"Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad"

("But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall." Mal 4:2)

Psa_53:4-6

Starlings murmuration....many members of one body (cloud) moving together in harmony but independent....nature showing us a shadow of the body of Christ. (Rom 1:20)

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Psa 53:4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon God.

Psa 53:5 There were they in great fear, where no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee: thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them.

Psa 53:6 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Last week we discussed how the whole head and body is sick spiritually when we say in our hearts "*There is* no God" as typified by the unbelieving nation of Israel that represents our first man Adam.

To be spiritually sick is to not believe, to not see, to not hear, to not walk, to not breath spiritually. It is all of these conditions and every other sickness and disease in the flesh that Christ came to be more than a conqueror through each of us (Rom 8:37) and was typified by this verse Matthew (Mat 4:23, Joh 14:12).

The greater works that God has called us unto as the Israel of God (<u>Gal 6:16</u>) is to overcome all the diseases of Egypt which lie at the door of our hearts (<u>Exo 15:26</u>, <u>Gen 4:7</u>). It is in the spiritual hearing and seeing, it is through the continuing in the truth (<u>Joh 8:32</u>) and most importantly by the faith and strength of Christ (<u>Eph 2:8</u>, <u>Php 4:13</u>) that we will be able to recognize the conditions of this dying world within and without as we wrestle with and sigh and cry unto our Creator (<u>Gen 32:24</u>, <u>Eph 6:12</u>, <u>Eze 9:4</u>).

We will look more closely in this week's study why the workers of iniquity have no knowledge, no bread or water of God's word and what conditions are brought unto the land (<u>Deu 28:18</u>, <u>Mat 13:38</u>) as a result of Christ being withheld from the temple which we are (<u>Isa 1:3-7</u> parallels with <u>2Ti 3:1-6</u>).

When the beast of the field in our own world, where all sin resides (1Jn 2:16) overtakes the land it can be a very paralyzing and devastating time for us, but in due time as we

learn to wait on the Lord and be of good courage (<u>Psa 27:14</u>, <u>2Co 1:8</u>, <u>Act 14:22</u>) we are brought to understand through this systematic destruction of those beasts and the pushing out of these fears (<u>1Jn 4:18</u>) that God had always intended for all this bondage to be exactly the way it is for an appointed time so that we could look back one day and acknowledge His sovereignty and even eventually rejoice in the trials that we come to understand are the wonderful works unto the children of men (<u>Psa 107:8</u>).

(progression starts with the day of the Lord Rev_1:10, open heavens are needed Rev_4:1, four horsemen must ride through our land Rev_6:8, to be able to see the great multitude of God's elect Rev_7:9) who now recognize how it was His mercy and goodness (Rom_2:4, Luk_12:32, Exo_23:29, Jos_18:3) that delivered them from the undeliverable beast that we cannot make war with except through Christ (Rev_13:4, Rev_19:11).

God's plan of salvation will work, because He is the one working it both to will and to do through His creation throughout history what He has predestined(<u>Gen_50:20</u>, <u>Php_2:13</u>, <u>Eph_1:11</u>)

It is by receiving that true bread of life (<u>Joh 6:35</u>, <u>Joh 6:44</u>, <u>1Co 10:16</u>, <u>Joh 6:53</u>) today that comes down from heaven that God's elect are being healed and nourished and strengthened to do the work that saviours will do as they bring salvation unto all the world.

It is when healing comes to us from "the Sun of righteousness" through "his wings" that we will both be healed and able to bring healing to the rest of the world as God's saviours (Oba 1:21).

It always comes back to God's mercy being shown to the elect as those who we're first shown mercy ($\underline{\text{Rom}}_{11:11-12}$) so that we can return that favour of healing mercy from the mercy throne where we are seated with our Great God with each other in Christ ($\underline{\text{Eph}}_{2:6}$, $\underline{\text{Joh}}_{14:20}$, $\underline{\text{Exo}}_{25:18-22}$).

Our first verse...

<u>Psa_53:4</u> Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as* they eat bread: they have not called upon God.

Our communion is the body and blood of Christ, the afflictions that we are filling up which is behind of Christ's ministry (Col_1:24). The world has a ministry as well but instead of feeding off the body and blood of Christ as we are commanded (Joh_6:54) we initially make merchandise of the body of Christ and selfishly feed off of the fleshly first Christ making an idol of God's word in our hearts and setting up those idols that can only be destroyed by the brightness of His coming into our lives (2Th_2:8). This contrast is needed in order to make this point very bright in our hearts that we are the man and unless the Lord builds the new creation through Christ within us we will remain in darkness, that is why "they have not called upon God" because God is not hearing them at this time (1Ki_18:27-28).

Notice the dedication that people have in their unbelief in which they are serving us today "And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them" This is obviously a perversion of how God's word tells us that we have not resisted sin unto the shedding of blood, which is a parable and reality (in some cases) that those who have God's spirit within them live (Heb_12:4).

any comments on this verse?

<u>Psa</u> <u>53:5</u> There were they in great fear, *where* no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth *against* thee: thou hast put *them* to shame, because God hath despised them.

God simply despises our flesh, which was created marred in His hand and in need of a governor in order in to be accepted and do that which is right and pleasing in His sight. God's spirit is that governor and where that spirit is there is no fear and there will be liberty (1Jn 4:18, 2Co 3:17).

Fear manifests in the lives of those who God has not given His spirit and this reminds us of how precious it is in this age to have peace within that passes all understanding as God's love is perfected within us and pushes out "great fear, *where* no fear was".

The bones represent our foundation which is corrupt at first and in need of being scattered by God so that He can resurrect us into a new relationship that is miraculously formed by God who is fashioning within us the mind of Christ which is a mind of love and power, boldness, and soundness (<u>Eze 37:3</u>, <u>2Ti 1:7</u>).

any comments on this verse?

<u>Psa 53:6</u> Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall be glad.

This last verse shows us that salvation will come out of Zion (<u>Oba_1:21</u>) and that it is those saviours who will be used to "bringeth back the captivity of his people".

"Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad." is again mentioned in this order to remind us that there is a process to become the Israel of God and it is only possible by the holy spirit which is what these two names Jacob and Israel are witnessing to ($\underline{\text{Gen}}$ 35:10-11, $\underline{\text{Gal}}$ 6:15-16)

any comments on this last verse?