

Psalms Chapter 41 Verses 05-13; Considering the Poor Continued

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David

Ps 41:5 ¶ Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish? 6 "And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; when he goeth abroad, he telleth it. 7 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt. 8 An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him: and now that he lieth he shall rise up no more."

David tells us that while I am sick with sin, my enemy comes to visit me in subtilty. He falsely speaketh words while he is with me. (Remember that Satan has the ability seen in **2Co 11:14-15; 14 "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."**) When he goes forth from me, he tells it abroad that my sickness is unto death. Falsely saying: God has forsaken him, and he cannot recover from his sickness. However, the enemy has forgotten that David is a man after God's own heart, and God will raise him up, until God has finished His work commissioned to David, and he will not die in his sin.

You can be assured that the same is true in the lives of God's children. When the devil convinces us that our sins are to be too bad for God to forgive, then we begin to believe that God cannot forgive our sins and take us to heaven. Now, we are truly sick with sin spiritually. Our enemy will go forth from us telling the world the lie that his case is hopeless, and our sin is unto death. However, our enemy has forgotten the power of the blood of Jesus, shed in love for us on the cross, which has wrought for us eternal forgiveness of sin and eternal life. We have Jesus implanted in us in the new birth, and the Jesus in us can never sin, neither can the Jesus in us die.

This is why we should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. It is why we are to consider the poor in spirit, which is building one another up in the word of the Lord. It is why we are to be doing as told in **Eph 5:17-21; 17 "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 ¶ Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."** If we perform these commandments from God, we will not be drawn into the snare of devil, which brings us to the condition of being poor in spirit and sick with sin.

Remember, Jesus was also tempted by the devil, who tried to beguile Jesus with worldliness and ungodliness. Can you imagine the celebrations, and the lies that were spread abroad when Jesus yielded his body to death on the cross? We remind you of the curse upon the serpent in the garden in **Ge 3:15 "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."** Jesus is the seed that bruised the head of Satan in his life, death, burial, and resurrection. Satan bruised the heel of Jesus through the crucifixion. How does this apply to us? Jesus gained victory over the power of the devil in our lives by purchasing our eternal remission of sins. Remember, heaven is God's throne, and earth is His footstool. Wherefore, the devil is still present on the earth, and he is "bruising the heel" by bringing the world into the church. He also does the same thing in our lives as children of God.

Wherefore, we can draw from this the truth: that the Jesus in us has more power than the inherited sin nature of the flesh. The Jesus in us can rebuke the devil when he comes to tempt us. This is why we are told in scripture to purge ourselves daily of the inherited sin nature of the flesh. We do this in the power of the Holy Spirit. Wherefore, our enemy, the devil, can only spread lies about us, as he does about Jesus, the Son of God.

9 "Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me."

David could well be referring to Ahithophel, his personal councilor, who abandoned David and followed Absalom in rebellion against king David. It certainly is a prophetic picture of Judas, who betrayed Jesus with a kiss, right after partaking of the Lord's Supper, which Jesus established at the last passover supper. It is no wonder that we are warned in the New Testament in **1Co 11:23-29; 23 "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: 24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This**

cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. 27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."
This is what became of Judas, who was of his father the devil. When he saw that he had ate and drank unworthily, and he understood that Jesus really was the Son of God, and he killed himself.

10 "But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them. 11 By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me."

David prays God to be merciful and raise me up, by forgiving my sin and restoring to me the joy of thy salvation, then, I may requite my enemies. Requite, as used here, means: *to be safe in mind, body, or estate*. David says that if you raise me up, I shall be able to walk uprightly before you and the enemies. David declares: if you do this, then I will know that I am in your good favor, and my enemies cannot overcome me.

The same principle is true for every child of God. When we are sunk down in the devil's depravity parties, (what we call pity parties) like David, we must remember to cry out to God, from whence our help cometh. We must confess our sinfulness, and with God's forgiveness, we shall be restored to the joy of God's salvation.

Prophetically, we see Jesus in the resurrection of his body from the tomb. Jesus's body was raised from the tomb, and the forty days he remained on the earth after His resurrection, Jesus's presence rebuked all those who with hardened hearts did not believe on Jesus the Son of God. Jesus not only rose from the tomb: He has risen to the eternal heaven and taken His place at the right hand of God. There, He intercedes for the Jesus in us, that our enemies may be requited. This is what enables us to be able to pray for our enemies, to do good unto them, and by our actions of godly love, they are rebuked. Remember, Jesus allowed his disciple and enemy, Judas the devil, to partake of the Lord's supper, giving us an example of how to treat our enemies.

12 "And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face forever. 13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen."

We can say one thing in David's favor: he never forgot that God was his help, his protection, and his salvation. Even when he fell in sin, David always remembered God and sought him diligently. Integrity, as used here, means *completeness or moral purity*. Well, what would moral purity have to do with king David who committed adultery and murder? David's moral purity was a condition in which he was found as a man after God's own heart. Why? Because David received forgiveness of his sins before he asked; David was morally pure.

The same is true for each individual child of God. Whatever our sins in mortal life, we are found morally pure in the sight of God the Father, because of the finished work of Jesus on the cross, on our behalf. Yes, we must, like David, still confess our sins to God, but even when we confess them, we know they are already forgiven. Well, if we know our sins are already forgiven, why do we need to ask forgiveness of our sins? We are told in **1Jo 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."** We do this so that we might be found morally pure here in time. It is the cleansing of our conflicted consciences, which enables us to live lives that bring forth spiritual fruit.

This is why David could say: **"Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen."** We can say the same thing, because we understand that God is from everlasting to everlasting, and we, as chosen children of God, are also from everlasting to everlasting. How can this be since I know when I was born into this world? We are told in **Eph 1:3-6; 3 ¶ "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."** Just as Jesus existed before the world was made, and He created all things: we too, were created in Jesus before the world was. This will be manifested in the eternal resurrection of the dead in Christ. **"Amen, and Amen."**