

LORD FULFILL YOUR PURPOSE

PSALM 138:1- 8 I WILL PRAISE YOU, O LORD, WITH ALL MY HEART; BEFORE THE "GODS" I WILL SING YOUR PRAISE. ²I WILL BOW DOWN TOWARD YOUR HOLY TEMPLE AND WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME FOR YOUR LOVE AND YOUR FAITHFULNESS, FOR YOU HAVE EXALTED ABOVE ALL THINGS YOUR NAME AND YOUR WORD. ³WHEN I CALLED, YOU ANSWERED ME; YOU MADE ME BOLD AND STOUTHEARTED. ⁴MAY ALL THE KINGS OF THE EARTH PRAISE YOU, O LORD, WHEN THEY HEAR THE WORDS OF YOUR MOUTH. ⁵MAY THEY SING OF THE WAYS OF THE LORD, FOR THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS GREAT. ⁶THOUGH THE LORD IS ON HIGH, HE LOOKS UPON THE LOWLY, BUT THE PROUD HE KNOWS FROM AFAR. ⁷THOUGH I WALK IN THE MIDST OF TROUBLE, YOU PRESERVE MY LIFE; YOU STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND AGAINST THE ANGER OF MY FOES, WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND YOU SAVE ME. ⁸THE LORD WILL FULFILL HIS PURPOSE FOR ME; YOUR LOVE, O LORD, ENDURES FOREVER--DO NOT ABANDON THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS.

2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17 BUT AS FOR YOU, CONTINUE IN WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED AND HAVE BECOME CONVINCED OF, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THOSE FROM WHOM YOU LEARNED IT, ¹⁵AND HOW FROM INFANCY YOU HAVE KNOWN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, WHICH ARE ABLE TO MAKE YOU WISE FOR SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS. ¹⁶ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD-BREATHED AND IS USEFUL FOR TEACHING, REBUKING, CORRECTING AND TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, ¹⁷SO THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.

DAVID AS THE YOUNGEST BROTHER IN A LARGE FAMILY WAS NOT THOUGHT VERY MUCH OF. HE WAS GIVEN THE CHORE OF BEING THE SHEPHERD IN THE FAMILY. WHEN WE HEAR OF SHEPHERDS IN THE BIBLE WE SOMETIMES FORGET THAT THEY WERE REGARDED AS PEOPLE WHO COULD DO LITTLE MORE THAN BE WITH THE SHEEP.

SCHOOLING WAS NOT REQUIRED. AND BECAUSE THEY SPENT A LOT OF TIME BY THEMSELVES THEY HAD LITTLE CHANCE TO ACQUIRE IT.

SOCIAL SKILLS WERE NOT PASSED ON TO THEM.

WHAT THEY DID LEARN TO DO IS TAKE CARE OF THE SHEEP. AND SOME CATTLEMEN WOULD SAY SHEEP ARE THE DUMBEST ANIMALS IN THE WORLD.

FOR SHEEP ARE DEFENSELESS, ANY THING CAN ATTACK THEM AND KILL THEM. WHEN THEY ARE SMALL EVEN LARGE BIRDS CAN DESTROY THEM.

THEY ARE ALWAYS WONDERING OFF AND GETTING INTO TROUBLE.

SO TAKING CARE OF THESE ANIMALS WAS THE TRAINING FOR THE FUTURE KING OF ISRAEL.

NOW LET US LOOK AT THE TWO PORTIONS OF SCRIPTURE THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US FOR TODAY.

PAUL WRITING TO HIS PROTEGE TIMOTHY SAYS THESE WORDS. "CONTINUE IN WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED AND HAVE BECOME CONVINCED OF, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THOSE FROM WHOM YOU LEARNED IT"

YOU AND I HAVE LONG LIVES OF LEARNING. AND WE HAVE BECOME CONVINCED OF MANY

THINGS. WE HAVE SEEN MANY THINGS IN OUR LIVES.

KNOWING THIS LET US LOOK AT WHAT DAVID HAD TO SAY.

