

Psalms Chapter 009 Commentary

"To the chief Musician upon Muthlabben, A Psalm of David."

Ps 9:1 ¶ "I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works. 2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High."

The first definition for Muthlabben, in the *International Standard Bible Dictionary*, is "**to die for the son**." The second definition is "**the death of the son**." These definitions also agree with Strong's Concordance, which says that "**Muth**" means **to die**, and "**labben**" means **a son, as a builder of the family name**. How can these definitions apply to us today? How can we die for the Son? We can die for the Son as seen in: **1Co 15:31 "I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily."** Paul, in this chapter, is persuading the Corinthians, who are doubting the resurrection of the dead, of the resurrection of Christ, and of the bodies of the dead in Christ. He declares to them that he himself dies daily. To what did Paul die daily? Paul died daily to the lust of his inherited sin nature, and Paul died daily to the practice of the Mosaic law ordinances, which he was brought up under, and highly schooled in. Why? That he might live a resurrected life in Christ before the world, and in the church. By abstaining from fleshly lust and by not adhering to the Mosaic law rituals, Paul was demonstrating that he died daily to all the former things in his life. We must choose each day to serve God over all other things.

Wherefore, we see that each child of God should likewise die daily; to the lust of their inherited sin nature; and they should die daily to ritualistic worship. Why? If your life in Christ is no more than the rituals of religious practice, you have not been brought forth to newness of life in Christ. What do you mean? If you are just going through the rituals of religion, you are producing works of the dead. Dead people do not produce live works. Otherwise, you are living in hypocrisy. People living the Christian life will produce good works, which are the fruits of the Spirit, which is to live for Christ.

Jesus, the Son of God, died to fulfill the second definition: "**the death of the Son, who is the builder of the family name**." Through this definition we see the prophetic picture of the first, and second, comings of Jesus, who has built the name of the family of God.

If Jesus had not come the first time, there would be no age of salvation by grace: there would be no church of Salvation by the Grace of God on earth: we would not have the New Testament nor the Gospel of Jesus Christ: we would have no reason to give thanks and praise to our Redeemer. But Jesus did come the first time. Jesus gave his life freely, on the tree of the cross, that he may establish the name of the family of God on earth.

If we went no further in this Psalm, we see already that God's people have many reasons to sing many Psalms, which will render praise to God, for our eternal salvation in Christ manifested here in time, for the eternal life with Christ, which we inherited in the new birth.

This is why King David, and every child of God, can say: "**I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works. 2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High**." Anything, in the life of a child of God, short of total worship of the Son, is dishonoring to the name of our LORD, and the finished work of Jesus. God himself tells us that he was pleased with the life of His Son: **Mt 3:17 "And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."** God further tells us to listen to the Son: **Mr 9:7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him."**

Herein is our warning sign: in the height of the blessings of God in their lives, Israel often forgot who and what God was to them. They forgot to listen to the voice of God, which brought the judicial wrath of God down upon them in time. The same is true in our own lives as children of God. Like Paul was telling the Corinthians, we should die daily, to keep our focus on Jesus and his finished work, and to attune our minds, bodies, and souls, to praise God for the surety of our eternal life in Christ, Hallelujah! Amen!

3 "When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence. 4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right. 5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever. 6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them. 7 But the LORD shall endure forever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment. 8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness."

If ever a man could sing this Psalm, it was King David. Why? Because King David had experienced all these things, and had seen the delivering hand of God time, and again, in his lifetime. King David knew that all the deliverances in his life, from those who fought against him, were by the hand of God. God fought for King David to bring to pass the fulfillment of the promise of God to David, that he would be king and ruler over all Israel. King David declares: God is on the throne in heaven, his judgments are right, and God has rebuked the heathen.

"O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them." The word perpetual, from the Strong's Concordance, has the definition of *goal, or the bright object at a distance travelled towards*. Here we see the surety of the promise of God to David. Kingship, on the throne of Israel, was the goal that God set before David, when Samuel anointed him. From the time of his first anointing, until he was seated finally on the throne over the kingdom of all Israel in peace: King David has seen God perform these miracles over all his enemies: those within the nation of Israel, and those from other nations. King David says to God, in praise and worship, you have set the goal before me, and through your own power accomplished all that you promised.

Another picture we see is the eternal security of the salvation of the children of God. Just as God made an everlasting covenant with David, without David's agreement to it: So, God has made an everlasting covenant with every child of God, for whom Christ died on the cross, to give them eternal life in Christ, and eternal remission of sins. God made this covenant of eternal salvation with his Son, not with us or by our consent.

Every child of God should sing this same Psalm in witness with King David. If you cannot sing this Psalm, in total belief of its truth, you need to evaluate your life by the word of God, because one of two things are evident: you have not been born again, or you have taken your eyes off of Christ. In either case, you are not standing upon the sure foundation stone, but on the slippery slopes of satanic deception, which will lead you to the eternal lake of fire, or to a great fall in sin.

From the second definition *goal, or the bright object at a distance travelled towards*, we get the prophetic picture of the end of time; when Satan, and all the oppressors of God's people, will be forever cast into the eternal lake of fire, where they will be remembered no more. How do we know this is true? Just read verse 7 **"But the LORD shall endure forever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment. 8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness."**

Consider: When did God decide to save sinners? We are told in scripture that this covenant purpose of God was executed before the world began, seen in: **2Ti 1:9; 8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; 9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, 10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:"** Seeing the covenant promise was made before the world was, and before man was created, we understand it does not need man to make a decision for it to happen, because God has already proclaimed it to be true.

