

"for he it is that shall tread down our enemies"

Psa 60:4-12

Part 1 – verse 4

In tonight's study we will look at the transition that God has called us unto as His children coming out of Babylon, first drinking that wine of astonishment ourselves, and **being witnesses** in the earth, striving, being smote and being taught (of verse 1). As mentioned last week, we are promised a great struggle against the powers and principalities of this world as we learn to bring our bodies into subjection unto Christ (2Co 10:4-5). But as we concluded last week, it is through this experience of suffering that we learn of His great power and faithfulness to finish His workmanship which is formed through much tribulation (Act 14:22), and fiery trials (1Pe 4:12).

In this particular part of the Psalm that we will look at tonight, we are given the names of cities and nations that He declares as his own. These names and places are very symbolic in their meaning for us today to help us understand how God has always purposed for all of humanity to be saved through a process (1Co 15:22 , 1Ti 4:10 , 1Jn 2:2).

This process brings us to fear God and work righteousness (Ecc 12:13) for without Godly fear (H3373) there is no 'banner of love' which is what we find in the house of God (Son 2:4 , Psa 5:5). It is by God's awesome hand in our life that we can grow in a deep reverence toward Him and all of his creation (Rom 13:1 , 1Pe 2:18) and that reverence is demonstrated in obedience to His commands which gives witness to the world that we are His family being given power in this age by His grace and faith (Eph 2:8) to "tread down our enemies" within and to not be brought into subjection to wrong spirits without (1Jn 5:2 , Mat 12:50 , Joh 13:35 , Eph 6:12 , Rom 6:16).

Psa 60:4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

Salvation is a free gift that demonstrates a process of workmanship (Eph 2:10) that is unfolding in the lives of those God has called and chosen to work with in "this generation" (Mat 24:34 , Heb 12:2).

God's banner of love is displayed in our lives because of the truth that tells us that if He is working with us we are going to have a Godly fear and reverence being formed and deepened within us (Heb 5:8), and the fruit of this 'Godly fear' will be evident in how we not only treat each other but also in how we interact with the world (Rom 13:1 , Joh 19:11 , 1Pe 2:18 , Mat 5:47).

We are a spectacle to the world (1Co 4:9) or put on display to His glory (as discussed last week as those witnesses) and we are being "displayed because of the truth" to be witnesses of His mercy, of His love, and of His truth (Act 22:15 , *what have we seen and heard?* Rev 1:3).

We are that banner^{H5251}, that ensign (Isa 5:26), that pole (Num 21:8), that standard (Isa 49:22), seen by those with eyes to see and heard by those with ears (Rev 1:3)

any comments on this verse?