1. THE FIRST THING WE WANT TO SEE IS THE ATTITUDE OF DAVID.
 - A. I WILL PRAISE YOU, O LORD,
 - B. WITH ALL MY HEART;
 - C. BEFORE THE "GODS" I WILL SING YOUR PRAISE.
 - I. DAVID DECLARES THAT HE IS GOING TO PRAISE THE LORD WITH HIS HOLD HEART.
 - (1) AND AS WE READ THE PSALMS, MANY OF WHICH HE WROTE, WE KNOW HE DID THAT.
 - (2) NO MATTER WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT DAVID FOUND HIMSELF IN HE LOOKED TO THE LORD.
 - (A) HIDING IN A CAVE WITH HIS MEN, WITH HIS ENEMY JUST OUTSIDE THE CAVE HE TOOK TIME TO WRITE ONE OF THE PSALMS.
2. AGAIN A LOOK AT THE LIFE OF DAVID IS IN ORDER.
 - A. HE IS OUT TAKING CARE OF THE SHEEP. THE PROPHET NATHAN HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO GO TO THE HOME OF HIS FATHER TO ANOINT THE NEXT KING OF ISRAEL.
 - B. AFTER THE PROPHET LOOKS AT ALL THE SONS AT HOME, HE SAYS THAT THE ONE I AM LOOKING FOR IS NOT HERE. THE FAMILY SAYS THERE IS ANOTHER, BUT HE IS NOT MUCH, HE IS OUT TENDING THE SHEEP. THE PROPHET ASK THAT HE BE SENT FOR.
 - C. YES THE PROPHET ANOINTS HIM AS KING.
 - D. WE WOULD THINK, BOY THINGS ARE GOING TO CHANGE FOR DAVID.
 - I. WHAT IS HE TOLD TO DO. GET BACK OUT THERE AND TEND THOSE SHEEP.
 - E. YEARS PASS, HE IS STILL OUT TAKING CARE OF THE SHEEP.
 - I. WRITING AND SINGING SONGS TO THE LORD.
 - F. THE NATION OF ISRAEL GOES TO WAR. HE IS NOT ASKED TO GO. BUT A COUPLE OF BROTHERS GO TO UPHOLD THE FAMILIES NAME.
 - G. THE FAMILY AT HOME DECIDES TO SEND A CARE PACKAGE TO THE BROTHERS IN THE SERVICE.
 - H. SOME ONE NEEDS TO TAKE THE PACKAGE TO THE BROTHERS, WELL HERE IS SOMETHING THAT DAVID CAN DO.
 - I. HE ARRIVES AT THE FRONT LINE, HE FINDS THERE IS NO FIGHTING TAKING PLACE BECAUSE ONE OF THE ENEMY IS A GIANT AND HE IS THREATENING ANY ONE WHO DARES COMES AGAINST HIM.
 - I. HE HEARS TALK OF THE REWARDS TO ANYONE WHO WILL GO AGAINST THIS GIANT.
 - (1) MARRY THE KINGS DAUGHTER, BECOME PART OF THE KINGS HOUSEHOLD.
 - (A) BOY THIS SOUNDS GREAT.
 - J. DAVID KNOWING THE GOD OF ISRAEL, KNOWS THAT HE CAN SLAY THE GIANT.
 - I. DAVID GOES FORTH AND SLAYS THE GIANT GOLIATH.
 - (1) AND AGAIN WE WOULD SAY, BOY THINGS ARE GOING TO BE GREAT FOR HIM.
 - K. NO, THINGS ARE GOING TO GET MUCH MORE DIFFICULT. BUT WE WOULD SAY GOD BLESSED HIM AND MADE THIS POSSIBLE. THE PEOPLE SANG HIS PRAISES.
 - I. ALL THAT WE SAY WOULD BE TRUE.

- II. BUT THERE IS ANOTHER TRUTH.
 - (1) THE KING HATED DAVID.
 - (2) HE GAVE THE DAUGHTER THAT HE HAD PROMISED TO THE ONE WHO KILLED GOLIATH TO ANOTHER MAN.
- 3. WHAT DO WE HEAR DAVID SAYING.
 - A. ² I WILL BOW DOWN TOWARD YOUR HOLY TEMPLE AND WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME FOR YOUR LOVE AND YOUR FAITHFULNESS, FOR YOU HAVE EXALTED ABOVE ALL THINGS YOUR NAME AND YOUR WORD.
 - I. I BOW DOWN TOWARD YOUR HOLY TEMPLE.
 - (1) DEPENDING ON WHEN DAVID WROTE THIS PSALM, THIS IS A GREAT WORD OF FAITH. THE HOLY TEMPLE IS NOT BUILT UNTIL DAVID SON, SOLOMON BUILDS IT.
 - II. I WILL PRAISE YOU FOR YOUR NAME AND YOUR LOVE, YOUR FAITHFULNESS
 - (1) I WILL DO THIS BECAUSE YOU HAVE EXALTED YOUR NAME AND YOUR WORD OVER ALL THINGS.
 - (A) DURING THE TIME DAVID WAS RUNNING FROM KING SAUL HE KEEP BELIEVING IN THE WORD OF GOD THAT THE PROPHET GAVE THAT SAID, ONE DAY HE WOULD BE KING.
 - (i) DAVID HAD KILLED THE LION AND THE BEAR AS A YOUNG MAN, HE HAD LEARNED OF THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD.
 - B. CAN WE HEAR WHAT DAVID JUST SAID. YOU EXALTED YOUR NAME AND WORD OVER ALL THINGS.
 - C. NOW LOOK AT THE LIFE OF DAVID AND WHAT HE DID NOT SAY, BUT WE MIGHT HAVE SAID.
 - I. BUT GOD YOU HAD YOUR PROPHET ANOINT ME TO BE KING OF ISRAEL.
 - II. NOW I FIND MY SELF RUNNING BEFORE THE KING OF ISRAEL BECAUSE HE IS OUT TO KILL ME.
 - (1) THE MEN YOU HAVE CALLED TO BE WITH ME HAVE LOST THEIR FAMILIES FOR A PERIOD OF TIME.
 - (2) I HAVE HAD TO PLAY THE PART OF AN IDIOT TO SAVE MY LIFE.
 - (3) I AM SLEEPING IN CAVES, I WAS EXPECTING TO BE IN THE HOME OF THE KING.
- 4. NOW WE LEARN ONE OF THE SECRETS OF DAVID
 - A. ³ WHEN I CALLED, YOU ANSWERED ME; YOU MADE ME BOLD AND STOUTHEARTED.
 - I. DAVID WOULD BECOME KING OF ISRAEL, HE WOULD UNITE THE PEOPLE. HE WOULD PUNISH THOSE NATIONS THAT PERSECUTED THE JEWS AND THOSE THAT BLASPHEME GOD JEHOVAH.
- 5. AND ALL THIS HAD A PURPOSE.
 - I. ⁴ MAY ALL THE KINGS OF THE EARTH PRAISE YOU, O LORD, WHEN THEY HEAR THE WORDS OF YOUR MOUTH. ⁵ MAY THEY SING OF THE WAYS OF THE LORD, FOR THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS GREAT.
 - (1) THE WORDS OF THE LORD
 - (A) **EXODUS 7:16** THEN SAY TO HIM [THE PHAROH OF EGYPT], 'THE LORD, THE GOD OF THE HEBREWS, HAS SENT ME TO SAY TO YOU: LET MY PEOPLE GO, SO THAT THEY MAY WORSHIP ME IN THE DESERT. BUT UNTIL NOW YOU HAVE NOT LISTENED.
 - (B) **GENESIS 12:3** I [GOD] WILL BLESS THOSE WHO BLESS YOU [ISRAEL], AND

