

Psalm 71: “By thee have I been holden up from the womb”

Part III (verses 9 to 24)

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Psa 71:19 Thy righteousness also, O God, *is* very high, who hast done great things: O God, who *is* like unto thee!

Psa 71:20 *Thou*, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

Psa 71:21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

Psa 71:22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery, *even* thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

Psa 71:23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

Psa 71:24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

These opening verses of our study tonight speak to the utter impossibility of overcoming sin within without Christ ([Joh 8:34-36](#)) and remind us how God allows our carnal first life in Adam to have to struggle our entire life through the night and in the valley of the shadow of death which is what our flesh is likened unto, in order that we mature in a process that takes our whole life to go unto perfection on the third day ([Job 5:7](#) , [Gen 32:24](#) , [Psa 23:4](#) , [1Co 13:12](#) , [Luk 13:32](#)), described in the last verses we read tonight.

[Joh 8:34](#) Jesus answered them, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.*

[Joh 8:35](#) *And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.*

[Joh 8:36](#) *If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*

[Job 5:7](#) Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

Gen 32:24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

Psa 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

1Co 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Luk 13:32 And he said unto them, **Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third *day* I shall be perfected.**

God alone brings us the deliverance that comes at the destruction of that first man Adam (1Co 15:53). This is the very familiar theme that runs throughout the word of God and is so important for God's elect to understand seeing that we are called to endure unto the end, and called to know what we are going to have to endure and who it is who is going to give us the strength to endure (Luk 14:28 , 1Pe 4:1 , Mat 24:13 , Luk 22:43).

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

Luk 14:28 **For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have *sufficient* to finish it?**

1Pe 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

Mat 24:13 **But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.**

Luk 22:43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

God has made Satan to be an opportunist who knows our vulnerabilities and to exploit them as he did in his dealings with Job (Job 2:5). Satan can easily sift us like wheat but God never lets this sword that is his (Luk 22:32 , Psa 17:13) to ever do any more than what was written in our books to accomplish "all things", always for our benefit and growth if it is the Lord allowing it to be so in this age (Rom 8:28 , Rom 5:5).

Job 2:5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

Luk 22:32 **But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.**

Psa 17:13 Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, *which is* thy sword:

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

[Rom 5:5](#) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

It is in this state of perceived hopelessness expressed in the opening verses tonight that God does the wonderful works unto the children of men that cause us to give praise to our Father for being there in our time of need ([Psa 107:31](#)), for not forsaking us ([Deu 31:6](#)) when the chips were down so to speak, in our time of old age (*having no more confidence in our flesh* [Php 3:3](#)) "when my strength faileth".

[Psa 107:31](#) Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

[Deu 31:6](#) Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

[Php 3:3](#) For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

This is the time (*when our strength fails*) the adversary is let loose on us seeking whom he may devour ([1Pe 5:8](#)), but this is also the time when deliverance comes to those who are blessed to be brought to this place of no longer trusting in the strength of man's arm and know that their resisting of Satan can be to the pulling down of the greatest powers and principalities of which Christ is above them all ([1Pe 5:7-9](#) , [2Co 10:4](#) , [Eph 1:21](#)).

[1Pe 5:7](#) Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

[1Pe 5:8](#) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

[1Pe 5:9](#) Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

[2Co 10:4](#) (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

[Eph 1:21](#) Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

Deliverance is little by little, as we go from glory to glory ([Exo 23:29](#) , [2Co 3:18](#)), a glory which is spoken of as the hope of glory ([Col 1:27](#)) of knowing and believing that Christ is our deliverer ([Rom 8:16](#)). The destruction of 'our' strength, or our 'perceived strength' causes us to see how vulnerable we are, and how we are completely dependent on God for everything we have and do not have, for every breath we breath, for every thought we string together, which is all of God and all to His glory ([Eph 1:11](#)). This is the witness that He is fashioning through the church today, a testimony of His love for the world as He sets aside a remnant who will be used to save all His creation through judgement, a judgement that first comes upon them/us ([Oba 1:21](#) , [Isa 26:9](#) , [1Pe 4:17](#)).

[Exo 23:29](#) I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Oba 1:21 And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.

