

'Readiness of mind in the last days'

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Psa 3:7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

Psa 3:8 Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD: thy blessing *is* upon thy people. Selah.

Readiness of mind is something that God is forming within the body of Christ because He knows that it 'is was and will be' critical to be present and in place in order for us to receive Christ in each other (Rom 15:7) and to ultimately be prepared as the bride of Christ (Rev 19:7 , 1Jn 4:17) when our Lord returns (1Pe 1:3 , 1Pe 2:5 , Heb 2:3 , 2Ti 1:6-7).

Rom 15:7 Wherefore receive ye one another, **as Christ** also received us **to the glory of God**.

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, **and give honour to him**: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready [*readiness of mind*].

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. [*Christ had a readiness of mind* Luk 2:49]

1Pe 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto **a lively hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1Pe 2:5 Ye also, **as lively stones**, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Heb 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard *him*;

2Ti 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou **stir up the gift of God**, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

2Ti 1:7 For God **hath not** given us the spirit of **fear**; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

1Jn 4:18 There is no fear in love; but **perfect love casteth out fear**: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Readiness of mind is a gift given to those who have the mind of Christ, a mind that has no confidence in the flesh and is ready to go without the camp with Christ (Php 3:3 , Heb 13:13). This is not the natural state of anyone's mind and yet God promises us that with this mind and the strength of our Lord given (1Co 2:16 , Php 4:13) we will be made ready and become more than conquerors through Him even to the putting off of our flesh (Rom 8:31).

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. [Joh 4:23]

Php 3:4 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:

Php 3:5 **Circumcised the eighth day**, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

Heb 13:13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

1Co 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Php 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Rom 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

God is going to create a great contrast or gulf between the elect and the rest of the world (Luk 16:26). The world's hearts will fail them because of iniquity abounding (Mat 24:12) and for fear of the things coming upon the earth (Luk 21:26). This will demonstrate that their hope or 'readiness of mind' was still in their flesh whereas the elect by the grace and faith of Christ will have the hope of glory within them holding them up and enabling them to stand in that hour (Col 1:27). The love of God being shed abroad in their hearts (Rom 5:5) which we just read will "**casteth out fear**".

Luk 16:26 And beside all this, *between us and you there is a great gulf fixed*: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that *would come* from thence.

Mat 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Luk 21:26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

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 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.

The whole suit of spiritual armour that He will provide must be fitted and framed before the end of our spiritual age unfolds where we are told that no flesh would survive or stand except those days be shortened. This spiritually forged armour is what God gives us to be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand which symbolizes a readiness of mind or garments that have been washed by the blood of the lamb (Eph 6:13-18 , Mat 24:21-22 , 1Pe 1:18-19 , Rev 7:14).

Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

Eph 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

1Pe 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;

1Pe 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Rev 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [Act 14:22]

God is forming this spiritual armour within the body of Christ as He gives this increase (1Co 3:6) so that the world will see that the gates of hell cannot prevail against Christ body (Mat 16:18). We must watch and pray with all perseverance and readiness of mind so that having done all we will be able to stand against the great tribulations that are promised to come upon the earth (Mat 24:21-22 , Mat 26:41).

1Co 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

Mat 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. [*herein lies the reason why there is a great gulf unto those who are not being strengthened in this age through Christ and dealt with as sons*]

Without heeding the admonition to do all these things, we are once again trusting in our flesh which is weak and not able to deliver us in time of need, which is symbolized by

Peter using the word of God, the sword, but with a fleshy mind and not yielded unto God. This does not demonstrate a readiness of mind on Peter's part but rather a lack of faith which will always lead us to leaning unto our own understanding. That negative example of having a readiness of mind is what God is burning out of His children who have "an unction from the Holy One" ([Joh 18:10](#) , [1Co 2:5-6](#) , [1Jn 2:17-24](#)).

[1Jn 2:17](#) And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

[1Jn 2:18](#) Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

[1Jn 2:19](#) They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us [[1Co 11:19](#)].

[1Jn 2:20](#) But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

[1Jn 2:21](#) I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

[1Jn 2:22](#) Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

[1Jn 2:23](#) Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: *(but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.*

[1Jn 2:24](#) Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. [[Joh 14:23](#)]

The only way we can truly come to trust God and come boldly before Him to obtain grace ([Heb 4:16](#)) is to let go of our flesh which wants to run the show for our Lord ([Pro 14:12](#)). The much tribulation and severe trials as we discussed last week is the means used by our Great God to accomplish this in our lives as His children who are being received ([2Co 1:9-10](#) , [Rom 15:13-14](#)).