WHOEVER CURSES YOU I WILL CURSE; AND ALL PEOPLES ON EARTH WILL BE BLESSED THROUGH YOU."

(I) THE PROMISE OF THE SON,

(II) WHY SHOULD ALL THE KINGS, AND THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD BLESS GOD, **BECAUSE HE HAS GIVEN THEM A WAY TO BE BLESSED.**

1) BLESS THE CHILDREN OR FAMILY OF GOD, HE WILL BLESS YOU.

2) FOR THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS GREAT ENOUGH TO BLESS ALL PEOPLE.

6. THE WORLD NEEDS TO KNOW HOW GOD LOOKS UPON MAN.

A. ⁶ THOUGH THE LORD IS ON HIGH, HE LOOKS UPON THE LOWLY, BUT THE PROUD HE KNOWS FROM AFAR.

I. FIRST, IF WE WANT THE BLESSINGS OF THE LORD WE MUST LOOK UPON OURSELVES AS HIS SERVANT.

(1) **HEBREWS 10:7** THEN I [THE LORD JESUS CHRIST] SAID, 'HERE I AM--IT IS WRITTEN ABOUT ME IN THE SCROLL--I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.' "

II. SECOND, THEN I MUST BE AS DAVID IS HERE. TRUSTING IN THE WORD OF GOD.

(1) **NUMBERS 23:19** GOD IS NOT A MAN, THAT HE SHOULD LIE, NOR A SON OF MAN, THAT HE SHOULD CHANGE HIS MIND. DOES HE SPEAK AND THEN NOT ACT? DOES HE PROMISE AND NOT FULFILL?

7. THE TRUTH THAT BELIEVERS HAVE COME TO KNOW.

A. ⁷ THOUGH I WALK IN THE MIDST OF TROUBLE, YOU PRESERVE MY LIFE; YOU STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND AGAINST THE ANGER OF MY FOES, WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND YOU SAVE ME.

I. DAVID JUST AS YOU AND I HAVE FOUND OURSELVES, FOUND HIMSELF IN A LOT OF TROUBLE. BUT GOD KEPT BRINGING HIM THROUGH HIS PROBLEMS.

(1) FOR JUST AS WE TODAY WHO BELONG TO THE LORD, GOD CONTINUES TO SAVE US.

8. AND ONE DAY GOD DID FULFILL THE PURPOSE OF DAVID. JUST AS IT SAYS,

A. ⁸ DAVID WRITING SAYS THESE WORDS, THE LORD WILL FULFILL HIS PURPOSE FOR ME;

I. DAVID BECAME THE KING

II. AND HE WAS ALL THAT GOD WANTED HIM TO BE.

III. BUT THE TIME CAME WHEN HE FORGOT THAT GOD HAD A PURPOSE FOR HIM.

(1) DAVID HAD ALWAYS BEEN HUMBLE. HE WOULD NOT KILL SAUL WHEN HE HAD THE CHANCE. HE WOULD NOT DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD DISPLEASE THE LORD, HE SOUGHT GOD AND WOULD DO AS GOD INSTRUCTED HIM TO DO.

(A) AND THE WORD SAYS THAT IF I LIVE MY LIFE LIKE THIS, GOD WILL BE NEAR BY TO TAKE CARE OF ME.

(2) BUT DAVID HAD BECOME PROUD AND WEALTHY. THE ARMY WAS NO PLACE FOR HIM.

(A) AND THE WORD SAYS THAT IF I FEEL THIS WAY ABOUT MYSELF GOD WILL BE FAR FROM ME.