"O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end:" Just think about the word perpetual and its definition, *goal, or the bright object at a distance travelled towards*. Not only has this eternal home of God's elect been eternally promised: the place for the non-elect has also been eternally prepared, seen in the time of judgment recorded in: **Mt 25:41-46; 41 "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."**

Praise God! those for whom the Son died also have an eternal promise, seen in: **Mt 25:31-40; 31 ¶ "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on**

the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

As we consider this promise and the context of these verses, we get a better understanding of what Jesus tells us in: **Mt 22:35-40; 35 "Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, 36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."** May we keep our focus, as Paul said when he was writing to the Philippians: **Php 3:14 "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."** God help us all, Amen!

9 "The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. 10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee."

Many people feel like they must do something for their salvation, and many believe they must do something to secure their eternal salvation. We declare unto you that the eternal work of salvation has been completed in the finished work of Jesus Christ already. However, there is something you can, and should, do about your salvation in time, to be protected from the snares of the devil. We can seek the Lord as seen in this verse. When we are in trouble and distress, we can turn to God in prayer. We do not mean just to say words doing lip service to God, which He will not hear. We are talking about recognizing the desperate situation we are in, when tempted by the devil, and uttering from your heart a true prayer, of humble recognition of the supremacy of God over all things. We have no refuge, from the fiery darts and temptations of the devil, if we do not have Christ in us.

11 ¶ "Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings. 12 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble. 13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death: 14 That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation."

Another reason to sing praises to God is the fact that God makes inquisition for blood. Inquisition has the definition of *to tread or frequent; usually to follow (for pursuit or search); to seek or ask; specifically, to worship: question, require, search*. Considering these definitions: we get the picture that God is following the blood of the Son, who died for the eternal security of all of God's people.

We remember what happened when Cain slew Able. God told Cain in **Ge 4:10 "And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground."** This is a great prophetic picture, of the blood of Christ crying out to God in the heart of every child of Grace. God knows where the blood of his Son has been applied, and it speaks to God for his people.

There is also a prophetic picture of how Jesus raised the level of murder from a natural to a spiritual setting. What do you mean? Cain murdered his brother Abel, with malicious intent in his heart. Do you remember what Jesus said about murder? **1Jo 3:15 "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him."** You have no right to proclaim to be a child of God, if have hate in your heart against your brother. Why? Because that makes you a murderer, who has no part in eternal life. Dear God! Please save us from such a destitute position of depravity, we ask in the name of Jesus, Amen!

This is why children of God are to **"declare among the people his doings. 12 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble."** This is why God's people witness to one another. It is why we are to live lives that are preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is why, when the devil

tempts us, we are to cry out to God for deliverance and give the temptation the specific word of God that halts it. King David had seen this manifested in his life many times, as has every child of God.

"he forgetteth not the cry of the humble." Who are the humble? The humble are those to whom the Holy Spirit has entered and taken up residence. How do we know this? Because the Holy Spirit will not live in one who is dead. We understand, only the hearts, where the blood has been applied and they see the need of our Saviour, are hearts that are humbled to the recognition; they are nothing but dead alienated sinners, except for the finished work of Jesus Christ.

15 "The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken. 16 The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgsion. Selah."

What pit has the heathen made? *Re 9:1-11; 1 ¶ "And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. 3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. 5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. 6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. 7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. 8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. 9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. 10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. 11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon."* This pit is the eternal lake of fire, which God has prepared for the devil and all his followers.

What net is their foot taken in? It is their rejection of the Son. It is the net of lies they spew forth from their hearts, and out of their mouths. Their proclamation that there is no Jesus, the Christ, the Saviour of lost and ruined sinners.

How are they snared by the work of their own hands? Because they have not the blood of Christ applied to their lives, they can only perform the works of men. We see this portrayed today in the infiltration of the world into organized religion. Men proclaiming that they are following Jesus and worshipping God, but their hearts are far from them both. We know this because they will condone, and even promote, things that are an abomination to God. God has told us, as we have already spoken of earlier in this chapter, that he will judge the world in righteousness, and that righteousness is the standard, which is King Jesus.

17 "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. 18 For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish forever. 19 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight. 20 Put them in fear, O LORD: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah."

God has clearly declared, in the King James Bible, that He will judge all people, as seen in: *Re 20:11-15; 11 ¶ "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."* This text is the prophetic picture we see from these verses in Psalms.

God has declared in His Word of Truth, He will make the ungodly to fear, seen in: **Re 6:12-17; 12** *"And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; 13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. 14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"* We cannot imagine, the magnitude of the fear that would cause people to want to be killed, so they would not have to look upon the face of King Jesus.

However, we rejoice in the truth of God that **"the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish forever."** Every person, to whom the blood of Christ has been applied, lives in the expectation of seeing the face of King Jesus with great joy. Why? Because they believe in the finished work of Jesus, because the blood of the Son has been applied to their lives. They know that Jesus, the Son, gave his life for them, that they may have eternal remission of sins. In the resurrection of the dead in Christ, they shall ever be in the place Jesus has gone to prepare for them, where Jesus will be with them forever. Hallelujah! Amen!