Isa 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

1Pe 4:17 For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it* first *begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God?

If God is taking us out of the earth in this age (remember last week's study on [verses 5 to 7](#)), we will be brought to a place of "strong crying and tears" and will be delivered and heard in the distresses of this life ([Heb 5:7](#) , [1Jn 4:17](#)). We are being delivered from a body of death that we have been blessed to see is only the means to the end ([Psa 71:6](#) , [Luk 13:32](#)). It is this experience of evil to humble us thereby that we discussed last week that God uses to bring us to cease from sinning. He will bring us unto perfection on the third day and teaches us His righteousness in our earth today through his sore judgements which first come upon His children who are being received today ([Isa 26:9](#) , [1Pe 4:17](#) , [Heb 12:6](#)).

Psa 71:5 For thou *art* my hope, O Lord GOD: *thou art* my trust from my youth.

Psa 71:6 By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise *shall be* continually of thee.

Psa 71:7 I am as a wonder unto many; but thou *art* my strong refuge.

Heb 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

1Jn 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

Luk 13:32 And he said unto them, **Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third *day* I shall be perfected.**

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Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

God's elect first fruits are blessed and given to know within our hearts (**Rom 8:16** , **Mat 13:11**) that it is only by the grace and faith of God that we are "holden up from the womb" and delivered from this life as His workmanship (**Isa 66:2** , **Act 7:49-50**) , His new creation that we are becoming through Christ (**Eph 2:10**).

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Mat 13:11 He answered and said unto them, **Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.**

Isa 66:2 For all those *things* hath mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, saith the LORD: but to this *man* will I look, *even* to *him that is* poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

Act 7:49 Heaven *is* my throne, and earth *is* my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what *is* the place of my rest?

Act 7:50 Hath not my hand made all these things?

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

We can rest assured that God can and will "make haste for my help" (of verse 12) in our time of need as a very present help that we can rest in (**Psa 37:7**). Through the ongoing deliverance that God provides, our peace and confidence will grow in knowing a faithful Creator, to come to the place of praise with the psaltery, singing with the harp, lips greatly rejoicing, and tongue that talks of "thy righteousness all the day long". We can commit all our cares to Him who tells us it is His good pleasure to give us the kingdom within, and ultimately bring us into the fulness of this relationship that can only come about by having the gift of faith given to us in a process of becoming purified in this age (**1Pe 1:7** , **Oba 1:21**).

Psa 37:7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

1Pe 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Oba 1:21 And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.

Our first five verses for tonight:

Psa 71:9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

Psa 71:10 For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together,

Psa 71:11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for *there is* none to deliver *him*.

Psa 71:12 O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

Psa 71:13 Let them be confounded *and* consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered *with* reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.

I've put these first five verses together to show that there is a pattern that accompanies our trials, which are all orchestrated by our loving Father who prepares us for every one of them (Pro 16:1). We start off feeling cast off and forsaken in our flesh but that is a good thing because God does not want us looking to any flesh in any way for a deliverance which comes solely from Him (Heb 12:1-2 , Act 6:15). The only way we can come to this "high" mindset is through much tribulation, and sometimes severe trials that bring us to turn to God even while feeling completely alone which we never are (Jer 17:5 , 2Co 1:9 , Gal 3:13 , Deu 21:23 , Psa 91:2 , Heb 13:5).

Pro 16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, *is* from the LORD. Pro 16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, *is* from the LORD.

Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Act 6:15 And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

Jer 17:5 Thus saith the LORD; Cursed *be* the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

2Co 1:9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

Gal 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:

Deu 21:23 His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged *is* accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

Psa 91:2 I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I

trust.

Heb 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

We overcome the curse of the law for the lawless represented by the tree that Christ hangs on ([1Ti 1:9](#) , [Col 2:14](#) , [Rom 7:7](#)) by mortifying the deeds of the flesh on the tree with Christ which is the ongoing miracle that God is performing in the life of each of His children ([Gal 2:20](#)). The flesh of man, ours included, calls us off of the cross and yet God drags us to His Son ([Joh 6:44](#)) to remain there where there is hope and deliverance from all sin ([Luk 23:37-42](#)).