IV. HIS ARMY WENT OUT TO FIGHT, AND IN THOSE TIMES THE KING'S PLACE WAS TO BE WITH THE ARMY.

V. DAVID STAYED HOME. HE WAS ON HIS OWN BALCONY AT NIGHT AND LOOKING OUT, HE SAW A YOUNG WOMAN THAT HE WANTED.

VI. HE TOOK HER EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS MARRIED.

VII. SHE BECAME WITH CHILD.

VIII. HE TRIED TO DECEIVE THE HUSBAND AND ALL THE NATION BY HAVING THE HUSBAND BROUGHT BACK FROM THE WAR TO SLEEP WITH HER.

IX. IT DID NOT WORK SO HE HAD THE HUSBAND PUT IN A PLACE WHERE HE WOULD BE KILLED.

9. HERE IS GOD'S MAN BREAKING THE LAWS OF GOD.

10. WHAT GOD HAS TO SAY TO DAVID IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US TODAY.

A. **2 SAMUEL 12:7** THEN NATHAN SAID TO DAVID, "YOU ARE THE MAN! THIS IS WHAT THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL, SAYS: 'I ANOINTED YOU KING OVER ISRAEL, AND I DELIVERED YOU FROM THE HAND OF SAUL. ⁸I GAVE YOUR MASTER'S HOUSE TO YOU, AND YOUR MASTER'S WIVES INTO YOUR ARMS. I GAVE YOU THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH. AND IF ALL THIS HAD BEEN TOO LITTLE, I WOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU EVEN MORE. ⁹WHY DID YOU DESPISE THE WORD OF THE LORD BY DOING WHAT IS EVIL IN HIS EYES? YOU STRUCK DOWN URIAH THE HITTITE WITH THE SWORD AND TOOK HIS WIFE TO BE YOUR OWN. YOU KILLED HIM WITH THE SWORD OF THE AMMONITES. ¹⁰NOW, THEREFORE, THE SWORD WILL NEVER DEPART FROM YOUR HOUSE, BECAUSE YOU DESPISED ME AND TOOK THE WIFE OF URIAH THE HITTITE TO BE YOUR OWN.' ¹¹"THIS IS WHAT THE LORD SAYS: 'OUT OF YOUR OWN HOUSEHOLD I AM GOING TO BRING CALAMITY UPON YOU. BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES I WILL TAKE YOUR WIVES AND GIVE THEM TO ONE WHO IS CLOSE TO YOU, AND HE WILL LIE WITH YOUR WIVES IN BROAD DAYLIGHT. ¹²YOU DID IT IN SECRET, BUT I WILL DO THIS THING IN BROAD DAYLIGHT BEFORE ALL ISRAEL.' " ¹³THEN DAVID SAID TO NATHAN, "I HAVE SINNED AGAINST THE LORD." NATHAN REPLIED, "THE LORD HAS TAKEN AWAY YOUR SIN. YOU ARE NOT GOING TO DIE.

I. I HOPE WE ALL GET THE FEEL OF THIS.

II. YES DAVID BROKE THE LAWS OF GOD.

III. BUT WHAT GOD IS MOST UPSET ABOUT, DAVID DID NOT COME TO HIM WITH HIS DESIRES.

(1) HOW MANY OF US TODAY ARE BREAKING THE LAWS OF GOD AND FALL SHORT OF HIS GLORY BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT TALKED AN ITEM OVER WITH HIM.. WE ARE BREAKING GOD'S LAW BECAUSE WE THINK WE CAN NOT HAVE WHAT WE WANT OR NEED IF WE FOLLOW HIS LAWS.

(A) THE LAWS OF GOD ARE CLEAR.

(I) **MATTHEW 22:37** JESUS REPLIED: " 'LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'

1) HOW DO I DO THIS?

2) BY KEEPING HIS LAW

A) JOHN 14:15 JESUS TEACHES THAT IF YOU LOVE HIM YOU WOULD OBEY HIS COMMANDS.

(II) **MATTHEW 22:39** AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: 'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

(III) DAVID AND HIS CHILDREN WERE PUNISHED WITH THE VERY SIN THAT DAVID COMMITTED. HOW MANY OF OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN TODAY ARE DOING THINGS THAT ARE NOT PLEASING TO GOD BECAUSE THEY SEE US DOING THEM.

1) THIS SOUNDS LIKE THE TEACHING OF JESUS, "YOU SHALL REAP WHAT

YOU SEW”

A) **GALATIANS 6:7** DO NOT BE DECEIVED: GOD CANNOT BE MOCKED.
A MAN REAPS WHAT HE SOWS.

(B) DAVID CONTINUES TO WRITE, YOUR LOVE, O LORD, ENDURES FOREVER-- DO
NOT ABANDON THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS

B. AND NOW WE HEAR THE PLEA OF DAVID AND WHY IT WILL COME TRUE.

I. DO NOT ABANDON THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS

II. .YOUR LOVE, O LORD, ENDURES FOREVER

(1) WE HEAR THE PROPHET NATHAN SAY THESE WORDS.

(A) NATHAN REPLIED, "THE LORD HAS TAKEN AWAY YOUR SIN. YOU ARE NOT
GOING TO DIE

(2) AND WE WHO HAVE NAMED JESUS CHRIST LORD AND SAVIOR AND KNOW THAT
HE HAS CALLED US FOR A PURPOSE, EVEN THOU WE FAIL HIM AND WE KNOW WE
SHOULD NOT. HE HAS TAKEN AWAY OUR SIN AND PUT THEM ON HIS SON JESUS
CHRIST.

