

“I delight to do thy will”

Psa 40:4-8

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In last week's study, we discussed how we are called unto a process to learn patience and faith, and how hope manifests as a result of these fruits which are born out of our being 'set apart' from the world, with the end result being that **many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD**

We learned in (Luk 24:49 **send= set apart** ^{G649}) that we are being 'sent' like Christ, or 'set apart' as He was. It is in this being separated from our brothers and going forth to proclaim the true gospel of Jesus Christ that we will be hated of all men for His name's sake, which is His word (Mat 10:22 , Mar 1:2 ^{G649}, Mat 10:16 ^{G649}). We are hated as John the Baptist and Christ were both hated (whether by a spirit of jealousy, envy, lust, pride, anger etc), foreshadowing the natural enmity which comes up against those who have God's spirit working with them or abiding within (Jer 17:9).

When God sets our feet upon a rock (Joh 6:44 , Mat 16:18) and establishes our goings, it will result in our mouths having a new song within them, a song of praise unto our God for the many wonderful works which declare His glory working in our life as we go from glory to glory (Psa 107:31 , 2Co 3:18).

This week's study is very much focused on the trust that God develops within His first fruits, a trust which is developed over time by way of our coming to learn of His faithfulness toward us as His children (Heb 10:23). It is God's mercy that we rejoice in, knowing that He is showing us His mercy in this age by judging us and bringing us to rest upon the rock of our salvation (Psa 118:1-3 , Psa 107:30 , Mat 7:24).

It is imperative that we grow in trust of what God is doing in our lives, and to continue to say with Christ **"nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done"** , so that through this experience of evil (Ecc 1:13 ^{clv}) that we all must endure, we can come to learn of His faithfulness (Php 4:13 , Mat 24:13) and be used to help others come to trust in His power to deliver us (Rom 8:37 , Php 1:6). We are more than conquerors through Christ, becoming saviors (Oba 1:21, 1Ti 4:16, Joh 8:31-32) who are being blessed to read hear and keep the saying of the prophecy, having been given to know that the time is at hand, **a** day of salvation right now for us (Rev 1:3 , 2Co 6:2).

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Just as we truly don't see the pride within ourselves until the Lord begins to put up the mirror in our life (Joh 8:34-36), so too do we not understand at first how we “turn aside to lies” by holding onto our traditions, or the beggarly elements G4747 of this world (Mar 7:13 , Gal 4:3 , Gal 4:9 , 2Pe 3:10 , 2Pe 3:12).

2Pe 3:10 is what it means to go from glory to glory (2Co 6:2) as our connection to the earth and to the world is replaced by a desire to please our Father (1Jn 2:15 , Jer 22:29 , Rev 18:4) or “maketh the LORD his trust”.

God promises to destroy that proud man within each of us by teaching us to trust in Him and not on our own wisdom any longer (Pro 14:12 , 1Co 2:5), which is the bondage which came with living under the law (Col 2:16-17 , Gal 2:16).

The works of the law that can never save us (Gal 2:16) are part of the 'schoolmaster experience' that preserves us and bring us to the reality of Jesus Christ and his faith (1Jn 5:4). All throughout that experience, we did not know that we lived and moved and had our being in him (Act 17:28), and were deceived by our many wonderful works, and by wanting to hear the smooth things of Babylon (Eze 13:6-10), the “lies” of this verse.

It is the smooth things of this world that people with itching ears want to hear and not the true gospel (Isa 30:10 , 2Ti 4:3). Our pride and vanity won't allow for us to admit that we are wrong, or even begin to entertain the idea, and as such our sin remains (Joh 9:41).

We are blessed to have the comforter (Joh 16:13) help us judge the pride and vanity within that wants to conform to the world (Isa 28:17 , Zep 3:13 , Rom 12:2 , Heb 2:3) and it is by God's power that we are able to mortify the deeds of the flesh, bringing us to recognize and fulfill God's perfect will (Rom 8:13 , 1Jn 2:16-17).

The new creation being formed will be that “blessed” “man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies”.

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We've touched on what those “thy wonderful works” are (Psa 107:31), and how those wonderful works of God's judgement upon us in this age bring us to sing unto him a new song (Psa 33:3-5). The new song reflects our joy and thanks to God for granting us to be the workmanship of His hand in this age, being formed into a new creation, a new song (Eph 2:10).

The physical heavens (a type of our spiritual heavens – our minds) declare God's glory because they show us his handiwork day after day (Gen 22:17 , Rev 14:7 , Rev 11:13).

God uses the biggest possible part of His physical creation created by Christ (the universe) to teach us a lesson of His power to finish the spiritual works in our heavens, by the very same Lord who created the physical heavens ([Col 1:16](#) , [Joh 1:3](#) , [1Co 8:6](#)).

God's unsearchable wisdom and the wonderful works which He is doing unto the sons of men are more than can be numbered. ([Psa 19:1-6](#) , [Rom 11:33](#)). The context of Psa 19 and Romans 11 is all about the mercy of God toward all of mankind, and how He will run the race in our heavens and show mercy toward us by finishing the wonderful works, the handiwork of ([Psa 19:1](#) , [Eph 2:10](#) , [Php 1:6](#)).

The thoughts of mercy toward all His creation which “cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee” and which are “more than can be numbered” is connected to “His judgements, and his ways past finding out” of [Rom 11:33](#) and [Isa 55:8-9](#).

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When our ears are opened we realize that God does not need any part of our sacrifice which we bring to the altar (“Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire”). Nevertheless we do present our bodies a living sacrifice by the grace and faith of Christ ([Rom 12:1](#) , [Eph 2:8](#)), and in so doing we are able to come to see that all our days are written in His book ([Psa 39:3-4](#) , [Psa 90:12](#) , [Psa 139:16](#)); or said another way Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.

The reference to the burnt and sin offering not being required is again only possible if [Gal 2:16](#) is true and all the events of the old covenant are just types and shadows ([1Co 10:11](#) , [1Pe 1:12](#)) of the new law being written “within my heart” ([Jer 31:33](#)). When God's law is written within our hearts, we will be able to recognize and accomplish His perfect will by being able to present ourselves a living sacrifice that is accepted in Christ ([Rom 12:1-2](#) , [Eph 1:6](#)). Initially, the law is written as only tables of stone ([Exo 24:12](#) , [Exo 34:1](#) , [1Ti 1:9](#)), but in due time God sends Christ into our life to write the law on fleshly hearts ([Rom 5:6](#) , [2Co 3:3](#) , [1Pe 2:5](#)).

Now by the grace and faith of Christ we can “delight to do thy will” because his new law is written on “fleshy tables of the heart”.

Next week Lord willing, I hope to discuss the new fruit which is born out of the first fruits who have this privilege and honour in this age to be able to “delight to do thy will” and how each tree is known by the fruit that the first fruits bring forth ([Luk 6:44](#)).

Here are the verses for next week ([Psa 40:9-17](#)).