1Ti 1:9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

Col 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

Rom 7:7 What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Joh 6:44 *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

Luk 23:37 And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.

Luk 23:38 And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Luk 23:39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

Luk 23:40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

Luk 23:41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

Luk 23:42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

It is because of this miraculous process of overcoming that we have been called unto ([Joh 6:44](#) , [Joh 17:17](#)) that our enemies both within and without "speak against me", they "lay wait for my soul" and "take counsel together" but God tells us that these many enemies are needful and necessary, and that they are used to prove us and purify us to becoming vessels fit for the master's use in His Father's house ([2Ti 2:19-21](#)).

Joh 6:44 *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

2Ti 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his.[Rom 8:16 , Joh 17:3] And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

[Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God

Joh 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent]

2Ti 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

2Ti 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, *and* prepared unto every good work.

There is an old worldly proverb (attributed to Julius Caesar or Mussolini or a German proverb) that rings true to our flesh and spirit which says if we have many enemies we will have much honour (2Ch 1:11), but God's elect are not trying to make enemies or seek our own honour (Joh 5:41-45). We rather live lives out by the grace and faith of Christ (Eph 2:8) knowing that if we stand on the word of God, enemies will be inevitable but so will their destruction both within and without (Mar 13:13).

2Ch 1:11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:

Joh 5:41 I receive not honour from men.

Joh 5:42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.

Joh 5:43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

Joh 5:44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that *cometh* from God only?

Joh 5:45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is *one* that accuseth you, *even* Moses, in whom ye trust.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Mar 13:13 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

God puts us into these states described in verses 9 to 13 to show us over and over again that He is "not far from me" and that He will "make haste for my help"(Jer 29:12-13 , Psa 118:6 , Heb 13:6 , Psa 54:4).

Jer 29:12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

Jer 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your

heart.

Psa 118:6 The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

Heb 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord *is* my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Psa 54:4 Behold, God *is* mine helper: the Lord *is* with them that uphold my soul.

We are called to learn to wait on the Lord and to witness to the world that God is faithful (**Jas 5:7**). The adversaries to our souls will be confounded and confused not knowing that at this time they were meant to come up against the camp of the Israel of God (**Rev 20:9**, **Gal 6:16**) to bring "reproach and dishonour" unto themselves for seeking to hurt Christ and His body which is what we all must do first in order to come to know our Lord (**Act 9:1-4**).

Jas 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

Rev 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

Gal 6:16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace *be* on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Act 9:1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

Act 9:2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

Act 9:3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

Act 9:4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?**

Any comments on any part of the study up to now?

Psa 71:14 But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

Psa 71:15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers *thereof*.

Psa 71:16 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine only.

Psa 71:17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

Psa 71:18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to every one *that* is to come.

Now we come to the point in this study where there is great hope being openly expressed, and that hope is accompanied by praise which we notice comes on the heel of judgement that comes upon our enemies both within and without ([Psa 71:13](#)). The hope is "continually", because God's presence is continual and the words of eternal life that we have will not change just like our Father and Jesus Christ "change not" ([Mal 3:6](#) , [Heb 13:8](#) , [Joh 10:30](#)).

[Psa 71:13](#) Let them be confounded *and* consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered *with* reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt. [*it is when our souls are confounded on the cross or at the red sea, or in the lions den, or in Joseph's Egyptian prison that leads to our praising God for the deliverance that eventually comes*]

[Mal 3:6](#) For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

[Heb 13:8](#) Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

[Joh 10:30](#) I and my Father are one.

Verse 16 shows us where our power comes from and witnesses of **his** righteousness ([Rev 11:3](#)). We "make mention of *thy* righteousness" even "thine *only*" and declare his "wondrous works" that we can see in hindsight were declared from the 'foundation of the world' ([Eph 1:4](#) , [Rev 17:8](#)) and are all being worked in each of our lives according to the counsel of His own will ([Eph 1:11](#)).

[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.

