

Thy Name Is Near Psalms 75

To the chief Musician, Altaschith, A Psalm or Song of Asaph.

Ps 75:1 Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for *that* thy name is near thy wondrous works declare."

King David declares that we (Israel) give thanks to God. Why? Because the name of God was near to them. The word near means *near in place, kindred, or time*. King David says we know thou art near, O God, because thy wondrous works declare it to us. King David had reason to sing this Psalm, since we believe that this Psalm was written as he was about to take the kingship of all Israel. For this to happen many wonderful works of God had been manifested.

King David had for many years the promise of this kingship coming to him from God. We declare unto you today, we, God's chosen people, have long had the promise of our kingship. What do you mean? With the resurrection and ascension of Jesus to the throne of God, coupled with the promise of eternal remission of sins and eternal life in Christ, we are by Christ, as joint heirs, given a place on the throne of God. After all, we are told in: **Re 1:5-6; 5 "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."** He, who is The KING, has made us partakers in his royalty, as he has declared us to be joint heirs.

The scriptures are filled with wonderful promises of our ascension, both now and eternal. What do you mean? We are raised from the state of a dead to God in trespasses and sins, to newness of life in Jesus Christ by the new birth and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. God is made near to us in the new birth. The bible is filled with many texts that help us recognize the nearness, and the wondrous works, of God in our lives. We recognize that we have been adopted into the family of God, and we are near of kin to one another, and to our Saviour, who has adopted us as his own brothers and sisters. We understand that we will not experience the full nearness to God, until the resurrection of the dead in Christ at the end of time.

Have you experienced the new birth in Christ? If you have, you have Christ in you. This is the wondrous work of salvation by the grace of God and should be proclaimed, to the glory of God. This is cause for us to give thanks to God, and to give thanks to Christ for his finished work, which has provided us with this nearness to God.

2 "When I shall receive the congregation, I will judge uprightly."

King David declares that when he is seated on the throne, and the people Israel are put under his guidance, he will judge uprightly.

Did King David crown himself king or did Israel crown him? Israel crowned him, but in receiving the crown of kingship, King David received all the congregation into his watchcare. When we were born again and made a new creature in Christ, we have received the congregation. When we come forward and make our declaration of discipleship to Christ, the church receives us, and you receive the whole congregation, just as King David received the congregation of Israel.

Are you able to judge uprightly? You are, only if you have been born again, and you are filled with the Holy Spirit of Christ, and the word of God. Why the word of God? Because we are told in: **Joh 1:1-4; 1 ¶ "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men."** Without the life, the light, and the word of Christ in us, we are not equipped to judge uprightly, with spiritual discernment, in accordance with **"thus saith the Lord."**

3 "The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah."

King David declares that all the inhabitants of the earth are dissolved, (Dissolved means *to melt, to soften, to consume, dissolve, to be faint-hearted, to melt away*.) meaning nobody on earth was able to keep him from becoming the king of all Israel. Why? Because God had declared his kingship, and there is none that can stay the hand of God. The same is true for each Child of God, for whom Christ died upon the cross. They shall be born again, and none are able to keep it from happening. In other words, all are dependent upon God for life, and should God withdraw his power from us we are dissolved. We melt away without the power of Christ in us.

King David declares that God is the possessor of all the earth and its inhabitants. He says that God bears the pillars of the earth and the inhabitants thereof. Just as the high priest bore the names of all the tribes of Israel upon his shoulders, so Jesus has born the names of all of God's people on his shoulders.

We believe that he is declaring that when he is upon the throne of Israel, all Israel, who have long been in disarray, (dissolved as in, everyone doing what is right in his own eyes) will turn back to God through his leadership. Declaring that he will lead Israel to return to worshipping God in Spirit and Truth. Since King David was a man after God's own heart, he will be promoting the nearness and wondrous works of God, as the sovereign God and King of all the earth. This is the burden that is laid upon him when he becomes king.

What is the duty of every child of God when they become disciples of Christ? Scripture tells us what King David is saying in this verse, which is what Jesus, The KING, says to us in:

- ***Col 3:12-17; 12 ¶ "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."***
- ***Jude 1:20-25; 20 "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, 21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. 22 And of some have compassion, making a difference: 23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."***

Surely, we can see from these texts what King David was saying to Israel, and what Jesus is saying to us. As a disciple of Christ, it is laid upon our shoulders to be the ambassadors of Christ that we are meant to be. Living out the Christian life and declaring the wondrous works of Jesus in our lives. This will be edifying to the whole church, and as Israel was a light to the world, so the church will be the light of Christ in the world.

4 "I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn: 5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck. 6 ¶ For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. 7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another. 8 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them. 9 But I will declare forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. 10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted."

Who are the fools? The bible teaches that fools are those who do not believe there is one true living God, and they do not believe in Jesus Christ, God the Son, nor in God the Holy Spirit. David tells the fools "***Deal not foolishly:***" which is telling them to not spread this false doctrine to others.

Who are the wicked? The wicked, and the fools, are the stiff necked, who are not willing to bend their necks and submit themselves to the commandments of God. Wherefore, do not be spreading the message of the antichrist by promoting yourselves.

In promotion, notice that all directions but north are mentioned. North points us upward, which is seen by the next sentence: "***But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.***" David says God is the Judge, the one who chooses who will to be king, and he puts down those who would try to overthrow his established word of truth.

David is declaring to any insurrectionist, and the nations around Israel, do not try to overthrow the promise of God, even if you do not believe there is a God in heaven, for you will fail in your attempts. This was proven as soon as the neighboring nations heard of David being anointed king over all Israel. They quickly went to war to overthrow King David. God threw them down, and put them in bondage to Israel, demonstrated in: "***For in the***

hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them." Meaning: I, God, have established my king over Israel. In your revolt against the word of God, you are taken captive, and now you are drinking the dregs of your own rebellion in your captivity. Our King, Jesus Christ, tells us the same thing. We, the people of God, drink from the cup of salvation, the blood of Christ that was poured out for us. The rest of the world is trying to work out their own salvation and God will bring to them eternal destruction.

Psalms 75:9 "But I will declare forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob." Why would David say this? Because David had experienced the nearness of God, because David had seen the wondrous works of God manifested. This should be the testimony of every Child of God. Thank you, King Jesus, that you have revealed your wondrous works of salvation and caused us to feel your nearness. We praise God the Father, who has fulfilled his promise of the first coming of our King, who is now seated on the throne of God, KING over all of God's people.

We acknowledge that you accomplished these wondrous works with your first coming, and we bend the neck, we bow before our King. We look forward to the fulfilling of the prophetic promise of your eternal kingship, which will be manifested with your second coming. Then, you will fulfill the destiny of the fools by casting them into the eternal lake of fire. Then will we know completely the nearness of your presence, and the full glory of your wondrous works, when you raise the dead in Christ to an eternity under your rule. Then we will declare forever, we will sing praise to our King Jesus, being embraced in your nearness to us, forever. Hallelujah! Amen!