

Finishing the Pentecost Count

(Go To Meeting)

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I want to study something in the Psalms. This is going to be more of a Bible study format and we're going to be moving around quite a bit in the Psalms.

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There are basically three messages. There is something in the structure of the Psalms: there are 150 Psalms and that's 3 times 50, which is obviously the count to Pentecost.

One time I was studying the last five Psalms and I noticed a lot of similarities leading up to 50, 100 and 150. These are three 50 counts, and there are three messages here. We're going to be getting into the Psalms and I hope that we can see some of these things in here that jumped out to me.

These are general, not absolutely every single verse of every single Psalm talking about these specific things. But they are really more overall themes of what is here, as we see a big picture and how these Psalms are structured and what is being communicated and we can see and glean from here.

It's very interesting that as I was studying this how there are three different messages in the three different endings/finishing the count in the last five Psalms.

Not only the three messages, but there are different stages or different things that are going on where they also agree across the board. I found it so interesting that I felt compelled to put this little slide together of things that I observed and was able to see. I felt like God was showing me something, some themes and overall things as far as the count.

They all have to do with Pentecost. The message—to summarize—is really what's involved as to Who God is. It's all in the frame of this relationship. One of the things that I have found, as it says in Psa. 111 and really that's the only other Scripture that we're going to besides the 15 Psalms. We will be focusing on certain key verses on each one and point these things out. It's not every verse of every Psalm, but it is the overall message and overall theme of what is being presented.

Psalm 111:1: "Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart in the council of the upright and in the congregation. **The works of the LORD** are great, *sought out by all those who have pleasure in them!* His work is glory and majesty, and His righteousness endures forever"

(vs 1-3).

The works of the LORD—with this perspective that I would like to approach, these three messages that we're, hopefully, going to see here and bring to light from these three sections of the Psalms.

The greatest work that God is carrying out is in *each and every one of us!* We are 'His workmanship.' When we think about that, the works of the Lord are great. It's not that we are great, it's what He is doing in us and through us. That is great, that really is great! Hopefully we'll get to see that in the messages in what Pentecost represents, the different aspects of Pentecost and:

- Who God is
- what He is doing
- what He expects us to do

and as we move through these stages of time, because this all really about the end-time!

We know that we're getting closer and closer to the end-time. Hopefully we can get some more perspective from this as to what is going on in the world, and as how God wants us to approach situations especially with everything that's going on in the world with troubles and challenges that we're all facing.

Just understand that the words of the Lord are great and it says, v 2: "...**sought out by all those who have pleasure in them.**"

We are to seek these things out, and as we study these things together, seeking out the words of the Lord. We have to, hopefully, take these words and get great pleasure from the things that He's doing, giving Him the glory, honor, praise and majesty for all the things that He does.

Even in the little things that He does. He is involved in every detail of our lives. We are His workmanship and there is nothing that is excluded from that.

As we begin today with this study and this is the first message:

1. **God is Our Avenger**

Obviously, He takes vengeance, He exacts the punishment according to His Law. The Law is the focus. We're going to see this theme of avenger and how He comes with power. That's the main characteristic; that's how God manifests Himself in

these first five Psalms in the ending of the count to Pentecost.

Psalm 46:1: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” ***He is our Avenger***; let’s never forget that!

Verse 2: “Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.”

Some of the things that we’re seeing happen are starting to lead to these events. They’re starting to lead to the final conclusion of the times. Obviously, we have a framework, we don’t set dates. But what we do we have a framework and see that there’s more trouble.

There’s pestilence, anxiety and all kinds of things going on in the world: there’s oppression, uprisings. As we see the time coming in this framework, we have to remember that God is our refuge and our strength. ***That He is our Avenger and will manifest Himself in power and exact His Law!***

Verse 3: “Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains shake with the swelling of it. Selah.”

This is the way that he opens this last section of these first five Psalms. He is our refuge and strength and very present in help and trouble. Though the world is in trouble right now, He is our Avenger and help.

Verse 6: “The nations raged, the kingdoms were shaken; **He uttered His voice, the earth melted.**”

It shows here what He is doing; this is what He’s coming to do. He’s coming to take vengeance for the blood of His servants and rescue those whom He loves. He is our God and we serve Him! He is our Avenger and that is one thing He does for us and comes in power!

