

**"But whosoever drinketh of the water  
that I shall give him shall never thirst" [Joh 4:14](#)  
[Psa 88:10-18](#) **Part III****

A healthy sign of spiritual life in the body of Christ is when we are asking questions and crying out to God for deliverance, as these verses point out ([Psa 4:1](#) , [Psa 102:1](#) , [Joh 14:13-14](#) , [Heb 5:7](#))

[Psa 4:1](#) **To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm of David.** Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

[Psa 102:1](#) **A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.** Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.

[Joh 14:13](#) **And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name**, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

[Joh 14:14](#) **If ye shall ask any thing in my name**, I will do it.

[Heb 5:7](#) Who in the days of his flesh [[1Co 15:50](#)], when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death [[Rom 7:24](#) , [Mar 10:18](#)], and was heard in that he feared;

[1Co 15:50](#) Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

[Rom 7:24](#) O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

[Mar 10:18](#) And Jesus said unto him, **Why callest thou me good? *there is none good but one, that is, God.***

Our curiosity and desire to learn more should be like that of a child both receiving those children of God and becoming converted by that example as Christ said ([Mat 18:3-5](#)). A healthy child's mind is something that can wax and wane and is not always reflected as fully as we would hope it would be in our children, and so we ask the Lord to help us grow in our ability to ask the right questions of each other as we provoke one another unto love and good works. God will make a way for those requests to always be answered in a healthy body of Christ that is not asking amiss ([Mat 7:7-11](#) , [Jas 4:2-3](#)).

[Mat 18:3](#) And said, **Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

[Mat 18:4](#) **Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

[Mat 18:5](#) **And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.**

[Mat 7:7](#) **Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:**

Mat 7:8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Mat 7:9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

Mat 7:10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

Mat 7:11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Jas 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

Jas 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

We're not all the same and some of us are more out-going by nature than others, so not to confuse those types with someone who is just not reaching out to the body of Christ because they have been snared of the devil ([2Ti 2:24-26](#)). God's word is clear what we must do in such instances and how we can and should provoke one another unto love and good works for this very reason (*an active body is a healthy body*) ([Gal 6:1](#) , [Jas 5:20](#) , [Heb 10:24](#)).

God tries and tests His people for this very reason so that they will cry out as His children who are like Christ ([Psa 107:28-30](#) , [1Jn 4:17](#)), and it is through the distresses of this life that we learn of His faithfulness to answer and deliver us from whatever it is that is required for us to go through at any given time so that we learn to trust Him and cry out to Him, and rely on Him and not our own flesh ([2Co 1:9](#)).

The person a paramedic is most concerned about when arriving at an accident scene with multiple casualties is not the one making noise, but rather the one who is silent and potentially unconscious and/or not breathing. The same is true for us spiritually as we look well to the flock. We need to ask the Lord to help each of us pay special attention to those whom God allows to go into a silent phase of not talking or making sounds spiritually because of unbelief ([Heb 3:12-14](#) , [Heb 10:35-37](#) , [Heb 12:16](#)).

[Heb 3:12](#) Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

[Heb 3:13](#) But exhort one another daily([Heb 10:24-25](#)), while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

[Heb 3:14](#) For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our **confidence** stedfast unto the end;

[Heb 10:35](#) Cast not away therefore your **confidence**, which hath great recompence of reward.

[Heb 10:36](#) **For ye have need of patience**, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

[Heb 10:37](#) For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

[Heb 12:16](#) Lest there *be* any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

That's all it takes -- one "morsel of meat" -- which symbolizes the false doctrine and lies of Babylon that we must keep out of the body of Christ, also called the diseases of Egypt, and also

the impatient spirit that says my Lord delays His coming as Esau represents ([Exo 15:26](#) , [Luk 21:19](#) , [Luk 12:42-43](#) , [Gen 25:33-34](#)).

[Exo 15:26](#) And said, If thou wilt **diligently hearken** to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I *am* the LORD that healeth thee.

[Luk 12:42](#) And the Lord said, **Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?**

[Luk 12:43](#) **Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.**

[Gen 25:33](#) And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

[Gen 25:34](#) Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised *his* birthright.

The truth is that the gates of hell will not prevail against the church ([Mat 16:18](#)), and because we are blessed to heed the admonitions that we've just read, we can be of that family of believers who are prophesying to each other and edifying each other to the building up of the body of Christ in love ([1Th 5:11-12](#) , [Rom 14:19-20](#) , [Jud 1:20-21](#) , [1Co 14:3-4](#) , [Eph 4:16](#)).

[1Th 5:11](#) Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and **edify one another**, even as also ye do.

[1Th 5:12](#) And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

[Rom 14:19](#) Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith **one may edify another**.

[Rom 14:20](#) For meat destroy not the work of God [[Rom 14:1-4](#)]. All things indeed *are* pure; but *it is* evil for that man who eateth with offence.

