

He Hath Made With Me An Everlasting Covenant 2 Samuel 23 Verse 5

2Sa 23:5; 1 ¶ "Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, 2 The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue. 3 The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. 4 *And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.* 5 Although my house be not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure: for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although he make it not to grow. 6 But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands: 7 But the man that shall touch them must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear; and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the same place."

King David is giving us his last words of praise to God, which prove to us that he was indeed a man after God's own heart, seen in: **1Sa 13:14** "the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people,"

King David declares, God anointed me to rise from my low estate to be king over all Israel. I am the sweet psalmist, because my heart was filled with the spirit of God, and I could not refrain my lips from praising God in song, and I could not refrain myself from preaching and teaching the Word of God, because "**The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.**"

God the Rock said unto me: **3 "The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.**" You must be just to rule over my people, ruling in the fear of God. Wherefore, God sent me though the school of hard knocks and humbled my heart, to the point that I cared not for my will, but I wholly desired the will of God and "**thus saith the Lord.**"

God the Rock said unto me: **4 "And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain."**

Then in: **2Sa 23:5** Although my house be not so with God;" David tells us: my life has not always been as God demanded. I have failed to measure up to God's standard many times in my life. Many mornings in my life have been clouded with my failures, which caused a shadow to be upon the name of my God in the eyes of my brethren and the world. But, despite my failures, God in his infinite mercy and grace, David continues and says: "yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant,"

2Sa 23:5 "**for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although he make it not to grow.**" King David, having experienced the salvation of the Lord throughout his life, knows that all his salvation is of God, and it is has become the continual desire of his heart.

"**although he maketh it not to grow**" David tells us that he knows his end is come. His house will not be expanded any more in his life, and he can no longer be fruitful in his service to God. Or, we could say that David is saying: God is all my salvation, and my desire for God cannot grow larger, for God has grown these desires in my heart to full maturation.

Scripture records David's failures, and the admonitions, in his life, and tells us of God's judicial judgments upon him for his sins against God. Wherefore, the life of David gives us the clear picture of every child of God. A picture that even under the anointing of the new birth, demonstrates we are imperfect, even though we are filled with the Spirit of God, just as David was, seen in: **1Sa 16:13** "Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward." Surely, we understand that with the new birth, we are anointed with the Spirit of the Lord, which shall not depart from us, even when we do like David, and fail, in living our Christian life, to be as "**a morning without clouds.**"

As David reflects upon his life and failures: he tells us that in all the troubles of life, we can have great hope, and we can believe that we are the chosen, and saved, people of God, because "**he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure.**" David tells us that even with all my sins and failures, God has made with me an eternal covenant, which was ordered in all things in my life, and this covenant will never be broken. What was this eternal covenant of God to David? We find this covenant in: **2Sa 7:15-16; 8** "**Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the**

sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: 9 And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth. 10 Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them anymore, as beforetime, 11 And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also, the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house. 12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: 15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. 16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established forever."

Wherefore, as we consider these scenes, we see the prophetic picture of the King that was promised to come and sit upon the "**forever**" throne, Jesus, the Christ of God. What does scripture teach us of King Jesus?

He was born a King, as seen in: **Mt 2:2 "Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."** Jesus was born King of the Jews, in his first coming to earth, when he came to earth in a prepared body, although Jesus never sat upon an earthly throne as King. Why? His kingdom is not an earthly kingdom, seen in: **Joh 18:36 "Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world:"**

2Sa 23:1 "the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob," We know that this is a prophesy of Jesus, because King David died and was buried in a tomb. Where is King Jesus today? He is sitting upon the throne of God, at God's right hand. When he finished the work that God the Father gave him to do, he yielded his life of mortality on the cross. He was buried in a tomb, his prepared body was resurrected on the morning of the third day as prophesied by scripture, and then he ascended back to his rightful place, the throne of God in the Eternal Heaven, as we are told in: **Heb 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."**

2Sa 23:3 "He that ruleth over men must be just," We know that King David had his failings as king, but King Jesus could not sin, because he was God as well as Jesus in mortal flesh. Jesus does rule in righteousness over men. After all, Jesus and God are one and it is they who gave the commandments, and set the standards, by which Children of God are to conduct their lives. Jesus and God are the measure, by which we are to perform in Christian living, and their measure is always true and right.