We will go through the three messages and then we will see how they interconnect in all the stages of the end-times and will put the picture together and see what this all means.

Psalm 47:3: “He shall subdue the people under us... [this is talking about]: For the LORD Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us and nations under our feet. He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom He loved. Selah” (vs 1-4). *He wants us to meditate on this!* Think about this! That:

- He shall choose our inheritance
- He is our Avenger

He’s going to exact vengeance and carry out that law. He’s coming with power; we serve a powerful God. ***There is nothing and nobody who can come close to God!*** We know that there are people in this world that have power and influence and are doing these things. The more we see governments really use their power and strength—obviously many of them meaning it for good, many of them to protect the people—but some are meaning to oppress and eventually or intentionally of oppressing the people and causing great challenges. Not only for the people of God, but for the entire world. In society and all of these things going on we know are due to pestilence.

Let’s remember the God we serve and what He will do! He will ‘...**choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob...**”

Verse 8: “God reigns over the nations; God sits upon the Throne of His Holiness. The rulers of the peoples are gathered together, the people of the God of Abraham for the shields of the earth are God’s; He is greatly exalted” (vs 8-9).

This is the God that we serve. We serve of a God of power Who is going to carryout His plan!

We are in the first five Psalm of Pentecost, the count to 50. And it’s interesting that one of the meanings of three is *the will of God and completion*; not to the same extent as seven, but the will of God in completion, and the Psalms are exactly 150, three times the count to Pentecost. This is the end of that.

Psalm 48:4: “For lo, the kings assembled themselves; they advanced together. They saw and so they marveled; they were troubled, and hurried away. Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, like a woman in labor. You break the ships of Tarshish with an east wind. As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God. God will establish it forever. Selah.” (vs 4-8).

This is really what is going at this time, that God is coming; it’s the message that’s He’s coming. He’s going to instill fear on those who are in power. They will be afraid. They will have to glorify God, because God is coming to claim that Throne that Jesus Christ truly deserves.

- God is our Avenger
- He will come
- He will rescue us

We can all take encouragement in that. As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, or as we come into and approach Day 50 let’s remember these things.

Verse 10: “As is Your name, O God, so is

Your praise to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is full of righteousness. We know that **'all Your commandments are righteousness'** (Psa. 119). That's the Law; His right hand is full of righteousness!

Verse 11: **"Let Mount Zion rejoice!** Let the daughters of Judah shout for joy because of Your judgments!"

All of the foundation of what God is doing is also part of His Law. If you think about it, that's how we start. We are brought to Him with a law, a covenant, and requirements. That is the beginning of our relationship with God. That's how we started in learning about that Sabbath, His Holy Days, all His commandments and judgments.

How amazing also is the Law. On Pentecost that's when it was given, Day 50 the Law came from Mt Zion.

Verse 11: **"Let Mount Zion rejoice!** Let the daughters of Judah shout for joy because of Your judgments!"

We understand that. We get joy from His commandments; they're not a burden, they are a joy. They are the best thing we could ever have. We have true freedom with His Law and His judgments. So, this is all part of what God is saying here, what He's doing as our Avenger, coming in power and us rejoicing in His Law.

Psalm 49:3: "My mouth shall speak of wisdom, **and the thoughts of my heart shall be of understanding.**"

We know that great understanding have those who love God's Law (Psa. 119). The understanding comes through His Law. "...**and the thoughts of my heart shall be of understanding.**"

- when we understand His Law
- when we understand how He designed things to be

Verse 5: **"Why should I fear in the days of evil,** when the iniquity of my supplanters surrounds me?"

This goes back to Psa. 46, we will not fear though the earth is shaking, because it says here, "Why should I fear in the days of evil..."—*when there are viruses around!* Where there is all this emergency measures, a state of emergency in countries, and extreme measures. All of the things that are starting to happen, **we should not fear** "...when the iniquity of my supplanters surrounds..."—*us!* That's the message.

Verse 14: **"Like sheep they are appointed to the grave..."** *talking about:*

Verse 13: "...the foolish, and of their followers who delight in their sayings..."