[Heb 4:16](#) Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

[Pro 14:12](#) There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death

[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:

[2Co 1:10](#) Who delivered us from so great a death [*this body of death we reside in*], and doth deliver [*dying daily*]: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver *us*; [*through Christ the author and finisher of our faith*]

[Rom 15:13](#) Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing [[Joh 6:29](#) , [Joh 20:21](#)], that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

[Rom 15:14](#) And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another [*readiness of mind*].

Joh 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, **that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.**

Joh 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: **as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.**

When we suffer and endure through the trials it is for a glorious and great purpose as we are being given to cease from sinning (1Pe 4:1-2 , Jas 1:12), and have all the spots and wrinkles removed from out wedding garments (Rev 19:7-8).

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;

1Pe 4:2 That he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

Jas 1:12 Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, **and give honour to him:** for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted [**Php 2:13**] that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

We can only become God's 'consuming fire of wrath' or "lake of fire" or instrument by which "fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies" by first being put through the fire and being made ready to do what we must do together as the body of Christ (Rev 19:20, Rev 11:3-5, 1Co 12:25-27).

Rev 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

Rev 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

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.

Rev 11:4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

Rev 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

1Co 12:25 That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another.

1Co 12:26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

1Co 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

We are blessed to have this 'readiness of mind in the last days' by becoming a fitly framed temple of God who have been place in the body where it pleases our Father so that together we can find ourselves having done all so we can miraculously stand while our enemies are falling both within and without (**Eph 2:21** , **1Co 12:18** , **Psa 91:7** , **Psa 3:6**)

Eph 2:21 In whom **all the building** fitly framed together **groweth** unto an holy temple in the Lord:

1Co 12:18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

Psa 91:7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

Psa 3:6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people [*flesh of man* **Heb 13:6** , **Isa 51:12** , **Luk 12:5**], that have set *themselves* against me round about.

Please see Ayo Fabiyi's article in the essential reading section titled 'consuming fire of God's wrath' which carefully explains the correlation between judgement which first comes upon the elect so that the days can be shortened as we see our Lord intervene to save the world from destruction.

<http://www.iswasandwillbe.com/consuming-fire-of-gods-wrath/>

As always that which is natural is first (**1Co 15:46**), so Christ saves the world physically from destruction when He returns (**Mat 24:22**), and then the world will be saved spiritually at the consummation of the ages or the 'great white throne judgement' after the end of the millenium. Those who are blessed to be saved in this age are saved because they "continue in my word" that judges them and sanctifies them to make them ready to do what God has called us to do (**Joh 8:31-32** , **Joh 17:17** , **Act 17:11-12** , **Rom 8:30-32**).

Act 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word **with all readiness of mind**, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Act 17:12 Therefore many of them believed [***because they searched the scriptures daily with a readiness of mind***]; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Rom 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

Rom 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Here are some of the blessings that come upon those who are being crushed by Christ in this age (oil, winepress **2Co 1:7-8**) and being made ready through that process to become saviours who come up on mount Zion with the 'oil of gladness' and wine that we will be ready to minister to the wounds of this world with all readiness of mind (**Psa 45:7-11** , **Mat 19:27-30** , **Luk 10:34** , **1Pe 3:15-16**).

2Co 1:7 And our hope of you *is* steadfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so *shall ye be* also of the consolation.

2Co 1:8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

Psa 45:7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Psa 45:8 All thy garments *smell* of myrrh, and aloes, *and* cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

Psa 45:9 Kings' daughters *were* among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir. [*bride of Christ is his queen and king David is as type of Christ demonstrates that 'upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir' is speaking of the elect Oba 1:21*']

Psa 45:10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house; [love not the things of this world 1Jn 2:15 , **Mat 19:29**]

Psa 45:11 **So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty:** for he *is* thy Lord; and worship thou him. [**Psa 96:9**]

Mat 19:27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all [*loved not the things of this world*], and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

Mat 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, **Verily I say unto you**, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Mat 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Mat 19:30 But many *that are* first shall be last; and the last *shall be* first.

Luk 10:34 And went to *him*, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

1Pe 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always [*readiness of mind*] to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

1Pe 3:16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

With all these verses in mind let's now look at the verses of Psalm 3 to see the correlation between king David's life, who was a type of the elect who constantly had to have a 'readiness of mind' against his many adversaries, as we do in our own life in Christ today [[Eph 6:12](#) , [Mat 10:22](#)].