(3) AS THE LORD SAYS TO DAVID.

(A) **1 KINGS 15:4-5** NEVERTHELESS, FOR DAVID'S SAKE THE LORD HIS GOD GAVE
HIM A LAMP IN JERUSALEM BY RAISING UP A SON TO SUCCEED HIM AND BY
MAKING JERUSALEM STRONG. ⁵FOR DAVID HAD DONE WHAT WAS RIGHT IN THE
EYES OF THE LORD AND HAD NOT FAILED TO KEEP ANY OF THE LORD'S
COMMANDS ALL THE DAYS OF HIS LIFE--EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF URIAH THE
HITTITE.

11. WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN TO US TODAY?

12. THERE ARE SEVEN JUDGMENTS IN SCRIPTURE

- A. THE JUDGMENT OF THE BELIEVERS SIN
- B. THE BELIEVERS JUDGMENT OF HIMSELF.
- C. THE JUDGMENT OF THE BELIEVERS WORKS.
- D. THE JUDGMENT OF ISRAEL
- E. THE JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS
- F. THE JUDGMENT OF ANGELS
- G. THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT.

13. AS WE LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED TO DAVID WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THERE ARE TWO TYPES
OF JUDGMENTS THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM AND HIS FAMILY.

A. HISTORICAL JUDGMENTS

I. EXODUS 20:5. THOU SHALT NOT BOW DOWN THYSELF TO THEM, NOR SERVE THEM: FOR
I THE LORD THY GOD AM A JEALOUS GOD, VISITING THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS
UPON THE CHILDREN UNTO THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION OF THEM THAT HATE
ME;

(1) THESE JUDGEMENTS WILL HAPPEN HERE AS WE LIVE OUR LIVES DAY TO DAY.

(2) WE AND OUR CHILDREN WILL PAY FOR SERVING SIN .

(3) WE WILL BEAR THE FRUIT OF THE SEEDS THAT WE HAVE PLANTED.

B. ETERNAL JUDGMENT!

I. EZEKIEL 18:20 THE SOUL THAT SINNETH IT SHALL DIE. THE SON SHALL NOT BEAR THE
INIQUITY OF THE FATHER, NEITHER SHALL THE FATHER BEAR THE INIQUITY OF THE

SON: THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL BE UPON HIM, AND THE WICKEDNESS OF THE WICKED SHALL BE UPON HIM.

(1) HERE IS THE SIN THAT SENDS MAN TO ETERNAL HELL.

II. ECCLES. 11:3 WHERE THE TREE FALLETH, THERE IT SHALL BE.

III. JOHN 8:21 THEN SAID JESUS AGAIN UNTO THEM, I GO MY WAY, AND YE SHALL SEEK ME, AND SHALL DIE IN YOUR SINS: WHITHER I GO, YE CANNOT COME.

C. AN EXAMPLE OF HISTORICAL JUDGMENT

I. 2 PETER 2:6 AND TURNING THE CITIES OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH INTO ASHES CONDEMNED THEM WITH AN OVERTHROW, MAKING THEM AN EXAMPLE UNTO THOSE THAT AFTER SHOULD LIVE UNGODLY

II. EZEKIEL 16:49 :NOW THIS WAS THE SIN OF YOUR SISTER SODOM; SHE AND HER DAUGHTERS WERE ARROGANT, OVERFEED AND UNCONCERNED; THEY DID NOT HELP THE POOR AND NEEDY,

III. LEVITICUS 26:14-45 . . IF YOU REFUSES TO LISTEN TO ME [THE LORD], I WILL MULTIPLY YOUR AFFLICTIONS SEVEN TIMES OVER, AS YOUR SINS DESERVE.

D. WHY DO WE HAVE HISTORICAL JUDGMENTS?

I. PSALMS 107:1-43 . . WHOEVER IS WISE, LET HIM HEED THESE THINGS AND CONSIDER THE GREAT LOVE OF THE LORD.

II. 1 PETER 4:17-18 FOR IT IS TIME FOR JUDGMENT TO BEGIN WITH THE FAMILY OF GOD; AND IF IT BEGINS WITH US, WHAT WILL THE OUTCOME BE FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT OBEY THE GOSPEL OF GOD?

14. THE FIRST OF THE SEVEN JUDGMENTS IS AN ETERNAL JUDGMENT.

A. THE JUDGMENT OF THE BELIEVER'S SIN.

I. SCRIPTURE BASIS:

(1) JOHN 12:31-32 NOW IS THE TIME FOR JUDGMENT ON THIS WORLD; NOW THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD WILL BE DRIVEN OUT. [32] BUT I, WHEN I AM LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH, WILL DRAW ALL MEN TO MYSELF." .

II. WHO IS JUDGED? THE BELIEVER AS TO SIN:

(1) ROMANS 6:10 THE DEATH JESUS CRIST DIED, HE DIED TO SIN ONCE, FOR ALL; BUT THE LIFE HE LIVES, HE LIVES TO GOD.

