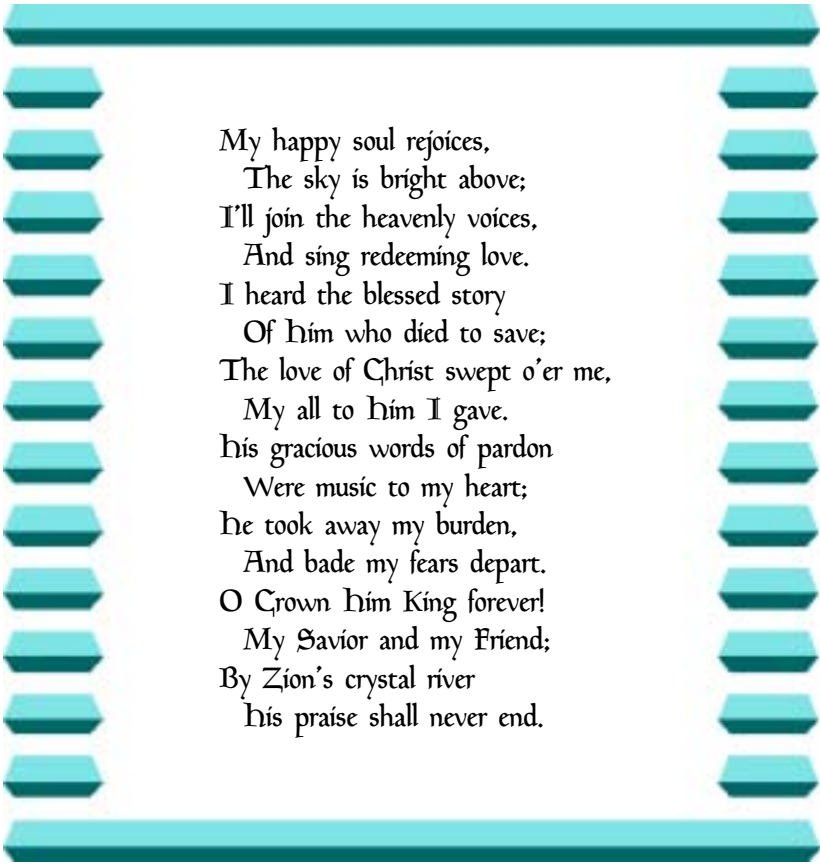
Another question; does God have a soul? The soul of God; **Leviticus 26:11.** “*And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you.*”

Isaiah 1:14. “*Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary*

to bear them.”

Isaiah 42:1. “Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, **in whom my soul delighteth**; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.” Yes; God is too a soul with feelings of love and hate, He is very emotional toward people, loving righteousness in Christ and hating evil of the flesh. Our soul should be in line with God’s soul. How do we obtain this? We will study this next time.

Continued



My happy soul rejoices,
The sky is bright above;
I'll join the heavenly voices,
And sing redeeming love.
I heard the blessed story
Of him who died to save;
The love of Christ swept o'er me,
My all to him I gave.
His gracious words of pardon
Were music to my heart;
He took away my burden,
And bade my fears depart.
O Crown him King forever!
My Savior and my Friend;
By Zion's crystal river
his praise shall never end.

Jeremiah 29



Part 25 (vs 20)

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Verses 20-23 begin the *fifth paragraph* this letter. The Lord gives *A Warning to those in Captivity* (vs 20); *Two False Prophets are Exposed* (vs 21); Jeremiah shows *Their Legacy* (vs 22) and *Three Terrible Sins are Named* (vs 23).

Vs 20: In His **Warning to Those in Captivity** there are three cries: *A Cry to All*; and *A Cry of Responsibility*.

A Cry to Hear: “**Hear** ye therefore the Word of the Lord...” The word “hear” means not just “to hear” but “to give consent to” and render “obedience to” what is heard. It reflects the stages of obedience: to hear and *listen*, to hear and *answer*, to hear and *obey*, and to hear and *understand*. This is a cry to hear the Word and it is the Word of Judgment. Verse 19 was a cry against those who wouldn’t hear or who refused to hear the Word. This verse speaks to those who have not become so callused they cannot hear. The Lord’s desire is that when they hear this cry that they then give “*consent*” to the judgment and they will “**answer:**” **Amen!**

In Deut 27:14-26 after the people hear each curse for disobedience they “*answer and say, Amen.*” In Rev 7:12 the multitude and elders and living ones say “Amen after judgment, showing they agree with God. God’s people who are now in Babylon are given another chance to hear the Word and agree with god. There comes a time when we must choose **what** to believe and **who** to believe, even if it is not what we want to hear. There can be no “*halting between two opinions*” for God’s people (2 Ki 18:21) if there is to be any victory, even in adversity.

Notice what it is they are to “hear.” **It is the Word** and “word” means “*counsel, command, precept*” each of which reveals His: power, promise, purpose, provision. The command is **to hear**, His Word should command our attention. Whether His word speaks of judgment and blessing, it has the same “*power*” and “*promise*.” The Lord has already fulfilled His promise to judge, for they are now in Babylon, and no false prophet can stop this command. In this instance the “*word*” shows forth its “*power*” in judging two men who despised it (vs 21). Just as there is power, promise, purpose and provision in blessings it is the same in judgment. If they won’t see the “*counsel and precepts*” (guidance) of the Word, they will still see the “*purpose*” of the Word (correction and discipline). If they won’t see the “*provision and promise*” (blessings) of the Word, they will still see the “*power*” of the Word (judgment).