[Psa 3:1](#) A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son. LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many *are* they that rise up against me.

Here we see they of our own household attacking David "Absalom his son" ([Mat 10:36](#)) and we do not need to stop and ask why the Lord is using the closest people in our lives to come up against us! This is happening to once again create great contrast for all mankind to come to see eventually that only Christ can be Christ, and without the holy seed ([Col 1:27](#) , [Gal 3:16](#)) within us giving the power to remain faithful and endure unto the end we could all just as easily say "is it I" to our Lord and find ourselves denying Christ as they all did the night he was betrayed ([Mat 26:22](#) , [Mar 14:50](#)).

The 'multitude' of people that came up against Christ during his ministry were 'many', but what does this tell us and why must we be hated of all for his name sake ([Mat 10:22](#))?

"**They** that rise up against Christ" are to increase as we near the end of this age and **they** will "trouble" us just as this prophecy of both Christ and His Christ demonstrates ([Act 4:27-28](#) , [2Ti 3:3](#) , [2Ti 3:12-13](#)).

The reason God allows things to get worse before they get better can be seen in this verse ([Joh 9:1-3](#)) which shows us that deliverance at the end our age, from spiritual blindness is to the glory of God, just as our narrow escape and being delivered from these bodies of flesh into spirit beings is also to the glory of God who will deliver us through Christ who is the power of the resurrection ([Joh 11:25](#) , [Php 3:10](#)).

[Joh 9:3](#) Jesus answered, **Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.**

What the world cannot yet see is that we are **all** that blind man and that this is first and foremost an admonition for each member of his body! The 'multitude' and the 'many' is within each of us and we are blessed to see all those enemies "**that rise up against me**" within.

[Psa 3:2](#) Many *there be* which say of my soul, *There is no help for him in God.* Selah.

If the world knew that we do need to be judged ([1Pe 4:17](#)) and that our help in God comes in the form of his goodness which leads us unto repentance ([Rom 2:3](#)), then **they** (we all) would understand these words of our Lord as well ([Luk 12:5](#) , [Mat 10:28](#)):

[Luk 12:4](#) **And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body,**

and after that have no more that they can do.

Luk 12:5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

Mat 10:26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

Mat 10:27 What I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye upon the housetops.

Mat 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

We know however that it is not given to the masses to know these things today, so we are told to greatly rejoice when people speak all manner of evil against you, and lie and say "*There is no help for him in God...*" No, the full story here includes the "Selah"! This is our promise and stronghold and truly our REST (SELAH/pause) in the Lord through all these things (Mat 5:12).

Mat 5:11 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Mat 5:12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Psa 16:9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Psa 3:3 But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

That shield of faith discussed earlier which we take into spiritual battle above all things is given to us (Php 1:29), and we operate in the measure of faith given to us (Rom 12:3), and we don't boast because boasting is excluded by the law of faith (Rom 3:27) knowing that the entire operation is of the Lord (Eph 1:11), therefore we can say "But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head"

The lifting up of our heads in prayer is a gift of God as he moves us to pray fervently for one another and grants us the faith and boldness and contrite and broken hearts needed to be pleasing before Him as we approach our Abba Father in prayer (Mat 17:20 , Luk 17:6 , Jas 5:16 , Heb 4:16 , Jas 1:6-9 , Luk 18:13-14 , Rom 8:15).

Isa 42:7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

Isa 42:8 I *am* the LORD: that *is* my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Isa 43:7 *Even* every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

Isa 43:8 Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.

Eze 39:21 And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall

see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.

Joh 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know [within and without] that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Joh 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

Joh 17:25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. [**Joh 6:29** , **Joh 20:21**]

Psa 3:4 I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.

God hears us "out of his holy hill" and sets the conditions that need to be within our heart [*fear / reverence* **Luk 12:5**] which was discussed last week as it was described with the word "**set**" **H5258** found in (**Psa 2:6**). Those conditions need to be there before we can be pouring out our lives as a living sacrifice and offering up prayers with strong crying and tears (**Heb 5:7**).

It is this prayer that comes from a broken and contrite heart created by our Father that is most pleasing to Him. Crying "unto the LORD with my voice" being broken and contrite and seeing ourselves for the chief of sinners that we are (**1Ti 1:5**) and no longer thinking as the kings of the earth who set themselves against Christ and His body (**Psa 2:2**).

Psa 3:5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.

Notice we have been admonished twice now in this psalm through the word "*Selah*" and then are "laid down", "slept" and "awaked" to the faith that the LORD is-was-will be using to "sustained me".