[Eph 1:4](#) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

[Rev 17:8](#) The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

[Eph 1:11](#) In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Until judgement comes however, we cannot acknowledge God as Sovereign nor give him complete and total glory for every victory and situation in life. In fact, our own words witness against us in that day of judgement as it will in the day that the rest of the world is judged ([Mat 7:22](#)). We are being taught from our spiritual youth ([Deu 6:7-9](#)) to acknowledge God and give Him all glory and to do all things to His glory ([Eph 3:16](#) , [Heb 13:21](#) , [1Co 10:31](#)) which tells us that this is a process which has us being crushed so that we no longer declare our righteousnesses but only His only ([1Co 4:7](#) , [Rom 5:2](#) , [1Co 1:29](#) , [Eph 2:9](#)).

[Mat 7:22](#) Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful

works?

Deu 6:7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deu 6:8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

Deu 6:9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Heb 13:21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1Co 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

1Co 4:7 For who maketh thee to differ *from another?* and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive *it*, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received *it*?

Rom 5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

1Co 1:29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

It is in verse 18 that the psalmist reiterates what was said in verse 9 "**Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth**" only this time the all important difference is upon whose strength is being talked about: "**Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto *this* generation**"; therein lies the whole point of this process: it is so that we may show "**thy power to every one *that is to come***". It is only when we are "taught from my youth" (paideuo ^{G3811}) that we come to see any of this ([1Co 11:32](#) , [Heb 12:5-6](#) , [Tit 2:12](#))

1Co 11:32 But when we are judged, we are chastened^{G3811} of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

Heb 12:5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth^{G3811} , and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Tit 2:12 Teaching^{G3811} us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live

soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Any comments on any of these verses from 14 to 18?

Psa 71:19 Thy righteousness also, O God, *is* very high, who hast done great things: O God, who *is* like unto thee!

Psa 71:20 *Thou*, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

Psa 71:21 Thou shalt increase^{H7235} my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

Psa 71:22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery, *even* thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.

Psa 71:23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

Psa 71:24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

The plea at the start of this psalm is to "let me never be put to confusion"(verse 1); to "deliver me" and cause me to escape" and "incline thine ear" and "save me" (verse 2); to "be thou my strong habitation" (verse 3); to "deliver me out of the hand of the wicked ... unrighteous... cruel man" (verse 4) comes to a hope filled and "very high" conclusion here in these last verses.

This "very high" "increase"^{H7235} ([Isa 55:7](#) , [Gen 16:10](#)) is also only possible through judgement and is where we will be miraculously brought up and out of the earth earth earth. ([Jer 22:29](#) , [Isa 26:9](#) and verse 20 of this psalm).

[Isa 55:7](#) Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will **abundantly**^{H7235} pardon.

[Gen 16:10](#) And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed **exceedingly**^{H7235}, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

[Jer 22:29](#) O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD.

[Isa 26:9](#) With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

It is only through this "sore troubles" that we will be "quicken[ed] again"^{H2421 H7725} ([Joh 12:24](#) , [1Co 15:36](#)).

[Joh 12:24](#) Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

[1Co 15:36](#) *Thou* fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

"quicken" = **H2421** Transliteration: **Chayah** - Phonetic: **khaw-yaw'**

A prim root (compare [H2331](#) [H2424](#)); to /live whether literally or figuratively; causatively to **revive**: - keep (leave **make**) **alive** X certainly give (promise) life (let suffer to) live nourish up preserve (alive) quicken recover repair **restore (to life)** revive (X God) save (alive life lives) X surely be whole.

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●alive, 29 [Gen 6:19](#); [Gen 6:20](#); [Gen 7:3](#); [Gen 12:12](#); [Gen 50:20](#); [Exo 1:22](#); [Num 22:33](#); [Num 31:15](#); [Num 31:18](#); [Deu 6:24](#); [Deu 20:16](#); [Deu 32:39](#); [Jos 2:13](#); [Jos 14:10](#); [Jdg 8:19](#); [Jdg 21:14](#); [1Sa 2:6](#); [2Sa 8:2](#); [1Ki 18:5](#); [2Ki 5:7](#); [2Ki 7:4](#); [Psa 22:29](#); [Psa 30:3](#); [Psa 33:19](#); [Psa 41:2](#); [Jer 49:11](#); [Eze 13:18](#); [Eze 13:19](#); [Eze 18:27](#)

