

Psalms Chapter 007 Commentary

(Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.)

Ps 7: 1 "O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me: 2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver. 3 O LORD my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands; 4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy:) 5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah."

From the title, we gather that Cush the Benjamite has made a false accusation against King David. Most commentators believe he was of the kindred, and or, the army of Saul, and that Cush has made accusation that David is moving to usurp the throne from King Saul. Wherefore, king Saul, the Spirit of God having departed from him, would have acted swiftly to find and kill David. Thus, we see King David praying to God for deliverance from these enemies, and their false accusations.

Here we see King David praying for deliverance; lest I be taken and destroyed by those that are persecuting him. Prophetically, we see a picture of Jesus praying for his deliverance from Satan on the cross. How? When was Jesus forsaken of the Father? On the cross, seen in: **Mr 15:34 "And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"** However, forsaken of the Father, Jesus, the man, was still protected. How? Because he was still the Son of God. Jesus tells us of the power that Jesus had in: **Joh 10:17 "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again."** Jesus demonstrated this power in: **Lu 23:46 "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost."** This was the death of the prepared body of Jesus, which was sinless and saw no corruption.

This is a comfort to God's people, demonstrating the surety of our salvation in Jesus Christ. If Jesus was forsaken of the Father on the cross and still kept Satan at bay; surely, we can trust the Christ in us to keep our souls from Satan. Just as God and Christ are eternal, the eternal life we are given in the new birth is just as secure as Jesus, the man in the prepared body, was on the cross.

David further sins to God and says: if I have committed these false accusations, then give my body to these ungodly, and let shame fall upon my name on earth. Notice that David is not talking about his eternal life, only his natural life.

6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded. 7 So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore return thou on high. 8 The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me."

King David understood that God required judgment for sin. He asks of God, that God execute his judgment, knowing that he will be found innocent, and God's rage will be upon the enemies of David.

Prophetically, we see the picture of Jesus Christ on the cross, pleading for all of God's people to be saved. We see Jesus saying to God the Father, though I be completely sinless, the time of my hour has come, and now execute upon me the judgment of the sin, of all those thou hast given me to save. When I have endured the penalty of their sins, and given up my mortal life, then shall I return to you in the eternal heaven. Jesus is telling us that when I have accomplished this task laid upon me, I will return to heaven. Jesus is saying that I have established the kingdom of God on earth, the New Testament Church, and God's people are to gather around me, in my name, in the congregation of worship.

Jesus is telling us: in the new birth, you are judged by God to be sinless, through my finished work of redemption. We see Jesus saying to God the Father: judge me according to my righteousness and integrity, for I have lived a sinless and true life to you on earth, to accomplish your divine will. How do we know that righteousness and integrity were in Jesus the man? Because Jesus tells us in: ***Joh 14:11 "Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake."*** How do we know that righteousness and integrity are in us? Because Jesus tells us in: ***Joh 14:20 "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you."***

We have further evidence of the righteousness and integrity of Jesus in us in: ***1Jo 3:9 "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."***

We see David as a portrait of Jesus when he was upon the earth. How? Satan, a picture of Saul, tried so hard to extinguish the life of the one whom God has appointed to be King over his people, just as Saul, forsaken of God, tried to extinguish the life of David, God's chosen king over Israel. We see this manifested with the Scribes, Pharisees, lawyers, and all the others who tried to cause Jesus to sin so they might take his life.

We can tell you today: Satan has not changed his tactics, for he is always trying to get God's people to turn from following God to idolatry, which is against the first commandment of God to his people.

9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins. 10 My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart. 11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day. 12 If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready. 13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors. 14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood. 15 He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made. 16 His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate. 17 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high."

Division of the Psalm

- Verses 01-02: David prays to God because of his enemies and asks God to deliver him.
- Verses 03-05: David declares his innocence of the accusations against himself.
- Verses 06-09: David ask God to be his defender and judge in the face of his persecutors.
- Verses 10-16: David declares his belief in God's protection and deliverance.
- Verses 17: David promises to give God all the glory for delivering him from the enemy.

We see in this chapter laid out for us David, whom God has set aside to be king over his people, being falsely accused and pursued by his enemies, who also know that he is to be king over all Israel, who are deceptively and vainly trying to destroy him and keep the kingship for themselves.

There are many applications that could be made of this scripture, individual born again sinners, the church of Jesus Christ, and the eternal church, but I want to look at a larger, eternal, picture that has appeared to me this morning in reading.