[Jud 1:20](#) But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith [[Rom 12:3](#)], praying in the Holy Ghost,

[Jud 1:21](#) Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

[1Co 14:3](#) But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men *to* **edification**, and exhortation, and comfort.

[1Co 14:4](#) He that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth **edifieth** the church.

[Eph 4:16](#) From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the **edifying** of itself in love.

All of these steps and procedures that God has called us unto that we've just read come under the category of "**wash one another's feet**" ([Joh 13:14-15](#)) and are the necessary ingredients in each of our lives that can prepare us for the rough times that are in front of us ([Joh 15:21-25](#) ,

[Rom 7:13](#) , [Mat 11:21-23](#)), the wars and rumours of wars, the deception so great in the earth that if it were possible the very elect would be deceived ([Mat 24:6](#) , [Mat 24:24](#)).

[Joh 13:14](#) If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

[Joh 13:15](#) For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

[Joh 15:21](#) But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

[Joh 15:22](#) If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin.

[Joh 15:23](#) He that hateth me hateth my Father also.

[Joh 15:24](#) If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

[Joh 15:25](#) But *this cometh to pass*, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

[Rom 7:13](#) Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

The Master Potter's sovereignty is revealed in showing how the condition of man's heart is made ready to receive or not receive his word, even whole societies being under His sovereign hand and repenting at the time appointed, which is a type and shadow of how the Lord works with His people and reveals through these types and shadows that the gates of hell will not prevail against the church which is his body ([Col 1:24](#)).

[Mat 11:21](#) Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

[Mat 11:22](#) But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.

[Mat 11:23](#) And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

Especially today, we're told the love of many will wax cold because iniquity will abound, and evil men will wax worse and worse. We are admonished therefore to not be like an island hoping that we have enough spiritual provision of ourselves ([Rev 3:17](#)) which will blind us to see our need to be joined unto Christ and His body. If God allows this then our root will wither when the most evil days come upon the earth ([Rom 11:18](#) , [Gal 6:2](#) , [Mat 24:12](#)) and when we boast against the root of ([Rom 11:18](#) , [Rom 3:27](#)), we are saying without knowing it that we are not acknowledging our complete need for each other (*every branch*) in this wicked world, and how important our discipleship is unto the Lord ([Joh 13:14-15](#)). It is when we bear each other's burdens together (*every branch*) that this discipleship of love is made manifest and is witnessed to each other and to the world. We become confident that we are part of something bigger than ourselves and connected to Christ and His body ([Joh 13:35](#) , [Gal 6:2](#) , [Joh 14:20](#)).

When we work together, pray together, fight a good fight of faith together as Gideon's army shows us in type and shadow, we will be more than conquerors through him and God promises we will witness to the world what true discipleship can bring forth ([Mat 13:33](#) , [Luk 6:44](#)). Even when the whole world is falling apart, God's people can and will shine more and more as the day star arises in our hearts ([2Pe 1:19](#) , [Php 2:15](#)).

[2Pe 1:19](#) We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

[Php 2:15](#) That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Tonight we will again look at that "more sure word of prophecy", and see why it is so important for us to ask questions of the Lord and of each other and for each other ([Joh 7:37](#) , [Jas 4:2-3](#)), helping one another through the tribulations of this life and making sense of all that we must suffer to become the new creation that God is forming in each of us as His workmanship ([Eph 2:10](#)).

[Joh 7:37](#) In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

[Jas 4:2](#) Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

[Jas 4:3](#) Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

[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.

### **Here are our verses for tonight:**

Psa 88:1 A Song *or* Psalm for the sons of Korah, to the chief Musician upon Mahalath Leannoth, Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite. O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day *and* night before thee:

Psa 88:2 Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;

Psa 88:3 For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

Psa 88:4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man *that hath* no strength:

Psa 88:5 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand.

Psa 88:6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps.

Psa 88:7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted *me* with all thy waves. Selah.

Psa 88:8 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: *I am* shut up, and I cannot come forth.

Psa 88:9 Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

[Psa 88:10](#) **Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise *and* praise thee? Selah.**

**Psa 88:11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction?**

**Psa 88:12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?**

**Psa 88:13 But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.**

**Psa 88:14 LORD, why castest thou off my soul? *why* hidest thou thy face from me?**

**Psa 88:15 I *am* afflicted and ready to die from *my* youth up: *while* I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.**

**Psa 88:16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.**

**Psa 88:17 They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.**

**Psa 88:18 Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, *and* mine acquaintance into darkness.**

*our first verse:*

**Psa 88:10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise *and* praise thee? Selah.**

The first two questions of a total of 6 questions in the first 3 verses we are looking at tonight are centered around the question that Christ answers in the book of Ezekiel in chapter 37:4-5 where we learn of a prophesy that reveals how we can encourage or "Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O you dry bones, hear the word of the Lord" even today through the church, Christ's body ([Col 1:24](#)).