Verse 14: "...death shall be their shepherd and the upright shall have the rule over them in the morning; and their form shall decay in the grave *far from* their home. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave, for He will receive me. Selah" (vs 14-15)—*because God is our Avenger!*

He will exact the consequences of His Law on those who break His Laws. That's the theme, **He will come in power!**

We will be coming back to some of these Psalms for the other points to see how they all combine on the same stage of what's going on in the end-times.

Psalm 50:1: "The mighty God, God, the LORD, has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going down. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shined forth" (vs 1-2).

He is coming! Fred has explained it when He's starting to come, and this is part of the meaning of the Feast of Pentecost when the 'sign of the Son of man'—Christ—like another sun in the sky is coming. That is exactly what is happening. That's why He says, "...God has shined forth."

Verse 3—*tells us what is happening:* "Our God shall come, and He shall not keep silent... [our Avenger coming in power] ...a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous all around Him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, so that He may judge His people" (vs 3-4).

Pentecost! This is what it's talking about! This is a message for us:

Verse 5: "Gather My saints unto Me, **those who have made a covenant with Me** by sacrifice.' **And the heavens shall declare His righteousness,** for God Himself is judge. Selah."

There is more in this Psalm that pertains to the Day of Pentecost; there is so much in here because it is Psa. 50.

That judgment He is going to avenge. That judgment based on His righteousness He is going to exact the consequences for His Law. He's coming! "...**a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous all around Him**" (v 3).

Verse 16: "But to the wicked God says, 'What right have you to declare My statutes... [He's going to set the record straight] ...and to take up My covenant in your mouth? Yea, you hate to be taught, and you cast My words behind you'" (vs 16-17).

- How many atheists are in this world?
- How many people cast these words behind them?

Verse 18: “When you saw a thief, then you were pleased to be with him...” ***There’s so much corruption!*** That’s exactly what’s happening:

- corruption in the governments
- corruption in the way that the people in power conduct themselves

Not all; there are some that are very honest and really want to do their best with human efforts. But we understand that there’s a better Kingdom and a better way. *But there is a lot of corruption, and:*

Verse 18: “When you saw a thief, then you were pleased to be with him, and you have taken part with adulterers.”

More and more things are coming out about all these people in leadership that have corrupted themselves in all kinds of licentiousness and all kinds of sins and sexual immorality.

Verse 19: “You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue frames deceit. You sit; you speak against your brother; you slander your own mother’s son. These things you have done, and I have kept silence; you thought that I was like yourself, but I will rebuke you, and set them in order before your eyes” (vs 19-21).

This is exactly what God is going to do! He’s going to avenge us! He’s going to exact the punishment that His Law carries. He’s telling them in advance—here He’s put it as a witness in His Word—saying all these things you have done.

To wrap up this first message:

- Christ is coming in power
- He’s going to exact the penalty for His Law
- He is our Avenger
- He’s telling us to trust in Him, He will act on our behalf

You don’t have to carry it out on your own, He’s aware and knows what’s happening and He will come in power and do that.

2. **He’s Coming to Redeem Us; To Save Us**

God is also our Redeemer!

Psalm 96:1: “O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless His name; proclaim His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations...” (vs 1-3).

This is us, brethren, the ones who know Him and love Him!

“...His wonders among all people, for the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods, for all the gods of the nations are idols; but the LORD made the heavens” (vs 3-5).

This is for us to rejoice and declare His salvation! “...proclaim His salvation from day to day” (v 2). This is the second message.

- the first message is *vengeance*
 - the second message is *salvation*
- salvation to all of us who:*
- believe in Him
 - love Him
 - have a relationship with Him
 - have made this covenantal sacrifice

Verse 9: “O worship the LORD in the beauty of Holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth.”

He’s coming and this what we are to do as His people, whom He’s coming to save and to redeem. We are to tremble before Him and walking always before Him with fear and trembling.

Psalm 97:1: “The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of islands be glad. Clouds and darkness are all around Him; **righteousness and justice are the foundation of His Throne**” (vs 1-2).

