

Psalms Chapter 037 Verses 21-22; The Blessed Inheritance

A Psalm of David. "Maschil--a teaching psalm;"

Ps 37:21 ¶ "The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth. 22 For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off."

David tells Israel; the wicked will borrow and they will not pay their debt. He is telling them not to become angry with the wicked who are living their inherited sin nature, nor try to take vengeance on their own. However, you are still to lend to those who ask. David tells Israel: we are the blessed of the LORD, and we shall inherit the earth. However, they are the cursed of the LORD, and they shall be cut off from the earth.

The same principle applies to us today, seen in **Ro 12:19-21; 19 "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."** But preacher, that person did me wrong and I don't want anything to do with them. Let's see what Jesus said to do in **Lu 6:35-36; 35 "But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. 36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful."**

The eternal perspective of this verse is to be brought to fruition as seen in **Mt 25:31-46; 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. 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."** This needs no explanation, for it is written in plain English and not in a parable. Thus, the question: what is your standing, based on this scripture truth, and many others like it? To those have been born again and inherited eternal life in Christ Jesus; we say Hallelujah! Amen!

David is prophesying in Psalms of what Jesus is revealing in Matthew. Who is the "**him**" that David is using in Psalms 22? "**Him**" is the righteous. Now I ask: Who is righteous in and of their own selves? There is none. Why do you say none? Because scripture tells us in **Ro 3:10 "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one."** That is; there is no person who is completely human that doeth good in their inherited sin nature. There is one who is righteous and that is Jesus Christ. Why is Jesus righteous? Because Jesus came to earth in a prepared body, without sin, and Jesus never committed a sin; wherefore, Jesus, who was also God in the flesh, is righteous.

Well, how do we get righteousness? Do you remember under the sacrificial law, when they sacrificed an animal for sin, they put their hand upon the head of the animal and then they killed it. The action of putting their hand on the head of the animal signified that their sins were imputed upon the sacrifice. This was a prophetic picture of what would happen when they nailed Jesus on the cross. As Jesus hung there, all the sins of everyone that will be in the eternal heaven with God and Christ, were imputed upon Jesus. Because the blood of

Jesus was the only blood which was completely sin free, and there could be no forgiveness of sins except by the shedding of blood, Jesus paid our sin debt upon the cross.

Well, how then do we become righteous in the sight of God? When we are born again by the Holy Spirit power, not only are our sins forgiven eternally, but at the same time the righteousness of Jesus is imputed to us, just as our sins were imputed to him upon the cross.

With these bible truths before us: through the finished work of Jesus on the cross, we understand that those chosen of God to be born again are "**the blessed of my Father**" in Psalms 37:22, who shall go away to eternal life, to live in the place that Jesus has gone to prepare for them.

Well, what about those who shall inherit the earth in **Ps 37:22 "For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth;"** The "**blessed of him**" are the same as "**the blessed of my Father.**" Well, we understand that easily enough: but what about inheriting the earth? We are told in **2Pe 3:10-13; 10 "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 ¶ Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."**

We see in this scripture that this earth and heavens will be consumed by fire and go away. Therefore, we understand that Jesus is preparing a "**new heavens and new earth wherein dwelleth the righteous.**" Thus, we understand that it is the new earth that the righteous shall inherit. This is completely in line with what we are told in **Re 21:1-5; 1 ¶ "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful."**

This is why we are told in **Mt 10:28 "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."** Let us all remember, eternal salvation is the gift of God, and cannot be conjured up by man. It is our fervent prayer, that we all may be found in the marvelous grace of God, clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ, and resurrected in the eternal resurrection of the dead in Christ, or if we are alive when Jesus returns, be changed in a moment, and so shall we ever be with the Lord, to enjoy our eternal inheritance throughout eternity. Hallelujah! Amen!