2Sa 23:4 "And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain." The first coming of Jesus was the dawning of a new day, and the rising of a new age, of which King Jesus is the light, "Son" as he told us in: **Joh 8:12 ¶ "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."** Because Jesus lived a sinless, mortal, life on earth, there are no sin clouds in his life to cast a shadow on the name of God.

2Sa 23:4 applies to our own lives. How? Jesus tells us in: **Joh 9:5 "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."** However, Jesus is no longer physically present in this world, wherefore he told us in: **Mt 5:14 "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."** We, like King David, have been chosen, and called, to fill a position in the church of Salvation by Grace. Filling our position, we are like the wet grass reflecting the light of the morning sun. We are giving off the light of King Jesus, in the absence of his physical presence. King David demonstrated a clouded life. King Jesus demonstrated for us how to live a cloudless life.

Now the tone changes, to the reason we must fight to live the Christian life. **2Sa 23:6-7; 6 "But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands: 7 But the man that shall touch them must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear; and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the same place."** King David recognized that there will always be sons of Belial in the world. He knows that men cannot dissuade them from being what they are. He recognizes that to deal with the sons of Belial, one must have on the armor of God, and must be armed with the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. King David also recognizes that the sons of Belial will all go to the same place, which is to burn in the eternal lake of

fire. King David could not extinguish the sons of Belial from the face of the earth. However, we know what King Jesus will in the eternal judgment when the sons of Belial will be condemned to the eternal lake of fire.

What then separates us from the sons of Belial since we are all sinners by nature? It is with us, just as it was with King David, God has made for, and with, us an everlasting covenant. This everlasting covenant was accomplished in the life, death by crucifixion, burial, resurrection, and ascension of King Jesus back to his rightful place on the eternal throne of God. This salvation is manifested to us in the new birth.

Have you ever wondered what God was telling us? when he said in: ***1Ti 6:12 & 19 "lay hold on eternal life."*** Just think upon the truth and value of the words "***He Hath Made With Me An Everlasting Covenant.***" This covenant is made by Jesus who spoke the world into existence, and in the new birth has spoken to us. We are talking about the KING of kings, and the LORD of lords, who has reached down from heaven by his right hand, King Jesus, and taken us into his hand for our eternal protection and eternal life.

When there are clouds of sinfulness manifested in your life, and the light of Christ seems to be blocked out from our sight: we can look up to heaven, which means "***lay hold on eternal life,***" and remember "***He Hath Made With Me An Everlasting Covenant.***" When the world around us is filled with confusion and darkness of despair: we can "***lay hold on eternal life,***" and remember "***He Hath Made With Me An Everlasting Covenant.***"

When the Holy Spirit presence of "***Christ in us***" gives us that blessed assurance that "***He Hath Made With Me An Everlasting Covenant,***" we can rejoice and praise God in Spirit and in Truth. We can worship God in Spirit and in Truth because we know that He is our God, and Jesus is our King.

When our lives are clouded with sins and all seems to be lost; we can find assurance in the word of God, as seen in: ***Ps 89:33-34; 33 "Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. 34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. 35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. 36 His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before me."*** We can also remember: Jesus has made for us a new and better covenant, through his finished work, which is also an everlasting covenant, and encompasses eternal forgiveness of our sins and eternal life in Christ, which begins in this world with the new birth.

Finally, Are you willingly to serve a King who is sinless? Are you willing to serve a King, who is creator and ruler over all things? Are you glad that the Spirit of God has anointed you? Are you glad that you have knowledge of the sure covenant promise of eternal life in Christ Jesus? Being a born-again Child of God, you are like King David, and you can believe in the sure promise of God. You can rejoice with King David, and you can proclaim to the world: "***He Hath Made With Me An Everlasting Covenant.***" Hallelujah! Amen!