

Psalms Handout Week Seven

1 In the LORD I take refuge (trust/have hope in, flee to).

How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain;

2 For behold, the wicked bend the bow; They make ready their arrow upon the string to shoot in darkness at the upright (yashar) in heart.

3 When the foundations (social/civil/moral/communal order) are destroyed, what can the righteous (tsaddiyq) do?

The danger to faith. Voices can come from all sorts of place.

-Threats can come from

Mat. 16:21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

"Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

Acts. 9:23 After many days had gone by, there was a conspiracy among the Jews to kill him, but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall.

Acts 21:10 After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'In this way the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.'" When we heard this, we and the people there pleaded with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem. Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

Lk. 4:24 "Truly I tell you," He continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown..." 29 They got up, drove Him out of the town, and took Him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw Him off the cliff. But He walked right through the crowd and went on His way.

Lk. 9:51 When the days were approaching for His ascension (crucifixion and resurrection), He was determined to go to Jerusalem;

-Threats can come from

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It's complicated.

Mat. 10:22 You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who *stands firm* to the end will be saved. When you are persecuted in one place, *flee* to another.

The answer is not _____ but _____

Ultimately it isn't about

Mk. 8:35 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

4 The LORD is in His holy temple, the LORD is on His heavenly throne.

Temple is
Throne is

Isa. 6:1 In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory."
And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke.

Rev.4:2 At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a *throne* stood in heaven, with one seated on the *throne*. And He who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the *throne* was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. Around the *throne* were twenty-four *thrones*, and seated on the *thrones* were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. From the *throne* came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the *throne* were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, and before the *throne* there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the *throne*, on each side of the *throne*, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind:,,,9 And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who is seated on the *throne*, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who is seated on the *throne* and worship Him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the *throne*....

Jn. 1:14 And the word became flesh and He dwelt/tabernacled among us; and we saw His glory.

Mat. 28: And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Not survivalism, or isolationism, or millennialism or assimilation

BUT?!

4b His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.

5 The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked,
WHY?!
David tells us...

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Two other very important pieces of information here...

And the one who loves violence His soul hates.

6 Upon the wicked He will rain snares

Fire and brimstone and burning wind will be the portion of their cup.

7 For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness;

- There is a yuge difference between the righteous and the wicked, and you want to be in the right group. Shaking foundations to the crumbling point is a mercy for it reveals where a person's hope of salvation lies.

Job 1: Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Gen. 22:14 Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the LORD it will be provided."

Heb. 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel...26 He (God) has promised, saying, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven." This expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.

-There is a reckoning and it is a mercy

Ps. 96:10 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all it contains; let the field exult, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy before the Lord, for He is coming, For He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in His faithfulness.

2 Thes. 1:6 For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Are we the baddies? Who are the upright, the righteous?

-The righteous are those whose delight is in God.

Ps. 33:1 Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

Ps. 64:10 Let the righteous one rejoice in the LORD and take refuge in Him!

Let all the upright in heart exult!

-The righteous are those who long for God, trust Him for life itself.

Ps. 143:6 I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Answer me quickly, O Lord! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.

-The righteous confess their unrighteousness and rely solely on God's

Ps. 32:1 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered...

5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin... 10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love (chesed, grace) surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Ps. 143:1 Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In *Your* faithfulness answer me, in *Your* righteousness! Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before You...

11 For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

-The righteous live like they personally know and value the grace of God

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-The righteous love God

Ps. 11:7 **The upright will behold His face.**

Only love seeks the face of the beloved, His face, irrespective of all other circumstances.

Is the seeing now or only after death?

Dt. 34:1 Now Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, and all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, and the Negev and the plain in the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. Then the Lord said to him, "This is the land which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there."

Acts 7:54 Now when they (Jewish leaders) heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they began gnashing their teeth at him. But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse. When they had driven him out of the city, they began stoning him

Believing is seeing.

1 Pt. 1:8 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; and though you have not seen Him, you love Him....

Where is Jesus?

The mountain

Jn. 19:17 They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified Him

The quaking

Mat. 27: 54 Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

The cup

Ps. 75:8 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup with foaming wine, well mixed, and He pours out from it, and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs.

Isa. 51:17 Wake yourself, wake yourself, stand up, O Jerusalem, you who have drunk from the hand of the LORD the cup of His wrath, who have drunk to the dregs the bowl, the cup of staggering.

Isa.51:52 Thus says your LORD, the LORD, your God who pleads the cause of His people:
"Behold, I have taken from your hand the cup of staggering; the bowl of My wrath you shall drink no more;

Where did it go?

Mat. 26:38 Then He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me." And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will." And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour? Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done."

2 Tim. 2:19. Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness."

Discussion

Can you recall a time that God shook your life so much that a false foundation crumbled?

Do you feel like things are shaking a bit now for you, or for a loved one or neighbor?

How might you, how might we, as the body of Christ, be a sound support and counsel for them?

*We must be able to do better than announcing, "God's got this."