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Together through him that loved us.
Psa 27:9-14

In last week's study we discussed how we come to learn of God's will for us as we enter into a city, and this new city is New Jerusalem which is above ([Gal 4:26](#) , [Jas 4:13-15](#)). God brings his elect to come to see more clearly through a process ([2Co 3:18](#)) that this city or country that we are seeking ([Heb 11:14](#)) is where we will prosper spiritually, provided we are given to be dead to sin through suffering with the people of God so we can be alive in Christ ([Rom 6:11](#) , [Heb 2:3](#) , [Heb 11:24-25](#)).

Our freedom today -- which is found in Jerusalem which is above -- is attained by recognizing the will of God, and that can only be accomplished by our not being enslaved to sin ([Joh 8:34](#)). When God gives us the power through Christ to mortify the deeds of the flesh ([Rom 8:13](#) , [Joh 8:36](#)) and to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour ([1Pe 3:18](#)), we are heeding the admonitions of God's word ([Joh 14:23](#) , [Rom 6:18](#)), and becoming confident ([Php 1:6](#)) because of the hope of glory within ([Joh 8:32](#) , [Eph 2:8](#) , [Col 1:27](#)).

This week's study will be focused on how we overcome the land and the giants within this land by being crucified with Christ and his Christ ([Gal 2:20](#)). God brings us to understand that collectively, the body of Christ is purging out the old leaven ([Hos 11:1](#) , [Act 7:38](#) , [1Jn 2:16](#) , [Mat 13:38](#)).

John the Baptist was a voice in the wilderness that did not conform with the church in the wilderness (shadow of Christianity today), and he was sacrificed for us to drive this point home: that we must come out of her my people by losing the head (mind) of our first man Adam (Babylon) which is of our Father the devil, in order to grow in the singleness ([2Co 11:3](#)) of the mind of Christ ([Luk 14:26](#) , [Rev 18:4](#) , [1Co 2:16](#) , [1Co 1:10](#) , [Php 1:27](#) , [1Pe 1:13](#)).

Not only did John not conform to the church in the wilderness, he also witnessed against it, which is what we are called to do. This is what it is to lie dead in the streets of Jerusalem which is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt ([Rev 11:3](#) , [Isa 58:1](#) , [Rev 11:8](#) , [Hos 11:1](#)). When we are given to accomplish God's will in our life, we are in fact giving our lives for the sins of this world as Christ did for us ([Gal 1:4](#) , [1Jn 4:17](#)), and the end result of our losing our life will be that we will find it ([Mat 10:39](#)) and we will be able to deliver others from the power of Satan as God has used others to deliver us ([Act 26:18](#) , [1Ti 4:16](#) , [Oba 1:21](#)).

I hope to bring out the point of how we have need to patiently endure together and to look to our Lord for that patience and strength as we stir up God's spirit together in one another and neglect not so great a salvation together ([Luk 9:1](#)). Twelve represents the foundation which the body of Christ is and Luk 9:1 is the same as saying Rev 11:3.

[Luk 9:1](#) Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

[Rev 11:3](#) And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

[Psa 27:9](#) 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.

[Psa 27:10](#) When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

[Psa 27:11](#) Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

[Psa 27:12](#) Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

[Psa 27:13](#) *I had fainted*, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

[Psa 27:14](#) Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

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David is pleading with God in this part of his walk, and is really saying in shadow and type that he does not want the sword to depart from his house, but rather prays that the Lord will never leave nor forsake him ([Heb 13:5](#)). This shadow of our earnest desire to have Christ on the throne of our hearts was given to David for our benefit to remind us that God wants us to be intimately aware at all times that it is Christ in us who is the good Shephard and great deliverer ([Joh 10:11-14](#)).

We must live by every word of God ([Mat 4:4](#)), so our first man Adam will experience His wrath and feel that His face is far from us, and by this painful experience of God rejecting our first man Adam we come to learn of His faithfulness toward the new creation which is being formed at the expense of the old ([Mat 27:45-46](#) , [Jer 18:4](#) , [Php 3:3](#)).