●live, 126 [Gen 12:13](#); [Gen 17:18](#); [Gen 19:20](#); [Gen 20:7](#); [Gen 27:40](#); [Gen 31:32](#); [Gen 42:2](#); [Gen 42:18](#); [Gen 43:8](#); [Gen 47:19](#); [Exo 19:13](#); [Exo 22:18](#); [Lev 25:35](#); [Lev 25:36](#); [Num 4:19](#); [Num 24:23](#); [Deu 4:1](#); [Deu 4:33](#); [Deu 5:33](#); [Deu 8:1](#); [Deu 8:3\(2\)](#); [Deu 16:20](#); [Deu 30:16](#); [Deu 30:19](#); [Deu 33:6](#); [Jos 6:17](#); [Jos 9:15](#); [Jos 9:20](#); [Jos 9:21](#); [2Sa 1:10](#); [1Ki 1:31](#); [1Ki 20:32](#); [2Ki 4:7](#); [2Ki 7:4](#); [2Ki 10:19](#); [2Ki 18:32](#); [2Ki 20:1](#); [Neh 2:3](#); [Neh 5:2](#); [Neh 9:29](#); [Est 4:11](#); [Job 7:16](#); [Job 14:14](#); [Job 21:7](#); [Psa 22:26](#); [Psa 49:9](#); [Psa 69:32](#); [Psa 72:15](#); [Psa 118:17](#); [Psa 119:17](#); [Psa 119:77](#); [Psa 119:116](#); [Psa 119:144](#); [Psa 119:175](#); [Pro 4:4](#); [Pro 7:2](#); [Pro 9:6](#); [Pro 15:27](#); [Ecc 6:3](#); [Ecc 6:6](#); [Ecc 11:8](#); [Isa 26:14](#); [Isa 26:19](#); [Isa 38:1](#); [Isa 38:16\(2\)](#); [Isa 55:3](#); [Jer 21:9](#); [Jer 27:12](#); [Jer 27:17](#); [Jer 35:7](#); [Jer 38:2](#); [Jer 38:17\(2\)](#); [Jer 38:20](#); [Lam 4:20](#); [Eze 3:21\(2\)](#); [Eze 13:19](#); [Eze 16:6\(2\)](#); [Eze 18:9\(2\)](#); [Eze 18:13\(2\)](#); [Eze 18:17\(2\)](#); [Eze 18:19\(2\)](#); [Eze 18:21\(2\)](#); [Eze 18:22](#); [Eze 18:23](#); [Eze 18:24](#); [Eze 18:28\(2\)](#); [Eze 18:32](#); [Eze 20:11](#); [Eze 20:13](#); [Eze 20:21](#); [Eze 20:25](#); [Eze 33:10](#); [Eze 33:11](#); [Eze 33:12](#); [Eze 33:13\(2\)](#); [Eze 33:15\(2\)](#); [Eze 33:16\(2\)](#); [Eze 33:19](#); [Eze 37:3](#); [Eze 37:5](#); [Eze 37:6](#); [Eze 37:9](#); [Eze 37:14](#); [Eze 47:9](#); [Hos 6:2](#); [Amo 5:4](#); [Amo 5:6](#); [Amo 5:14](#); [Hab 2:4](#); [Zec 1:5](#); [Zec 10:9](#); [Zec 13:3](#)

●lived, 39 [Gen 5:3](#); [Gen 5:6](#); [Gen 5:7](#); [Gen 5:9](#); [Gen 5:10](#); [Gen 5:12](#); [Gen 5:13](#); [Gen 5:15](#); [Gen 5:16](#); [Gen 5:18](#); [Gen 5:19](#); [Gen 5:21](#); [Gen 5:25](#); [Gen 5:26](#); [Gen 5:28](#); [Gen 5:30](#); [Gen 9:28](#); [Gen 11:11](#); [Gen 11:13](#); [Gen 11:15](#); [Gen 11:16](#); [Gen 11:17](#); [Gen 11:18](#); [Gen 11:19](#); [Gen 11:20](#); [Gen 11:21](#); [Gen 11:22](#); [Gen 11:23](#); [Gen 11:24](#); [Gen 11:25](#); [Gen 11:26](#); [Gen 47:28](#); [Gen 50:22](#); [Num 14:38](#); [Deu 5:26](#); [2Ki 14:17](#); [2Ch 25:25](#); [Job 42:16](#); [Eze 37:10](#)