We see a connection with the first message as far as righteousness, justice and His Law.

Verse 3: “A fire goes before Him and burns up His enemies round about.”

That is how He’s coming to redeem us, *with His power!* He’s coming to save us with a fire before Him, which burns His enemies. When He’s redeeming us He’s saving us from the power and hand of the enemy, the power of the oppressor. That is part of this message.

Verse 10: “You who love the LORD... [all of us, brethren] ...hate evil! **He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.**” *This is the message of:*

- salvation
- redemption
- deliverance

Verse 11: “Light is sown for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart.”

Why? *Because our God is coming!* We know that our God is coming, and we take:

- great pleasure in that

- great comfort
- great strength
- great encouragement

as we see *these things being fulfilled*, and the harvest of Pentecost is coming together.

Verse 12: “Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous ones, and praise His Holy name.”

This is what we need to do, rejoice in His glory! This part of the meaning of the second message. He first gave the Law in Mt. Zion and now He’s giving His Holy Spirit. In the New Testament Church He gave His Holy Spirit. That’s the glory, the only glory that we can have right now. That’s the amount of Holy Spirit that we receive at baptism. Hopefully that continues to increase in us.

Verse 12: “Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous ones, and praise His Holy name.”

Psalm 98:1: “O sing to the LORD a new song...” *This is what we are to do to rejoice:*

- in His salvation
- in our Redeemer

“...for He has done marvelous things; His right hand and **His Holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**” *It is His salvation of us!*

Verse 2: “The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.”

We see how these go together—His righteousness and Law—making known the salvation of those who love Him, who is us and all who repent.

Verse 3: “He has remembered His steadfast love and His faithfulness toward the house of Israel; **all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**”

His salvation is all throughout this second set of five Psalms leading up to Psalm 100 and the end of the Pentecost count

Psalm 99:1: “The LORD reigns; let the people tremble.... [this is when God is coming] ...He sits between the cherubim; let the earth quake.... [because He’s coming to redeem His people] ...The LORD is great in Zion... [the first one was Mt. Zion in the wilderness] ...and He is high above all the people. Let them praise Your name as great and awesome; Holy is He” (vs 1-3).

This is the second message of salvation of our Redeemer coming for us!

Verse 6: “Moses and Aaron were among His priests, and Samuel among those who called upon

His name; they called upon the LORD, and He answered them.”

He will answer us! He continues to answer us! He’s working with us all the time.

Verse 8: “You answered them, O LORD our God; You are a forgiving God to them, though You took vengeance for their deeds. Praise the LORD our God and worship at His Holy mountain, for the LORD our God is Holy” (vs 8-9).

Now the last Psalm in this second message of redemption/salvation and how they come together with the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit we cannot be saved.

Psalm 100:1: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing” (vs 1-2). *This is for us to do, knowing that He is coming!*

Verse 3: “Know that the LORD, He is God. He has made us, and we are His; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.”

I don’t know what it is if this is not telling us who we are and that He’s coming for us, to redeem us and salvation. There’s so much more that we have to continue to get from Him. It’s telling us here *to know the Lord!*

- He has called us
- He is going to redeem us
- He is going to bring all His promises in this day of redemption

Verse 5: “For the LORD is good; His steadfast love is everlasting; and His faithfulness endures to all generations.”

This is the second message that talks about our Redeemer, his salvation, the glory, the Holy Spirit coming. All of these things come together wonderfully.

We’re going to move to the third message, and just as important the messages themselves, and it’s amazing to see the messages in these last five Psalms in the count to Pentecost. It’s also the progression of these events and how it all ties together, and see the awesome glory and majesty. The tapestry that God inspired David to write all these Psalms in such a way, with His inspiration of the message that He wants to communicate to all His people.

3. **Who God Is**

It’s amazing what is in here; it’s a message of Who God is. It first message was about the Avenger, what He does; our Redeemer for His people in terms of our relationship.

But this is really showing more like the heart of God and how He is our compassionate God.

Psalm 146:1: “O praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. While I live I will praise the LORD; I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. Do not put your trust in princes, nor in the son of man in whom there is no salvation” (vs 1-3).