Guidance rejected and blessings despised cannot change the effectiveness of the Word. The same purpose to guide with counsel becomes a purpose to correct with discipline. That same power to bless without measure becomes a power to judge with measure (until His justice is satisfied). We see the contrast of blessings and judgment at Calvary and we accept it without reservation. Paul tells us that “*all the promises (judgment and blessing) of God in Him are yea (positive) and in him Amen (permanent).*” (2 Cor 7:11) To truly hear the Word is to be willing to **accept it in its entirety**, to receive both the bitter and the sweet. (2 Cor 7:11)

The One who asks them to hear the Word is *Jehovah*. Jehovah is the self-existent one who reveals Himself. Here **He reveals Himself as Judge** as He judges these two false prophets. J.B. Jackson also gives this added meaning for Jehovah: “he is, he was {there are but two tenses in Hebrew, the past and the future} shows what is continued in the present.” In other words, His name is seen in their past, their present and their future. They must see and accept all three, and that it is Jehovah who controls all three. In Jehovah is seen all

that He has done for them in the past, so they must look back to the past and learn. In Jehovah is seen all that He will continue to do for them *in the present* and by faith they must believe Him even in adversity. In Jehovah is seen the all He will do for them *in the future*, and they must look forward to the future with hope.

A Cry to All: “*Hear...all ye of the captivity...*” The word “*captivity*” speaks of those who have been carried away from their land, and comes from a word that means “*to make naked, hence to disclose, reveal or uncover.*” This is a cry to all who have felt the power of the Word in judgment. They need to *see* their captivity, *face* their captivity and *accept* their captivity. Their captivity did more than make them literal “*exiles*” who were “*carried away.*” Their captivity “*stripped*” them of everything, every possession, every hope until nothing was left. Their captivity not only “*uncovered*” **the outer man**, it “*uncovered*” **the inner man** and showed his need. Through captivity the Lord reveals to them what *they don’t want to see* and what *they need to see*. Trials will do this. *They don’t want to see* what they have kept hidden from themselves (their guilt) and *they need to see* what judgment has exposed and acknowledge their sins and repent. In Is 59:2-8 the Lord sees their sins and in Is 59:9-12 they see their sins. This is what the Lord is waiting for them to do.

A Cry of Responsibility: “*whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon.*” This shows who is responsible for their present condition; it is the Lord. This is the *sixth time* the Lord states in this chapter that He is responsible; it is an important lesson they must learn. If they learn this then they will be willing to accept the place they find themselves and be able to bring forth fruit unto Him. There is also an emphasis on the sending ‘from’ (Jerusalem) and the sending ‘to’ (Babylon). They were taken away from a place of blessing and brought to

a place of adversity. When the Lord sent them “to” Babylon it was a place they were “appointed” to which is one of the meanings for “sent.” They were “appointed” to judgment and this shows the absolute power of the Lord. The sending shows the inevitability and inflexibility of God’s Word once it is carried out.

Jerusalem means “double peace” or “dual peace shall be taught” and Babylon means “confusion (by mixing).” Jerusalem and Babylon are contrasts; one reflects **blessing** and the other **judgment**. Jerusalem shows the wonderful provision they had that they no longer appreciated. The “double peace” reflects the peace they can have with God and with man. Babylon is a place of turmoil, a place of mixture, a place of confusion and adversity. Their disobedience brought them **from a place of peace to a place of turmoil**. Disobedience always destroys peace and brings turmoil. Now Babylon becomes a place of learning, a place where “peace shall be taught.” They must learn to be content in whatever situation they find themselves. The real fulfillment of this is seen when they become a New Creation for it is then that they will have an **inward peace** because they have peace with God. The Lord will then reward them with an **outward peace** and they will have peace with man and finally there will be peace in the earth.



Satisfied with Thee, Lord Jesus, I am blest;
Peace which passeth understanding, on Thy breast;
No more doubting, no more trembling,
Oh, what rest! Oh, what rest!

Psalm 23 Paraphrased

The Lord Jesus Christ is my Pastor, He meets all my needs. He provides resurrection bounty for me to feed upon daily, and rest in His goodness. As He leads, I follow Him to the bank of the still calm waters of refreshment and my emotional being is restored. He leads me in the righteous ways, to glorify His name. Yes, even though I walk through the deepest part of trials and hardships, even close to death, I have no fear of the presence of evil, because the presence of the Holy One is very near and is my constant guide and companion. His instruction and Word encourage and strengthen and sustain me, and we feast together on spiritual things while all around is in a state of calamity and injurious thought, and with the Holy Spirit I am filled full and running over, and my head is governed by the Holy Spirit power. My cup of joy in the Lord overflows, I'm convinced and assured of His goodness, and I am daily renewed, and His mercy shall follow me as I follow Him, all my spiritual days upon this earth, and when He comes again, I will definitely live and take up my permanent residence with Him in His throne room throughout the ceaseless ages of a no ending eternity.

– Phyllis Nesbitt



A Sunday School teacher asked her group of children if anyone could quote the entire 23rd Psalm. A four-and-a-half-year-old girl raised her hand. The teacher a bit skeptical asked if she really could. The little girl came to the front, made a little bow, and said: "The Lord is my shepherd, that's all I want." She bowed again and sat down.

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*When by the gift of His infinite grace,
I am accorded in heaven a place,
Just to be there and to look on His face
That will for ever be glory for me.*