The laying down to sleep or resting in the Lord comes about by being baptized into his death (**Rom 6:3**) and is the way by which we can be kept spiritually awake and with a readiness of mind that we know can only happen because "the LORD sustained me" ("sustained" **H5564** = "stayed" **H5564** in **Isa 26:3**)

Psa 3:6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set *themselves* against me round about.

Ten thousand=**10x10x10x10** That's four tens which represents all the world within and without which is against the spirit of God (**Gal 5:17** , **Mat 10:22**)

Psa 3:6 'I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people' is a symbol of the flesh of all of mankind **Heb 13:6** , **Isa 51:12** , **Luk 12:5**], that have set *themselves* against me round about.

Christ reminds us that there is nothing good in this flesh ([Mar 10:18](#)) and ([Gal 5:16-18](#)) goes on to explain how we can gain dominion over this flesh through Christ who leads us with God's spirit into liberty over all the works of the flesh ([Gal 5:19](#) , [2Co 3:17](#)).

There are many, many verses written for our encouragement in this regard and we do not need to ask why. The sound pattern of living by every word ([Mat 4:4](#)) is enough to pause and hear and understand 'why'.

[Jos 11:5](#) And when all these kings were met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

[Jos 11:6](#) And the LORD said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire. ,

[Jer 1:7](#) But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I *am* a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

[Jer 1:8](#) Be not afraid of their faces: for I *am* with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

[Jer 1:9](#) Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

[Jer 42:10](#) If ye will still abide in this land, then will I build you, and not pull *you* down, and I will plant you, and not pluck *you* up: for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you.

[Jer 42:11](#) Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the LORD: for I *am* with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand.

[Jer 42:12](#) And I will shew mercies unto you, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land.

[Zep 3:13](#) The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and **none shall make *them* afraid.**

[Psa 3:7](#) **Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.**

Christ was smitten on the cheek bone, for our sakes ([Mat 26:67](#)). None of his bones were broken because the foundation that God laid in Christ was true and there is no other foundation that can be laid ([1Co 3:11](#)).

We are told to turn the other cheek when we are smitten of our enemies whether we are figuratively slapped or physically slapped, and we are also told that vengeance is God's -- Our God who knows how to keep us humble and to reward the ungodly who are his sword ([Mat 5:39](#) , [Rom 12:19](#) , [Eze 21:9-10](#) , [Eze 30:24](#) , [Jer 20:4](#)).

The jawbone of the ass that Sampson used to slay a thousand men ([Jdg 15:16](#)) is also symbolic of the process that we must go through in order to have the gentile carnal

minded first man Adam destroyed within us (thousand= 10X10X10)

There is also the positive use of the word cheek bone found in the Song of Solomon ([Son 1:10](#) , [Son 5:13](#)), but always 'bad news' for first man Adam, with death and sacrifice which is the means to the 'end' which is Christ.

[Rev 22:12](#) And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

[Rev 22:13](#) I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

[Deu 11:11](#) But the land, whither ye go to possess it, *is* a land of hills and valleys, *and* drinketh water of the rain of heaven:

[Deu 11:12](#) A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God *are* always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

The last half of this verse that speaks of breaking "the teeth of the ungodly" is again a symbol of taking away the whole stay of bread and water from the world ([Isa 3:1](#)). Young lions will not feed well if their teeth are broken ([Psa 58:6](#)).

In a normal healthy human mouth there are 32 teeth, and teeth are truly symbolic of the means to the end of digesting the word of God. If there are no teeth because they are broken then the 3+2 which add up to 5 grace and faith are not there even at the starting process of receiving the word [*in the mouth*] and salvation cannot come about.

We need to be nourished with the Lion of the tribe of Judah as our hope of glory within ([Rev 5:5](#) , [Col 1:27](#)) who gives us the ability turn the other cheek and grow in our discernment through the trials of this life as we learn to rightly divide the word and receive and digest the strong meat which is a gift given to His people who are being matured today through those trials and much tribulation ([Heb 5:14](#)).

[Psa 3:8](#) Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD: thy blessing *is* upon thy people. Selah.

The last verse of our Psalm fittingly tells us that this whole process of "Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD" and that it has been given to us not only to believe on Him but also to suffer. This does give us great pause or "selah" as we learn to rejoice always in the Lord and again I say rejoice for this high calling that we've been called unto and are able to accomplish with a "readiness of mind" thanks be to God who is working this salvation within us through Christ ([Php 2:13](#)).

[Php 2:13](#) For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.