Think about this as the war that is waging between Satan and God's Son, Jesus Christ, who has been chosen to be "**The King**" in the eternal perspective. This war began when God placed man in the Garden of Eden and Satan (the serpent) tempted man to sin against God, by being disobedient to God's commandment. The devil (the serpent) played upon the vanity of man's mind and heart telling him he would be like God, which was a lie, and still is, which was Satan's goal all the time. He wanted and wants to be in the place of God in the eyes of mankind. Even today, in time, we see this picture of the warfare between good and evil being played out on the earth. The strategy of "the serpent" has not

changed. Even today, Satan is still playing with the mind and heart of man; tempting him to rise up in the face of God, and declare to God that I can do as I wish and I don't have to listen to you, and that you don't even exist but as a figment of man's imagination.

Now let's look at this chapter in the perspective of Jesus Christ incarnate and see the comparison displayed. What set the warfare David is experiencing in motion? He was sent to battle against Goliath of the Philistines and conquered him. In so doing, the people recognized that David was to be the rightful king, and they gave David a higher degree of praise than they gave to Saul, who was the people's desired king.

Jesus incarnate was sent by his Father to earth to save his people from their sins, just like David was sent by his father to see how his brethren fared and to be their deliverer. When Jesus was born and word came to King Herod of his birth, Herod immediately sought to slay Jesus as a baby.

Mt 2:16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

Wherefore, we see the picture of one who is totally innocent, the baby Jesus, being accused and the warfare set in motion against his life. Remember, Jesus was sent, by God the Father, to deliver his people from the bondage of sin and Satan.

As we read the New Testament scriptures, we see that Jesus was the only one, in human flesh, that was perfect in obedience to God the Father and who never sinned. Although He was tempted by Satan himself, just as Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, Jesus always gave Satan the scripture in answer to the temptations laid before him. We see that Satan used the same strategy against Christ that he used against Adam and Eve, the temptation of covetousness, the desire to be seen as one who has great power and dominion. Satan approached Jesus at the time when any human would have been at their weakest moment, very hungry for food, seen in ***Mt 4:1-11; 1 "Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him."***

Jesus was tempted by Satan immediately after his baptism. If you think Satan has been tempting you, before you make your declaration of faith in Christ and are baptized, you will find that immediately, upon your declaration of faith in Christ, Satan will set up an attack upon you with temptations galore.

Jesus now sets forth his earthly ministry and establishes the Church of Grace. As the people begin to gather to him, we see Satan stirring up the Philistines (the religious leaders which are the Scribes and Pharisees) against him. This is what happened to David. As the people began to gather to him, Saul being possessed of an evil spirit, set out to kill him. The more people that turned to David the more Saul sought to slay him. This was played out in the life of Jesus in a like figure.

David in his innocence from the accusations against him, pled with God to be his defender and to rescue him from his antagonist. As a parallel in Jesus, we see that the Scribes and Pharisees couldn't find any sin in Jesus, so they sought false witness to accuse him, to enable them to reach their goal of killing Jesus. ***Mt 26:59 Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; 60 But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, 61 And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. 62 And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee?***

We know from scriptures that King Saul was eventually slain by his own hand and doings, read David's prayer in verses 09-16, and David was made King over all Israel. We see a difference in David and Jesus in that David was protected by God's grace and power and was not put to death as Jesus was. Now, I ask you what happened when Jesus was slain on the cross and placed in the tomb? We know, from the New Testament scripture, that he arose from the grave and ascended back to heaven from whence he came. There he sits King forever on the throne of God. You see, Jesus in the position of man was the sacrifice for sin and must die. However, Jesus as Christ could not die and therefore was the body of Jesus resurrected and seen of many, in time, to prove that Christ did not die, just as God preserved King David.

You see, this is the futuristic picture of the end of time when Christ will return in clouds of glory and gather unto himself all of Israel, all of God's people, to rule and reign over them in the New Jerusalem, in the new earth and heaven. Remember that David didn't immediately take reign over all Israel when Saul was slain. David reigned as King over Judah seven years before he became King over all Israel. Remember also, that as King over all Israel, God eventually gave King David rest from all his enemies. ***2Sa 7:1 And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies;***

This then gives us the picture of the reign of Christ on the earth in time, until the time of the end of time, when Christ will indeed set forth his Kingship and we will see verse seventeen fulfilled in the prophetic prospective. ***"I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high."*** As King David decreed to ascribe all glory to God, so Christ Jesus always ascribed all glory to God the Father. In the eternal perspective, God the Father and Christ the King shall have all the glory ascribed to them for ever and ever.

Certainly, you can take these same principles, apply them to the church (God's people on earth), and even to yourselves, as individual born again Christians, and see God's marvelous grace at work.

Praise and glory to God, for the revelations of his plan and purpose to lost and ruined sinners, who have been saved by his marvelous grace and became partakers and inheritors of eternal life in Christ the King. Hallelujah! Praise, ye the Lord!