This is important for us to see. One thing I wanted to point out in this last message of the three is that **He is a compassionate God!** That really brings us to grace, that’s the message here of praise. That comes also in the third fulfillment of Pentecost and the resurrection. It shows us His love and our love for Him.

Take a quick look at the beginning of each one of these last Psalms and see how they all start.

Psalm 146:1: “O praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Psalm 147:1: “O praise the LORD, for it is good to sing praises to our God...”

Psalm 148:1: “O praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights.

Psalm 149:1: “O praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song...”

Psalm 150:1: “O praise the LORD. Praise God in His sanctuary...”

All five all praise the Lord the exact same way, bringing the praise to God. It’s the last of the 50 count of Pentecost, the third fulfillment, the resurrection. That’s exactly what we will be doing when He brings us up to the Sea of Glass, praising the Lord:

- for His love
- for His compassion and heart
- for how good He is

Psalm 146:6: “Who made the heavens and earth, the sea and all that is in them; Who keeps Truth forever.”

His commandments are true, the Law and how it all comes together.

Verse 7: “Who carries out justice for the oppressed; Who gives food to the hungry.... [his is our God, this is the God we serve] ...The LORD lets the prisoners loose; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD raises up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous; the LORD preserves the strangers; He sustains the fatherless

and widow, but the way of the wicked He turns upside down” (vs 7-9).

And He connects back to what we have done and what we saw in the first and second message in bringing that righteousness. We can see His heart and Who He really is. That compassionate and tenderhearted God Who takes care of the orphan, the afflicted, the hungry! He gives His bread to all people, even the ones who reject Him.

Sometimes that’s the irony of it all, the ones who reject Him the most—the ones in power, the atheists, the ones who boast themselves—are the ones who receive the most, or who have taken the most—maybe by force—from a loving and merciful God. This is heart; this is Who He is!

Psalm 147:3: “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds”—*with how much love? How much care and mercy?*

Verse 4: “He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by their names.”

Just think about the power and the majesty that He has, and He basically humbles Himself to heal the brokenhearted. We’re all brokenhearted, brethren! There’s not one of us who does not have a broken heart. We’ve all been hurt and gone through things. **We live in an evil world!** But this is what God does! This shows His heart and His love!

Verse 6: “The LORD lifts up the meek; He casts the wicked down to the ground.”

This is showing the power of His love; the mercies and how He rescues us! This is how the message is built, they’re not in isolation. This is the message and His heart:

Verse 8: “Who covers the heavens with clouds, who prepares rain for the earth, who makes grass to grow upon the mountains. He gives the beasts their food and to the young ravens which cry” (vs 8-9).

Verse 13: “For He has made the bars of your gates strong; He has blessed your children within you.... [of Zion (v 12)] ...He makes peace *within* your borders and fills you with the finest of the wheat” (vs 13-14).

He desires to give us everything; to give us all the goodness, all His promises. That’s really His heart. He is wise and loving, and that’s why He does what He does. Sometimes we go through hard times because He is interested in our development. That’s the most important thing to Him.

Psalm 148:1: “O praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights. Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all

His hosts. Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars of light. Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and waters that are above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He commanded and they were created” (vs 1-5).

- this is God’s heart
- He is Creator
- He is Giver

Verse 6: “He has also established them forever and ever; He has made a decree, which shall not pass away.”

This is focusing on the *praise* aspect. This is what we are to do, because of all the things that He has done for us.

Psalm 149:1: “O praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, and His praise in the congregation of saints. Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise His name in the dance; let them sing praises to Him with the drum and lyre” (vs 1-3).

We saw in the other Psalms about His heart, love, compassion, and Who He is.

Verse 4: “For the LORD takes pleasure in His people...”

That’s what He wants the most, to dwell in us and with us forever!

“...He crowns the meek with salvation. Let the saints be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud upon their beds” (vs 4-5).

That’s why there’s a new Psalm that we will sing on the Sea of Glass.

Psalm 150:1: “O praise the LORD. Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in the firmament of His power. **Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness**” (vs 1-2).

