

The Book of PSALMS

PSALMS 62 – 67

“God’s Salvation/Protection/Provision/Blessing/& the Nations”

PSALM 62 – “Wait on God”

(v1-8) God is our salvation, wait on the LORD! – Our New Testament companion scripture- 1 Thess. 5:1-11

(v9-10) The NIV describes this passage well, *Lowborn men are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie; if weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath. Do not trust in extortion or take pride in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.*

(v11-12) Power & mercy belong to God and He renders to each one according to his work.

Take a look at Romans 2:2-11 - *But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who "will render to each one according to his deeds": eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness -- indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God.*

PSALM 63 – “Thirst For God”

(v1-2) “My soul thirsts for you” – Jesus said in Matt 5:6- *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.* Remember the “woman at the well” in John ch. 4.

(v3-5) Praise the LORD! Lift up your hands, His lovingkindness is better than life! When *loving kindness* is used of God *chechedh* denotes, in general, "the Divine Love condescending to His creatures, more especially to sinners, in unmerited kindness" (Delitzsch). It is frequently associated with forgiveness, and is practically equivalent to "mercy" or "mercifulness" (Ex 20:6), "showing lovingkindness (the English Revised Version "mercy") unto thousands of them that love me"; 34:6 f, "slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness (the English Revised Version "plenteous in mercy")"; (verse 7) "keeping lovingkindness (the English Revised Version "mercy") for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin" (compare Num 14:18); Mic 7:18, "*He retaineth not his anger forever, because he delighteth in lovingkindness*" (the English Revised Version "mercy"). This quality in Yahweh was one by which He sought to bind His people to Himself. It is greatly magnified in the Old Testament, highly extolled and gloried in, in many of the psalms (Ps 136 has the constant refrain, "*For his lovingkindness endureth forever*"). In Deut 7:12 it is associated with the covenant, and in 2 Sam 7:15 with the covenant with David (compare Isa 55:3, etc.). It was something that could always be relied on. (from International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia)

(v6-8) To meditate on God is to contemplate who He is, what He has done & what He will do. God is our help! Follow Him! Jesus said in **John 10:27-30- *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one.***

(v9-11) The judgment of the wicked (Luke 16:19-31; Rev. 20:11-15) Let’s rejoice in God! Let’s look forward to Glory! Jude 24-25 *Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.*

PSALM 64 - “God’s Protection”

(v1-4) The plotting of the wicked.

(v5-6) The scheming of evildoers.

- Christians must be prepared for battle. Turn to **Ephesians Ch. 6:10-20**. Observe the Christian soldier’s armor (understand that this is the “armor of God”):

-Waist girded with *truth*!

-Breastplate of *righteousness*!

-Feet shod with the gospel of *peace*!

-Shield of *faith*!

-Helmet of *salvation*!

-Sword of the Spirit, which is the *Word of God*!

-*Praying always* with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit!

-Being *watchful to the end* with perseverance & supplication for all the saints!

C.H. Spurgeon suggests the following in regards to David’s prayer life, “It is our duty to note how constantly David turns to prayer. It is his battle –ax and war weapon. He uses it under every pressure, whether of inward sin, outward wrath, foreign invasion, or domestic rebellion. We will act wisely if we make prayer our first and best trusted resource in every need.”

(v7-10) God will defeat the wicked & evildoers. (Revelation 9:13-21; 19:13-21)

PSALM 65 – “God’s Provision”

(v1-4) God will provide atonement for man! In Hebrews 9:11-15 it says, *But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. Also in 1 John 1:5-10- This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*

(v5-8) God will answer with awesome deeds in righteousness! Jesus was righteous in life & death! – Life- Matthew 11:1-6; Death- Luke 23:44-47- Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last. So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous Man!"

(v9-13) God enriches the earth with abundance!

PSALM 66 – “God’s Blessings!”

(v1-4) RESPOND to God in a joyful shout, sing praises to His name; speak to God for He is awesome! – N.T.- 1 Peter 2:9-10- But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of

darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

(v5-7) REMEMBER God's work in your life!

(v8-12) REFINEMENT (1 Peter 1:3-9), RICHES & RAMS!

(v16-20) REFLECT God!

PSALM 67 – “God & the Nations”

(v1-2) God's salvation through the Jewish people to all the nations! – Jesus said in Matthew 24:14- And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

(v3-4) All the nation's shall know & be judged. (Matthew ch. 25:31-46)

(v5-7) God bless Israel! God bless America! God will bless all the nations that fear Him!