●left, 1 [1Sa 27:9](#)

●life, 9 [2Ki 8:1](#); [2Ki 8:5\(3\)](#); [Job 33:4](#); [Job 36:6](#); [Ecc 7:12](#); [Eze 3:18](#); [Eze 13:22](#)

●lives, 2 [Gen 45:7](#); [Gen 47:25](#)

●liveth, 1 [Psa 89:48](#)

●nourish, 1 [Isa 7:21](#)

●preserve, 2 [Gen 19:32](#); [Gen 19:34](#)

●preservest, 1 [Neh 9:6](#)

●quicken, 12 [Psa 71:20](#); [Psa 80:18](#); [Psa 119:25](#); [Psa 119:37](#); [Psa 119:40](#); [Psa 119:88](#); [Psa 119:107](#); [Psa 119:149](#); [Psa 119:154](#); [Psa 119:156](#); [Psa 119:159](#); [Psa 143:11](#)

●quickened, 2 [Psa 119:50](#); [Psa 119:93](#)

●recover, 8 [2Ki 1:2](#); [2Ki 8:8](#); [2Ki 8:9](#); [2Ki 8:10\(2\)](#); [2Ki 8:14\(2\)](#); [Isa 38:21](#)

●recovered, 2 [2Ki 20:7](#); [Isa 38:9](#)

●repaired, 1 [1Ch 11:8](#)

●revive, 8 [Neh 4:2](#); [Psa 85:6](#); [Psa 138:7](#); [Isa 57:15\(2\)](#); [Hos 6:2](#); [Hos 14:7](#); [Hab 3:2](#)

●revived, 4 [Gen 45:27](#); [Jdg 15:19](#); [1Ki 17:22](#); [2Ki 13:21](#)

●save, 9 [1Sa 10:24](#); [2Sa 16:16\(2\)](#); [1Ki 1:25](#); [1Ki 1:34](#); [1Ki 1:39](#); [1Ki 20:31](#); [2Ki 11:12](#); [2Ch 23:11](#)

- saved, 4 [Exo 1:17](#); [Exo 1:18](#); [Jos 6:25](#); [1Sa 27:11](#)
- saving, 1 [Gen 19:19](#)
- up, 1 [2Sa 12:3](#)
- whole, 1 [Jos 5:8](#)

It is when we come to this space where we hear the words and believe the words and continue in the words that was foreshadowed by Abram in this verse below that we understand intimately what these last few verses are pointing to in our Psalm tonight ([Gen 15:1](#)) :

Gen 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, **Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great reward.**

This whole psalm is about the rising and falling, the stumbling and getting up, the longsuffering we are learning, all to becoming something we are not. We are coming to a place of total dependance upon God to take us out of the womb as we grow in understanding that it is "By thee have I been holden up from the womb" and this is something to give great thanks and praise for ([Col 3:12-17](#)).

[Col 3:12](#) Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

[Col 3:13](#) Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.

[Col 3:14](#) And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

[Col 3:15](#) And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

[Col 3:16](#) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

[Col 3:17](#) And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

We are the body of Christ, each member affecting the other, lips and tongue, psaltary and harp, praising singing and greatly rejoicing together, comforted on every side through the sore troubles we share, confounding and bringing unto shame them that seek my [our] hurt ([Jam 1:2-4](#) , [1Pe 1:6-7](#) , [1Pe 4:12-14](#) , [1Co 10:13](#) , [Joh 14:18](#) , [Psa 139:23-24](#) , [Jer 29:13](#) , [1Co 15:25](#)).

[Jas 1:2](#) My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

[Jas 1:3](#) Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

[Jas 1:4](#) But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

[1Pe 1:6](#) Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

[1Pe 1:7](#) That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

[1Pe 4:12](#) Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as

though some strange thing happened unto you:

1Pe 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

1Pe 4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *are ye*; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

1Co 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

Joh 14:18 *I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.*

Psa 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

Psa 139:24 And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Jer 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

1Co 15:25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.