This is a crescendo, it’s building up! All of these things that we’ve been seeing. Now only His vengeance, but His salvation, and now His glory and love. All of these combining. **“Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness.”**

Verse 3: “Praise Him with the sound of the ram’s horn; praise Him with the harp and lyre. Praise Him with the drum and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and pipes” (vs 3-4).

All of these things are because of His love and what our compassionate God has done and will continue to do. Not only taking vengeance, but working in our heart and mind right now.

We will take the remainder of this message to talk about the stages. As we read through this, we have seen the three messages and the three sets of five, but now we will go across and see the messages across and it’s really more about the timing of what’s happening.

These five finish the count to Pentecost, and what leads up to the resurrection of the saints. Now we’re going to move from one section to the next. We will see this first stage (referring to chart) that’s warning and preparation. This where we are right now.

1) **Warning & Preparation**

Psalm 46:1: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.:

Some of the verses we are going to read, but let’s see them in this light: *this is the time of warning and preparation!*

Verse 2: “Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.”

This is the first message that God has for us. He has the message: ***Do not fear!***

Verse 10—*this is what He wants us to do:* “Be still, and know that I am God! I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

Anything that is happening, let’s just fix our mind on these verses and say, ‘This is Who God is.’

Verse 11: “The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.”

He is our tower of refuge, our strength and we love Him! That’s how He wants us to be encouraged, that we will take refuge in Him. He is our strength, and this is the preparation.

Psalm 96:7: “Ascribe to the LORD, O you kindreds of the people; give to the LORD glory and strength.”

This is what we are to do, and this part of the second message of glory. What are we to do right now in this time of warning and preparation? We are to ascribe to the Lord. All of us give to the Lord!

Verse 8: “Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to His name; bring an offering... [on the Day of Pentecost] ...and come into His courts.”

That’s what He wants from us, a relationship with us as our Redeemer, our salvation. When we come into that relationship that’s why He gives us His Holy Spirit. This is a time of warning and preparation.

Psalm 146:3: **“Do not put your trust in princes, nor in the son of man in whom there is no salvation.”**

We’re not going to save ourselves! We’re not going to do that! We know that we understand that, and God reminds us of that here.

Verse 4: “His breath goes forth; he returns to the earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.” *That’s the reminder for us!*

Verse 5: Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God.” *This is the God we serve, this our God!*

2) **Christ’s Returning, the Time of Trouble and Redemption**

Psalm 47:5: “God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a horn.”

This is what is happening; this is as Christ is approaching. This is talking about the time of trouble and the time of our redemption.

Verse 6: “Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.”

Verse 9: “The rulers of the peoples are gathered together, the people of the God of Abraham for the shields of the earth are God’s; He is greatly exalted.”

This is when Christ is returning. “The rulers of the people are gathered...” *in Jerusalem*—that’s prophesied—to fight against Christ. The “...people of the God of Abraham...” *are coming*.

We can see it from different aspects. The rulers of the people will be the people of the God of Abraham, will be those spiritual children of Abraham coming into the Sea of Glass, as well. This is what’s happening.

Psalm 97:7: **“All those who serve graven images are ashamed who boast themselves in idols; bow down to Him, all you gods.”**

Isn’t this what’s going to happen when Christ returns in power and glory. He’s sending this message with His wrath and His wonders. It says that the earth will shake and everybody is going to try to take cover and ask the Lamb to help them; some of them; the ones who repent. This is the time of His coming, and His power.

Verse 8: “Zion heard and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of Your judgments, O LORD, for You, LORD, are most high...” (vs 8-9).

Verse 3: “A fire goes before Him and burns up His enemies round about. His lightnings light up

the world; the earth saw and trembled” (vs 3-4).

This is what’s happening as Christ is returning. It’s a time of trouble!

Verse 5: “The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.”

Psalm 147:11: “The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, who hope in His steadfast love. Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion” (vs 11-12)—*because He’s coming!*

3) **When the Kingdom of God is Here**

This is recounting all His power, His wonders, the wonders that He has done.

Psalm 48:4: “For lo, the kings assembled themselves; they advanced together. They saw and so they marveled; they were troubled, and hurried away. Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, like a woman in labor. You break the ships of Tarshish with an east wind. As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God. God will establish it forever. Selah” (vs 4-8).