(2) HEBREWS 9:25-28 . [27] JUST AS MAN IS DESTINED TO DIE ONCE, AND AFTER THAT TO FACE JUDGMENT, [28] SO CHRIST WAS SACRIFICED ONCE TO TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF MANY PEOPLE; AND HE WILL APPEAR A SECOND TIME, NOT TO BEAR SIN, BUT TO BRING SALVATION TO THOSE WHO ARE WAITING FOR HIM.

III. WHEN? 0033 AD

(1) JOHN 3:14 AND AS MOSES LIFTED UP THE SERPENT IN THE WILDERNESS, EVEN SO MUST THE SON OF MAN BE LIFTED UP.

(2) 1 PETER 2:24 JESUS, HIMSELF BORE OUR SINS IN HIS BODY ON THE TREE, SO THAT WE MIGHT DIE TO SINS AND LIVE FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS; BY HIS WOUNDS YOU HAVE BEEN HEALED. .

(3) JOHN 17:4 I [JESUS] HAVE BROUGHT YOU [THE FATHER] GLORY ON EARTH BY COMPLETING THE WORK YOU GAVE ME TO DO.

IV. WHERE? CALVARY.

(1) LUKE 23:33 WHEN THEY WERE COME TO THE PLACE, WHICH IS CALLED CALVARY, .

- (2) JOHN 19:17-24 . . HE BEARING HIS CROSS WENT FORTH INTO A PLACE CALLED, THE PLACE OF A SKULL,
- V. BASIS OF JUDGMENT? CHRIST'S PERFECT WORK! ! !
- (1) GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON . .
- (2) JOHN 5:24 "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, **WHOEVER HEARS MY WORD AND BELIEVES HIM WHO SENT ME HAS ETERNAL LIFE AND WILL NOT BE CONDEMNED; HE HAS CROSSED OVER FROM DEATH TO LIFE.**
- (3) ROMANS 6:8 NOW IF WE BE DEAD WITH CHRIST . . WE SHALL ALSO LIVE WITH HIM.
- VI. RESULT? DEATH TO CHRIST, JUSTIFICATION TO THE BELIEVER. .
- (1) ROMANS 4:1-25 [5] HOWEVER, TO THE MAN WHO DOES NOT WORK BUT TRUSTS GOD WHO JUSTIFIES THE WICKED, HIS FAITH IS CREDITED AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. [6] DAVID SAYS THE SAME THING WHEN HE SPEAKS OF THE **BLESSEDNESS OF THE MAN TO WHOM GOD CREDITS RIGHTEOUSNESS APART FROM WORKS:[7] "BLESSED ARE THEY WHOSE TRANSGRESSIONS ARE FORGIVEN, WHOSE SINS ARE COVERED. [8] BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NEVER COUNT AGAINST HIM."** BUT ALSO FOR US, TO WHOM GOD WILL CREDIT RIGHTEOUSNESS--FOR US WHO BELIEVE IN HIM WHO RAISED JESUS OUR LORD FROM THE DEAD. [25] HE WAS DELIVERED OVER TO DEATH FOR OUR SINS AND WAS RAISED TO LIFE FOR OUR JUSTIFICATION.
- (2) ROMANS 5:1-11 **THEREFORE, SINCE WE HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED THROUGH FAITH, WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, [2] THROUGH WHOM WE HAVE GAINED ACCESS BY FAITH INTO THIS GRACE IN WHICH WE NOW STAND. . . [9] SINCE WE HAVE NOW BEEN JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD, HOW MUCH MORE SHALL WE BE SAVED FROM GOD'S WRATH THROUGH HIM! [10] FOR IF, WHEN WE WERE GOD'S ENEMIES, WE WERE RECONCILED TO HIM THROUGH THE DEATH OF HIS SON, HOW MUCH MORE, HAVING BEEN RECONCILED, SHALL WE BE SAVED THROUGH HIS LIFE! [11] NOT ONLY IS THIS SO, BUT WE ALSO REJOICE IN GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THROUGH WHOM WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED RECONCILIATION. .**
- (3) ROMANS 8:1-16 . **THEREFORE, THERE IS NOW NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS, [2] BECAUSE THROUGH CHRIST JESUS THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE SET ME FREE FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH. [3] . . . [10] BUT IF CHRIST IS IN YOU, YOUR BODY IS DEAD BECAUSE OF SIN, YET YOUR SPIRIT IS ALIVE BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. [11] AND IF THE SPIRIT OF HIM WHO RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD IS LIVING IN YOU, HE WHO RAISED CHRIST FROM THE DEAD WILL ALSO GIVE LIFE TO YOUR MORTAL BODIES THROUGH HIS SPIRIT, WHO LIVES IN YOU. [12] THEREFORE, BROTHERS, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION--BUT IT IS NOT TO THE SINFUL NATURE, TO LIVE ACCORDING TO IT. [13] FOR IF YOU LIVE ACCORDING TO THE SINFUL NATURE, YOU WILL DIE; BUT IF BY THE SPIRIT YOU PUT TO DEATH THE MISDEEDS OF THE BODY, YOU WILL LIVE, [14] BECAUSE THOSE WHO ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD ARE SONS OF GOD. [15] FOR YOU DID NOT RECEIVE A SPIRIT THAT MAKES YOU A SLAVE AGAIN**

TO FEAR, BUT YOU RECEIVED THE SPIRIT OF SONSHIP. AND BY HIM WE CRY, "ABBA, FATHER." [16] THE SPIRIT HIMSELF TESTIFIES WITH OUR SPIRIT THAT WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN.

