## "God is my defence, and the God of my mercy" Part I Psa 59:1-8

Psa 59:1 To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David; when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him. Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.

Psa 59:2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

Psa 59:3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD.

Psa 59:4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help me, and behold.

Psa 59:5 Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.

Psa 59:6 They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

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This week's study focuses on the way that God uses our enemies to grow us in our confidence in His faithfulness to completely deliver us from them (<u>Deu\_28:7</u>).

Those spiritual enemies are multitudinous and found both within and without, and controlled by God both within and without, as these following verses demonstrate (<u>Mat\_10:22</u>, Mat\_24:7, Mat\_5:11, Eph\_6:12, 1Jn\_2:16, Col\_1:16, Pro\_16:4).

God has purposed for the elect to learn in advance of the world to take no confidence in our flesh as we come to miraculously let go of our own defences and trust in the living God (<a href="Php\_3:3">Php\_3:3</a>, <a href="Psp\_P8a\_20:7">Psa\_20:7</a>) who says He is our helper and deliverer (<a href="Rom\_8:31-32">Rom\_8:31-32</a>).

It is when this miracle of spiritual circumcision happens as we go from glory to glory in this process (<u>2Co\_3:18</u>) that the new man is formed and that our heavens become more open and aware that God is manifesting through the body of Christ (the Church <u>Eph\_3:10</u>) his power and wisdom (Christ) which the world will come to understand one day (<u>Isa\_43:1-12</u>).

The world within us first comes to understand that God delivers us from ourselves and makes a way where there seems to be none as we gain dominion over  $\sin(\underline{\text{Isa}} \ 43:16)$ ,  $\underline{\text{Rev}} \ 13:4$ , and all of this is a living witness ( $\underline{\text{Rev}} \ 11:3$ ) that is growing for the sake of the world that will come to understand that God prepared these saviours who came up on mount Zion ( $\underline{\text{Oba}} \ 1:21$ ) for their sakes as all things are for our sakes as well ( $\underline{\text{Isa}} \ 54:7$ ,  $\underline{\text{Eph}} \ 3:20-21$ ,  $\underline{\text{Isa}} \ 43:19-21$ ).

The most obvious and bright example of a person in the old covenant who was pursued for many years by his enemies is king David. The most obvious and bright example of a nation that was pursued of her enemies for many years in God's word is Israel, and both David and Israel are types of the elect reminding us that the sword will not depart from our house (2Sa 12:10).

For those who do see it, there are spiritual lessons in every battle and trial and tribulation that David encountered and that the Lord allows us to encounter, and God brings us to see the hope that is there through the trials as our prayers are answered in His perfect timing and we come to learn of the healing effect of what every joint in the body of Christ supplies as we go forward together in spiritual battle as Gideon's army did to overcome as one body of believers (Gal 6:9, Eph 4:16, Jdg 7:7).

God has given us exceedingly great and precious promises (2Pe\_1:4) in this age to build us up and give us confidence in the heat of the battle so that we become convinced that he is our ever present helper (Heb\_13:5-6). Where others falter and fail, the elect will ascend with wings as eagles (Isa\_40:31) to overcome and witness to Saul within and without that He will never leave or forsake us in defending us "from them that rise up against me" (Mat\_16:18, Jdg\_16:3, Php\_4:13). It is only through Christ the hope of glory that any of this is going to be possible, so we are so incredibly blessed in this age to witness of His great power and mercy which will one day be shown to the rest of humanity who are now serving us in their unbelief and bondage of spirit which God will one day deliver them from (Col\_1:27, Rev\_1:3, Rom\_11:31, Rom\_8:15).

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There should be no doubt in our heart that this is a lifetime of overcoming and enduring until the end (Mat 24:13) that we have been called unto as (Rom 12:1) tells us and we are blessed to endure through this age as we learn that God sends us our trials, and our enemies who He delivers us from in perfect order (Psa 107:25-28, 1Co 14:40).

The storms "rise up" against us and God is faithful to not just cause the storms but also to take us through them and even bring us to a point where we learn to rejoice in them (<u>Jas\_1:2</u>, <u>Psa\_107:31</u>).

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We know that Christ was accused of having a demon of the Jews who sought to kill him (<u>Joh\_8:40</u>, <u>Joh\_8:48</u>) and it was because he spoke the truth that they wanted to kill him which is what will happen to the elect (<u>Rev\_11:5</u>, <u>Rev\_11:7</u>). Keep in mind if someone hates you, they have already committed murder in God's eyes and don't need to even lay a finger on you to witness before our Father that they are of their father the devil and murderous in spirit (<u>1Jn\_3:15</u>).

God knows the heart of all men, of how it is deceitful and desperately wicked and against the truth (<u>Jer\_17:9</u>), and as such He knows and Christ knows that with His mind and this new spirit and new heart we are going to be hated of all men for his name sake (<u>Eze\_36:26</u>), His

words, which we can now receive and are blessed to continue and abide in through Christ (Joh 17:14, Joh 17:17).

There is always the inward and outward way in which we must see these verses, so yes our own iniquities or "workers of iniquity" which are within and the "bloody men" all "lie in wait for my soul" as the sin that lies at the gate of my own heart (Gen\_4:7) which we cry out to our "LORD" to "deliver me from"

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These next few verses focus our attention on the thoroughness of what God will first do to awaken us to the enemies within us (Eph\_5:14) and how diligently they must be put down (Pro\_4:23, Luk\_18:1) as they are likened unto a dog which represents the gentile first man Adam within that manifests all the dog like qualities which are types of how our deceitful flesh would easily be sifted like wheat or return to our own vomit (Luk\_22:32, 2Pe\_2:22) except for the grace and faith of God that abounds in the elect's life to keep us on the straight and narrow (Rom\_5:20, Pro\_3:11, Rom\_2:4, Mat\_7:13), through the trials that we must all experience as Christ did (Psa\_22:16-20, Mar\_15:29-32).

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