We don’t have the time to go through every aspect, there’s so much in here. I encourage all of us to use this chart to keep these things in mind in these times of preparation, all of these times of what is in these Psalms.

Psalm 98:1: “O sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His Holy arm have worked salvation for Him. The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His steadfast love and His faithfulness toward the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God” (vs 1-3).

Psalm 148:5: “Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He commanded and they were created. He has also established them forever and ever; He has made a decree, which shall not pass away. Let praise be to the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters, and all the depths” (vs 5-7)—*and he goes on!*

Verse 14: “And He has also lifted up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints, even of the children of Israel, a people near to Him. O praise the LORD!”

Final Warning to All Mankind

You can read all of Psa. 49; there’s so much to reflect there. To us, as the people of God right now, and also to the world.

Psalm 49:1: “Hear this, all you people; give ear, all inhabitants of the world: both low and high, rich and poor together. My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and the thoughts of my heart shall be of understanding” (vs 1-3).

Verse 6: Those who trust in their wealth and in their many riches boast themselves. No man can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him; for the redemption of their soul is costly, and no payment is ever enough” (vs 6-8).

Verse 16: “Be not afraid when one becomes rich, when the wealth of his house increases; for when he dies he shall take nothing with *him*; his wealth shall not descend after him” (vs 16-17).

This really a final warning for all of us—and the world—to reflect. A final warning before He comes in power to save us all!

Psalm 99:1: “The LORD reigns; let the people tremble. He sits between the cherubim; let the earth quake. The LORD is great in Zion, and He is high above all the people. Let them **praise Your name as great and awesome**; Holy is He” (vs 1-3). *That’s what we are to do—and all mankind is to do—praise Him!*

Psalm 149:5: “Let the saints be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand... [the final warning to all mankind] ...to execute vengeance upon the nations and punishments upon the people, to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with iron bands” (vs 5-8).

Obviously on the Sea of Glass, the training for what’s going to happen; and this is also a warning as to what is going to happen:

Verse 9: “To carry out upon them the judgment written—this honor have all His saints. O praise the LORD!”

The Fulfillment of the Complete Plan of God

Psalm 50:1: “The mighty God, God, the LORD, has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going down. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shined forth. Our God shall come, and He shall not keep silent...” (vs 1-3).

We read these verses before, but if we read them in the context of the ultimate fulfillment of His plan, this is what it is.

Verse 22: “ Now, consider this, you who forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver. **Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; and he who sets his conduct aright, I will**

show him the salvation of God” (vs 22-23).

Psalm 100:3: Know that the LORD, He is God. He has made us, and we are His; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture... [the ultimate fulfillment] ...Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; give thanks unto Him and bless His name, for the LORD is good; His steadfast love is everlasting; and His faithfulness endures to all generations” (vs 3-5).

Now the ultimate fulfillment of the plan of God, when all His people—and all the world—will praise Him with everything within us!

Hopefully we have been able to see the three messages and how they build upon each other. First there’s the Law, then the Holy Spirit and ultimately the resurrection. First there is His power and then His glory, and we see His glory and ultimately His love and heart and how all these things are building up. They’re building up in that relationship, and there’s so much more. This is really the God we serve, these are the messages leading up to the ending of Pentecost in the Psalms. We will end showing the:

- ultimate fulfillment of all of these messages
- the crescendo of ultimately what God’s purpose for mankind is
- how His love will culminate all these things
- how it will result in salvation not only for us but for:
 - ✓ all of those who bow down before Him
 - ✓ all of those who love Him
 - ✓ all those who really get to know Him
 - ✓ for who He is
 - ✓ for that loving heart
 - ✓ for the Redeemer that He is
 - ✓ for the Avenger that He is
 - ✓ for the power

See all of these combined in His power and glory and love!

Psalm 150:1: “O praise the LORD. Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in the firmament of His power. Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Praise Him with the sound of the ram’s horn; praise Him with the harp and lyre. Praise Him with the drum and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and pipes. Praise Him on the loud cymbals; praise Him with the resounding cymbals. **Let everything that breathes praise the LORD. O praise the LORD!**” (vs 1-6).

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