- B. DAVID DID NOT DIE [ETERNAL DEATH] BECAUSE GOD PUT THE PUNISHMENT OF HIS SIN ON HIS SON JESUS CHRIST. [ETERNAL JUDGMENT]

BUT AS WE READ, DAVID AND HIS FAMILY PAID A HIGH PRICE FOR HIS SIN. [A HISTORICAL JUDGMENT] THIS COMES TO THE SECOND JUDGMENT.

THE BELIEVER'S JUDGMENT OF HIMSELF! A JUDGMENT THAT FEW HAVE STUDIED.

I. SCRIPTURE BASIS;

- (1) 1 CORINTHIANS 11:31-32 **BUT IF WE** JUDGED OURSELVES, WE WOULD NOT COME UNDER JUDGMENT. WHEN WE ARE JUDGED BY THE LORD, WE ARE BEING DISCIPLINED SO THAT WE WILL NOT BE CONDEMNED WITH THE WORLD.

II. WHO IS JUDGED? BELIEVERS WALKING IN THE LIGHT.

- (1) 1 JOHN 1:4-10 WE WRITE THIS TO MAKE OUR JOY COMPLETE. [5] THIS IS THE MESSAGE WE HAVE HEARD FROM HIM [JESUS] AND DECLARE TO YOU: GOD [THE FATHER] IS LIGHT; IN HIM THERE IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL. [6] IF WE CLAIM TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM [THE FATHER] YET WALK IN THE DARKNESS,[DISOBEDIENCE TO HIM] WE LIE AND DO NOT LIVE BY THE TRUTH. [7] BUT IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT, AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT, WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS, HIS SON, PURIFIES US FROM ALL SIN. [8] IF WE CLAIM TO BE WITHOUT SIN,[BEING THE FULL GLORY OF HIS SON JESUS] WE DECEIVE OURSELVES AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN US. [9] IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE [THE FATHER] IS FAITHFUL AND JUST AND WILL FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND PURIFY US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS. [10] IF WE CLAIM WE HAVE NOT SINNED, WE MAKE HIM OUT TO BE A LIAR AND HIS WORD HAS NO PLACE IN OUR LIVES. [THERE IS NO SALVATION] FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD.

III. WHEN? DURING THIS LIFE.

- (1) EPHESIANS. 4:22-32 YOU WERE TAUGHT, WITH REGARD TO YOUR FORMER WAY OF LIFE, TO PUT OFF YOUR OLD SELF, WHICH IS BEING CORRUPTED BY ITS DECEITFUL DESIRES; [23] TO BE MADE NEW IN THE ATTITUDE OF YOUR MINDS; [24] AND TO PUT ON THE NEW SELF, CREATED TO BE LIKE GOD IN TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS. [25] THEREFORE EACH OF YOU MUST PUT OFF FALSEHOOD AND SPEAK TRUTHFULLY TO HIS NEIGHBOR, FOR WE ARE ALL MEMBERS OF ONE BODY. [26] "IN YOUR ANGER DO NOT SIN": DO NOT LET THE SUN GO DOWN WHILE YOU ARE STILL ANGRY, [27] AND DO NOT GIVE THE DEVIL A FOOTHOLD. [28] HE WHO HAS BEEN STEALING MUST STEAL NO LONGER, BUT MUST WORK, DOING SOMETHING USEFUL WITH HIS OWN HANDS, THAT HE MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE WITH THOSE IN NEED. [29] DO NOT LET ANY UNWHOLESOME TALK COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTHS, BUT ONLY WHAT IS HELPFUL FOR BUILDING OTHERS UP ACCORDING TO THEIR NEEDS, THAT IT MAY BENEFIT THOSE WHO LISTEN. [30] AND DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD, WITH WHOM YOU WERE SEALED FOR THE DAY OF REDEMPTION. [31] GET RID OF ALL BITTERNESS, RAGE AND ANGER, BRAWLING AND SLANDER, ALONG WITH EVERY FORM OF MALICE. [32] BE KIND

AND COMPASSIONATE TO ONE ANOTHER, FORGIVING EACH OTHER, JUST AS IN CHRIST GOD FORGAVE YOU.

- (2) COL. 3:5-17 PUT TO DEATH, THEREFORE, WHATEVER BELONGS TO YOUR EARTHLY NATURE: SEXUAL IMMORALITY, IMPURITY, LUST, EVIL DESIRES AND GREED, WHICH IS IDOLATRY. [6] BECAUSE OF THESE, THE WRATH OF GOD IS COMING. [7] YOU USED TO WALK IN THESE WAYS, IN THE LIFE YOU ONCE LIVED. [8] BUT NOW **YOU MUST RID YOURSELVES OF ALL SUCH THINGS AS THESE:**

IV. WHERE? UPON THE EARTH, IN THIS KINGDOM.

- (1) ROMANS 8:1-16 . . WHO WALK NOT AFTER THE FLESH, BUT AFTER THE SPIRIT.

