

Psalm Chapter 31 Verses 6-24 Fullness Of Faith

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David

Ps 31:6 "I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD. 7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities; 8 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room."

Certainly, we see a picture of David's life, and a prophetic picture of Jesus's life in these verses. David hated those, who were against God and clung to lying vanities, which are the works of the devil. The same is true of Jesus. David and Jesus both trusted completely in the Lord.

David rejoiced in the mercy of God because God considered his troubles and knew his adversaries. David declares that God has not shut me up into the enemy's hand, but God has set his feet in a large room. David rejoiced that God was merciful to God's people, and that God knew the troubles of each one, and the adversaries that caused them. David knew that God had exercised deliverance in his own life from these ungodly, and in so doing had placed him in a large place. Remember, the troubles that David had from the time he was anointed to be king over all Israel as a shepherd, until he was seated on the throne over all Israel and was given peace with all his adversaries. God had then set his feet in a large place.

Now make these same applications to Jesus. Jesus hated all that were enemies to God's chosen people. Jesus trusted fully in God to the point of giving his life on the cross, being buried, and then resurrecting his body and finally returning to the eternal heaven.

Jesus took on a body of flesh to bear all the troubles that we must bear in life. Jesus knew who his adversaries were. Jesus knew that God would deliver him into the hands of his enemies to give his mortal life, but Jesus knew that he would not be shut up forever with them in death, because he knew he would rise from the dead and return to the eternal heaven, where Jesus is sitting in a large place.

We can make the same applications to our own lives as children of God.

9 ¶ "Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly. 10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed."

David had many occasions to plead for the mercy of God because of his troubles. David says that he is consumed with grief and his soul is overwhelmed with the continual years of suffering. David says that his strength fails because of his iniquity, and it is as if his bones are consumed and his bodily support is being taken away.

None ever suffered comparably to the troubles and grief as our Saviour and Lord. Remember when he prayed to God in **Lu 22:39-44; 39 ¶ "And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him. 40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. 41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, 42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done. 43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. 44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."** Surely, the small troubles we suffer here are nothing to be compared to the true suffering of our Saviour.

Remember that Jesus told us in **Joh 15:17-23; 17 "These things I command you, that ye love one another. 18 ¶ If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. 19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. 20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin. 23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also."** Wherefore, we know that our sufferings are not in vain. How? Because Jesus overcame all enemies for us, and we too shall overcome all enemies, through Jesus's finished work, and in God's mercy. This will be fully manifested in the resurrection of the dead in Christ and the change of those who are alive at his second coming.

11 "I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me. 12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel. 13 For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life. 14 But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my God. 15 My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me."

Was anyone ever more reproached of men as Jesus? Not by the world only, but also of his own people Israel. We were all his enemies before our new birth. When Jesus went to trial, and hung on the cross, was he not forsaken of all his friends? Yes, they all fled for fear of their own lives.

When Jesus went through all the rigged trials before his crucifixion, he heard all the falsely slanderous things that they cast at him. But Jesus, since he was God in the flesh, knew the end of all things. And He trusted in the covenant he had with God the Father, that he would be raised from the dead, and He would return to his rightful place on the throne of God.

When we make our public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, we immediately become a reproach to the unsaved of the world. Since they are not of God, and they hate God, they will forget you and slander your name for being one that trusts in the finished work of Jesus and God's eternal salvation in your life. They will do all they can to get you to denounce and turn against your profession of faith. However, through the finished work of Jesus, and the gift of faith in the Word of God, we can know that we shall overcome.

16 "Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake. 17 Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave. 18 Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous."

Surely, as we read in the gospels of the crucifixion of Jesus and the happenings thereafter, we can see these verses prophetically fulfilled in the life and death of Christ. After his crucifixion and resurrection, the face of God has surely shone upon the face of Jesus, for Jesus is the Light. Jesus was never ashamed of God in all the things He suffered at the hands of his enemies, and his friends. However, as soon as Jesus gave up the ghost and sent His Spirit back to God in heaven, the accusations against him stopped and even some of those who were involved in his crucifixion said of him in **Mt 27:54 "Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God."**

After the resurrection of Jesus, he remained upon the earth for about forty days before he finally ascended back to heaven. During that time, the lying lips were put to silence, for no one could dispute, truthfully, that he had not risen from the dead.

If you have been born again, by the grace of God, the lying lips of Satan, and his accusations against you, are put to silence. How? Through the shed blood of Jesus and the robes of the righteousness of Christ being put upon you, whereby you have the gift of eternal remission of sins, and eternal life in Christ.

19 ¶ "Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men! 20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues."

There is nothing in this world equal to the greatness of the goodness of God manifested in the gift of eternal life to men on earth. We are indeed hidden from the pride of man as seen in **1Jo 3:9; 5 "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. 6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 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. 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother."** This needs no explanation.

One of the definitions of pavilion is a tabernacle or tent. Our bodies are a tabernacle of God, and we are hid in Christ, wherefore the strife of tongues is kept from us, especially in the eternal sense, as seen in **Col 3:3; 1 ¶** *"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."* If we are indeed hidden in Christ in the new birth, then the strife of tongues cannot affect our eternal inheritance.

21 "Blessed be the LORD: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city. 22 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless, thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee."

Is there any city stronger than the New Testament Church or the New Jerusalem? None. Indeed, Jesus was cut off from God for the little while on the cross when his body was left in mortality so that it may die the natural death, as we see 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, God heard the cry of Jesus on the cross when he said **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."* We know this is true because of the resurrection of the body of Jesus, and his ascension back into the eternal heaven to the throne of God.

23 "O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. 24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD."

Jesus tells us in **1Jo 4:1-12; 1 ¶** *"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. (false prophets are proud doers) 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. (Those described in this verse are proud doers) 4 ¶ Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 5 They are of the world: therefore, speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. (Those described in this verse are proud doers) 6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. (proud doers hear not God) Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. (the spirit of error is proud doers) 7 ¶ Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; (proud doers) for God is love. 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us."* To which every child of God can say, Hallelujah! Amen!

We have the contents of this chapter affirmed to us in **Heb 4:14-16; 14** *"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."* We can have great courage in the face of our trials and tribulations because of the finished work of Jesus Christ, and the gift of faith in the Word of God. As affirmed in these verses, Jesus will strengthen our hearts, and grant us help, in our times of need. To which we say, thank you, King Jesus. Praise and glory to your holy name, Amen!