Darkness, as we just read in Mat 27:45-46, comes over all the land in the sixth hour (the symbol of man's sinful flesh which cannot inherit the Kingdom of God), and must be judged up to the ninth hour (to demonstrate that judgement which comes upon all flesh is a process). In those three hours, from the sixth until the ninth hour, we are reminded of the process which Christ endured and is enabling us to endure today ([Luk 13:32](#) , [Heb 5:8](#) , [Php 4:13](#)). We are alive in Christ by being crucified with him today ([Rom 6:11](#) , [Gal 2:20](#))!

We will cry out, 'leave me not, neither forsake me', if we are on the cross with Christ. It is a spiritually healthy sign when we are not taking anything for granted. God brings His elect to cry out 'leave me not, neither forsake me' which He promises he won't ([Heb 13:5](#)), but at the same time we must feel the rejection of our first man Adam on the cross as Christ did, if we are truly being crucified with him in this age ([Mat 27:45-46](#) , [1Jn 4:17](#) , [Gal 2:20](#)).

[Psa 27:10](#) When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

There is no room for the flesh in God's plan and here are some of the verses which declare this point ([1Co 1:29](#) , [1Co 15:50](#) , [Luk 14:26](#) , [Gen 17:18](#)) and anyone who claims he or she is our brother or sister and does not do the will of our Father will not be entering into this narrow way either (not today) ([Mat 7:21](#) , [Mat 7:13](#)).

This verse of Psalms ([Psa 27:10](#)) talks about how our fleshly 'foundations' forsake us ([Mat 10:22](#)), being rejected because of the Word ("for his name sake"). However, the primary significance is about us forsaking the spiritual influence of Satan by continually resisting him and cleaving to Christ ([Jas 4:7](#) , [1Pe 5:9](#)).

God willing, we will remain yielded unto our Father's will, and be blessed to have Christ within us giving us dominion over those powers and principalities of which He is far above ([Eph 1:21](#) , [Eph 4:10](#)).

Spiritually speaking, Christ and those who have Christ in them will never taste death ([Luk 9:44](#) , [Joh 8:51](#) , [Php 1:21](#)) and when David says "then the LORD will take me up", we are reminded of how Christ was taken up in the clouds ([Act 1:11](#)) which was a shadow of our being taken up into heavenly places ([Eph 2:6](#)) because Christ is abiding in so great a cloud of witnesses today ([Heb 12:1](#) , [Col 1:24](#)).

We are aware now that Satan was our father who forsook us, unlike Christ who never does. Satan was manifest to be a traitor and liar ([Joh 8:44](#) , [1Jn 2:22](#)), and this is proven over and over in the hearts and minds of those who are his (Satan's) children, which is all men in there appointed time, with the exception of Christ ([Joh 8:44](#) , [2Ti 3:4](#)). Satan and Babylon forsake us spiritually, and this is why when we come out of her my people we are to practice pure religion which is to visit the fatherless and the widow in their affliction, having been freed from such cruel task masters both within and without. This affliction which was caused by God allowing us to go into bondage in Egypt is going to be healed by the body of Christ ([Mal 4:5-6](#)) as we come out of her my people ([Rev 18:4](#) , [Hos 11:1](#) , [Eph 2:8](#)).

We are God's children now ([1Jn 3:1](#)), after our Peter stage when told "get behind me Satan" being yet unconverted ([Rom 8:9](#)). The hope of glory within us ([Col 1:24](#)) is purifying us ([1Jn 3:3](#)). That does not mean that as His children we will never sin anymore, but sin will not have dominion over us ([Rom 6:18](#)) and when we do sin we will have an advocate in heaven ([1Jn 2:1](#)) who we will be drawn to ([Joh 6:44](#) , [Rom 2:4](#)), as we give an account to him of our transgressions ([Jas 5:16](#)).

Why does God allow a traitor, a liar, and a hireling to be the one to shepherd over us ([2Co 11:13-15](#)) at the first and not just give us ideal conditions to grow us into His sons and daughters? Why the mass deception, and years of bondage in the earth, earth, earth?