V. BASIS OF JUDGMENT? OBEDIENCE TO GOD.

- (1) JAMES 1:23-25 ANYONE WHO LISTENS TO THE WORD BUT DOES NOT DO WHAT IT SAYS IS LIKE A MAN WHO LOOKS AT HIS FACE IN A MIRROR ²⁴AND, AFTER LOOKING AT HIMSELF, GOES AWAY AND IMMEDIATELY FORGETS WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE. ²⁵BUT THE MAN WHO LOOKS INTENTLY INTO THE PERFECT LAW THAT GIVES FREEDOM, AND CONTINUES TO DO THIS, NOT FORGETTING WHAT HE HAS HEARD, BUT DOING IT--**HE WILL BE BLESSED IN WHAT HE DOES.**

VI. RESULT; EITHER CHASTISEMENT OR APPROVAL FROM GOD.

- (1) HEBREWS 12:5-11 AND YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT THAT ADDRESSES YOU AS SONS: "MY SON, DO NOT MAKE LIGHT OF THE LORD'S DISCIPLINE, AND DO NOT LOSE HEART WHEN HE REBUKES YOU, [6] BECAUSE THE LORD DISCIPLINES THOSE HE LOVES, AND HE PUNISHES EVERYONE HE ACCEPTS AS A SON." [7] ENDURE HARDSHIP AS DISCIPLINE; GOD IS TREATING YOU AS SONS. FOR WHAT SON IS NOT DISCIPLINED BY HIS FATHER? [8] IF YOU ARE NOT DISCIPLINED (AND EVERYONE UNDERGOES DISCIPLINE), THEN YOU ARE ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN AND NOT TRUE SONS. [9] MOREOVER, WE HAVE ALL HAD HUMAN FATHERS WHO DISCIPLINED US AND WE RESPECTED THEM FOR IT. HOW MUCH MORE SHOULD WE SUBMIT TO THE FATHER OF OUR SPIRITS AND LIVE! [10] OUR FATHERS DISCIPLINED US FOR A LITTLE WHILE AS THEY THOUGHT BEST; BUT GOD DISCIPLINES US FOR OUR GOOD, THAT WE MAY SHARE IN HIS HOLINESS. [11] NO DISCIPLINE SEEMS PLEASANT AT THE TIME, BUT PAINFUL. LATER ON, HOWEVER, IT PRODUCES A HARVEST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED BY IT.

- (A) AGAIN DAVID HAD ETERNAL LIFE, BUT HE AND HIS FAMILY WOULD BE DISCIPLINED BECAUSE GOD WANTED ALL TO KNOW THAT THE THINGS THAT DAVID DID WERE NOT EXCEPT ABLE TO HIM.

15. WHEN WE PRAISE GOD, LIFT UP HIS NAME WITH OUR WHOLE HEART, WE NEED TO DO IT BEFORE THE WHOLE WORLD TO LET THEM WITNESS OUR LOVE AND JOY IN HIM. WHEN WE ARE RELYING ON HIS LOVING KINDNESS AND TRUTH THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US THROUGH JESUS CHRIST WE KNOW THAT HE WILL BE FAITHFUL TO US, JUST AS HE WAS TO DAVID. HE WILL FULFILL HIS WORD TOWARDS US. WE KNOW THAT HE GAVE HIS OWN SON TO COVER THE SIN OF DAVID AND OF US, AND KNOWING THIS, WE CAN SAY, WILL HE NOT FREELY GIVE US ALL THINGS? WHEN GOD GIVES US STRENGTH IN OUR SOUL TO BEAR THE BURDENS, RESIST THE TEMPTATIONS, TO HAVE THE FAITH TO DO THOSE THINGS HE HAS CALLED US TO DO, WE KNOW THAT HE WILL ONE DAY FULFILL HIS FINALE PURPOSE FOR US. HE WILL FINISH THE

WORK IN US HE HAS STARTED. THAT WORK IS FOR US TO BE WITH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST, AND FINALLY TO LIVE IN HIS PRESENCE FOR EVER AND EVER.

16. LET ALL OF US CONTINUE TO WALK IN THE PURPOSE OF GOD. THE PLACE HE HAS CALLED US INTO. LET US SHOW ALL MEN THE LOVE THAT WE HAVE FOR GOD BY BECOMING LIKE HIS SON JESUS CHRIST. IF WE WONDER HOW WE ARE DOING, ASK YOURSELF THIS QUESTION. WOULD THE FATHER HAVE EXCEPTED THE SACRIFICE OF JESUS FOR ME, IF HE DID WHAT I AM DOING. AGAIN, THE MAIN PURPOSE THAT GOD THE FATHER HAS FOR EACH OF US, TO BE LIKE HIS SON JESUS. AND MAY ALL MEN FEEL THE LOVE THAT WE HAVE FOR THEM BECAUSE THIS IS THE SECOND GREAT PURPOSE GOD HAS FOR US.
17. AMEN.