

WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE ? PT. 2

PSALM 2:1-4

- » 1 † ¶ **Why do the heathen rage**, and the people imagine a vain thing?
- » 2 † The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,
- » 3 † Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.
- » 4 † He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

PSALM 18:1

1 † ¶ To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said, I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.

- » 2 † The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.
- » 3 † I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: **so shall I be saved from mine enemies.**
- » 4 † **The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.**
- » 5 † The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.
- » 6 † In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.
- » 7 † Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth
- » 8 † There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.
- » 9 † He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

PSALM 37:23

- » 23 † **The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD:** and he delighteth in his way.
- » 24 † Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.
- » 25 † I have been young, and now am old; **yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.**

PSALM 27:1

- » **1 † ¶ A Psalm of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**
- » **2 † When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.**
- » **3 † Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.**
- » **4 † One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.**
- » **5 † For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.**
- » **6 † And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.**
- » **7 † ¶ Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.**
- » **8 † When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.**
- » **9 † Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.**
- » **10 † When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.**
- » **11 † Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.**
- » **12 † Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.**
- » **13 † I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**
- » **14 † Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.**

ISAIAH 59:18

» 18 † According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence.

» 19 † So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

» 20 † And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

» 21 † As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

MICAH 7:7

» 7 † ¶ Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

» 8 † Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me.

» 9 † I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness.

» 10 † Then she that is mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her which said unto me, Where is the LORD thy God? mine eyes shall behold her: now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets.

1) « 117-2 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

Unless we suffer with Him we cannot reign with Him. You have to suffer to reign. The reason for this is that character simply is never made without suffering. Character is a VICTORY, not a gift. A man without character can't reign because power apart from character is Satanic. But power with character is fit to rule. And since He wants us to share even His throne on the same basis that He overcame and is set down in His Father's throne, then we have to overcome to sit with Him. And the little temporary suffering we go through now is not worthy to be compared to the tremendous glory that will be revealed in us when He comes. Oh, what treasures are laid up for those who are willing to enter into His kingdom through much tribulation.

"Think it not strange concerning the fiery trials that are to try you."

That is what Peter said. Is it strange that God wants us to develop a Christ-like character that comes through suffering? No sir. And we all have trials. We are all tried and chastened as sons. Not one but goes through that. The church that is not suffering, and is not being tried, hasn't got it--it isn't of God.

Heb. 12:6,

"For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons."

Now this special condition in Smyrna must be applied to every age. There is no age free from it. There is no true believer free from it. This is of God. This is the will of God. It is needful. We need the Lord to teach us the truth that we are to suffer and be Christ-like in doing it. "Love suffereth long and is kind."

Matthew 5:11-12,

"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake.

Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

The cloudy skies and storms of life are no signs of God's disapproval. Neither are bright skies and still waters signs of His love and approval. His approval of any of us is only IN THE BELOVED. His love is elective which He had for us before the foundation of the world. Does He love us? Ah yes. But how shall we know? We shall know because He SAID SO, and manifested that He did love us for He brought us to Himself and gave us of His Spirit, placing us as sons. And how shall I prove my love to Him? By believing what He said, and by conducting myself with joy amidst the trials that He in His wisdom allows to come to pass.

ROMANS 8:15

15 † For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

» 16 † The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

» 17 † ¶ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

» 18 † For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

» 19 † For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

JAMES 5:7

» 7 † Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

» 8 † Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

» 9 † Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

» 10 † Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

I PETER 2:19

» 19 † For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

» 20 † For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

» 21 † For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

» 22 † Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

» 23 † **Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously.**

2) « 360-2 † LAODICEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.9

Revelation 3:21,

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne."

Now what are we to overcome? That is the normal question to ask here. **But that is not the actual thought of this verse for it is not so much WHAT we are to overcome but HOW we are to overcome. Now this is logical, for does it matter much WHAT we are to overcome as long as we know HOW we can overcome?**

A quick look at those Scriptures which involve the Lord Jesus overcoming will bring out the truth of this proposition. **In Matthew 4, wherein Jesus is tempted of the devil, He overcame the personal temptations of Satan by the Word, and by the Word only.** In each of the three major trials that corresponded exactly to the temptation of the Garden of Eden, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, Jesus overcame by the Word. **Eve fell to the personal temptation of Satan by failing to use the Word. Adam fell in direct disobedience to the Word. But Jesus overcame by the Word.** And right now, let me say that this is the only way to be an overcomer, also it is the only way that you can know if you are overcoming, because that Word CAN'T fail.

Now notice again how Jesus overcame the world systems of religion. When He was repeatedly badgered by the theologians of His day, He constantly applied the Word. He spake only what the Father gave Him to speak. There was not a time when the world was not utterly confused by His wisdom for it was the wisdom of God.

3) 53-1115A SPEAK.TO.THE.ROCK_ OWENSBORO.KY SUNDAY_

There's no such a thing as death to a Christian. There's not one Scripture in the Bible that tells you a Christian dies. Very much contrary, we're all alive. Jesus said, "He--he that believeth on Me has Everlasting Life." Is that right? How can it have an end if it's got everlasting. See? "He

that heareth My Words and believeth on Him that sent Me has Everlasting Life and shall not come into condemnation, but passed from death to Life." That's true.

So we can't die, and we can't cease to exist. We'll always be. **There was a time when you wasn't nothing or anything, but there never will be a time but what you'll be something and somewhere. You're going to be somewhere from this, all through ceaseless ages, all eternity you'll be somewhere.**

« E-4 † So now, I just think about that sometime when trials get hard. And I hit snags in life like everybody, some hard trials we have to pull hard to get through it. But when I'm up against it, I just think of this: Well, what difference does it make? The Bible said, "All things work together for good to them that love Him." Is that right?

So maybe it's for my good. So I just go right ahead and take it anyhow. And if I--if it... There's nothing can bother you. Even death itself can't bother you. When death comes though, I'll... The old apostle when they was building a scaffold out there to cut his head off on, why, he said, "Death, where is thy sting? Grave, where is thy victory?" No sting to death no... "Why, where--where is your victory, grave?"

Grave said, "I'll have you after while. I'll get you."

He said, "What can you do to me?" That's it.

II CORINTHIANS 4:15

» 15 † For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

» 16 † For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

» 17 † **For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;**

» 18 † While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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« 215 † Now, Lord, heal the sick as they come up to be prayed for, this morning. Give to them that joy, that they long to be well. **Let them know that this little, light affliction was put upon them, is just a little testing time. God knows all about it. He did it to see what we'd do about it. How God... May they step right out there and claim that finished work! May You... May they not provoke You, by be running here and there, and in and out, "Well, I don't know this, that."**

216 Lord, may they take a straight stand, say, "Lord, You was the One who saved me. You was the One who did these things for me. I believe You, and I'm trusting You, today." And I pray that You'll grant this to the people, in Christ's Name. Amen.