All of this deception is to create contrast for the world that will learn one day of God's mercy, as we are learning today ([Rom 11:12](#) , [Rom 11:22](#)), as well as to show us the depth of this verse and comment that Christ made when he told the people of his time who his real family were ([Mat 12:50](#)).

Nobody is part of this family until God says you are part of it, and if you are part of it you will be entering into the new city Jerusalem which is above by accomplishing the will of God ([Rom 8:9](#)). This new family relationship has to be a narrow way in a completely deceived world so that we leave a witness to this world of Christ's life being accomplished within us ...what would otherwise be impossible. This narrow way is maintained by the chastening and scourging ([Rom 11:22](#) , [Rom 2:4](#) , [Heb 12:5](#)) which is given by a loving Father who will not let anyone of us be lost ([Heb 12:8](#) , [Mat 20:23](#) , [Joh 18:9](#)). What incredible hope we have in God's word by which we are saved ([Rom 8:24](#)).

Having to be received under all these circumstances 'is' the ideal conditions which God created surrounding this marred vessel of clay so that it could be made anew, not made with our hands, not with an ounce of pride or self assurance that we had the smallest iota to do with anything, but rather to bring us to the point that Christ understood and accepted that the will of the Father was the only way, and the best way which would lead to the new "permanent glorious liberty of the children of God" ([Rom 8:21](#)) God's will is accomplished through us and manifests His goodness and good pleasure to save His little flock ([Luk 12:32](#)), which flock will become saviours for the world ([Oba 1:21](#)). But we are told over and over that it is a process as this verse shows us: **When** my father and my mother forsake me, **then** the LORD will take me up.

[Psa 27:11](#) Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

The singleness which is in Christ ([2Co 11:3](#)), the one event unto all men ([Ecc 9:2](#)), the dream is one ([Gen 41:25](#)), the all things are ours ([1Co 3:21-22](#)), is the plain path (that narrow way we were just reflecting on the verse above) which is hidden from the world ([Joh 12:40](#)). David was given to utter this consoling prayer that points to the way in which we overcome our enemies within: by the Comforter leading us into all truth ([Joh 16:13](#)) and giving us victory over our enemies within and without.

[Psa 27:12](#) Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

The world is full of false witnesses and enemies of the cross ([Php 3:18](#)) who breathe out cruelty just as Saul did on the road to Damascus; and just like Saul of Tarsus, God is going to humble every single soul of man in time ([1Co 15:22](#)).

The first man Adam is cruel and short-sighted, but when those scales are removed and God starts to work with the clay, He will push all this cruel breath ([Act 9:1](#)) out of us ([Act 9:4](#)) and expose the beast or man of perdition by the brightness of his coming ([2Th 2:8](#) , [Act 14:22](#)).

[Psa 27:13](#) *I had fainted*, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

The key to our deliverance is to believe both in the earnest and the fullness of the hope of glory which is within ([Joh 6:28-29](#)), and to be given to not neglect so great a salvation by stirring up the spirit of God which is within us ([Heb 2:3](#)).

This "land of the living" is the very place where the giants became bread for us ([Num 13:33](#), [Num 14:1](#), [Num 14:7-9](#)) because God and his Son make their abode with us ([Joh 14:23](#) , [Rev 1:18](#) , [Rev 2:8](#)).

[Psa 27:14](#) Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

We need to possess our souls in patience (possess , husbandman patient for fruit , three years to ripe), we need to be of good courage ([Jer 24:7](#) , [Jer 29:13](#)). Our Lord will strengthen our hearts when they need to be strengthened and the heart of the first man Adam is going to faint.

Christ in the garden would have fainted if not for the strong prayers, the tears, the crying out, and then the angel which strengthened him to be able to endure until the end. As Christ is so are we in this world, in need of strong tears, and crying out so that we can be strengthened by an angel and able to endure until the end. We are that angel for each other with Christ in us, the hope of glory, and this is how we can overcome the land and the giants within this land by being crucified with Christ and his

Christ together, where we become more than conquerors through him. ([Gal 2:20](#) , [Col 1:27](#) , [Rom 8:37](#)).

Isa 41:6 They helped every one his neighbour; and *every one* said to his brother, Be of good courage.
Rom 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are ***more than conquerors through him that loved us.***