[Col 1:24](#) Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

[Eze 37:4](#) Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

[Eze 37:5](#) Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: *type and shadow of this verse*:([Joh 16:7-8](#))

This hearing of the word of God which is the living waters ([Joh 7:38](#) , [Joh 4:10](#)) is what takes those dry bones of unbelief and by the washing of regeneration, we see and hear and believe that all things are possible for God as we learn to endure all things through Christ ([Tit 3:5-6](#) , [Mat 19:26](#) , [Php 4:13](#)).

We all start off in a state of unbelief and God shows us that it is through the church that the manifold wisdom is given to believers, the whole stay of bread and water which is initially taken away ([Eph 3:10](#) , [Isa 3:1](#)), so that we can testify to the world that the Lord truly does "shew wonders to the dead" and "the dead arise and praise thee" because you have brought light out of darkness and are the power of the resurrection that we experience daily as we die daily ([Joh 11:25-26](#)).

[Joh 11:25](#) Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:**

**Joh 11:26** And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

Though we are in dead man's bones, the dead burying the dead, yet it is because we believe in the hope of glory within, the wellspring of life that the hope of glory produces, that we know and are convinced that we can be more than conquerors through Christ and put off this flesh day by day. This is our hope ([Col 1:27](#), [Tit 3:7](#))

**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:

**Tit 3:7** That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**Psa 88:11** Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? *or* thy faithfulness in destruction?

There are two ways we can look at these questions, both positively and negatively. Yes His lovingkindnesses will be declared in the grave through those who are baptized into his death ([Rom 6:3](#)) and who are dead to sin and alive unto God through Christ ([Rom 6:11](#)). As well, we will declare his faithfulness in the "destruction" of the first man Adam within us. We will declare to all the world that Christ truly is the author and finisher of our faith who enables us to drink the cup that would otherwise be impossible to drink to the glory of God ([1Co 10:31](#)).

The love of many on the other hand, who have not been given to endure unto the end, will not declare his lovingkindness in the grave but will rather die the common death, in their sins as God had preordained ([Joh 8:24](#)), where we can't be faithful through the natural destruction that comes to all flesh, because it is not given to us to cry out and ask God to help us in our unbelief ([Mar 9:24](#)). That is the precious gift of life that God gives to those who ask it ([Joh 7:37](#)). Of course the day will come when all mankind will ask, and that day is represented by the last great day, which is the greatest day because we will all have the same hunger and thirst for His righteousness which will be fulfilled within His body.

**Psa 88:12** Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

Yes God's "wonders" shall be "known in the dark" if we consider that light comes out of darkness, and although we are in a land of "forgetfulness", the comforter will bring us into all remembrance enabling us to be led by the spirit ([Joh 16:13-14](#), [Rom 8:14-15](#), [1Co 13:12-13](#)).

**Joh 16:13** Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

**Joh 16:14** He shall glorify me: for he shall **receive** of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

**Rom 8:14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

**Rom 8:15** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

**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.

**1Co 13:13** And now abideth [*God's wonders known in the dark*] faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity<sup>G26</sup> [**Rom 5:5**].

**Rom 5:5** And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love<sup>G26</sup> of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

In like manner there is a negative application to this verse where Christ admonishes us to deal with that second master that wants to take over the light that He gives us through Christ, thus making our whole body full of darkness (**Mat 6:22-24**). It is such a profound warning from our Lord, telling us to deal with the evil eye within us immediately, as stated (**Mat 5:25**), not giving the devil an opportunity to get a foothold into the house of God or letting a little leaven leaven the whole lump (**Eph 4:26-28**, **Gal 5:9**).

**Mat 6:22** The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

**Mat 6:23** But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great *is* that darkness!

**Mat 6:24** No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

**Mat 5:25** Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

**Eph 4:26** Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

**Eph 4:27** Neither give place to the devil.

**Eph 4:28** Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

**Gal 5:9** A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

**Psa 88:13** **But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent<sup>H6923</sup> thee.**

This particular Psalm is a real roller-coaster of emotional highs and lows, and the Psalmist is declaring to God that he has been zealous, just like Paul declared of his own flesh prior to conversion (**Php 3:5-8**). He cries out to the Lord, and is not sure if his prayer or intercession will be acceptable to Him.

**"prevent" H6923** qâdam

**BDB Definition:**

1) to meet, come or be in front, confront, go before

1a) (Piel)

1a1) to meet, confront, **come to meet**, receive

1a2) **to go before**, go in front, be in front

1a3) to lead, be beforehand, anticipate, forestall

1b) (Hiphil)

1b1) to come in front

1b2) to confront, anticipate

**Part of Speech:** *verb*

**A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number:** *a primitive root*

**Same Word by TWOT Number:** 1988

**Php 3:6** Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

**Php 3:7** But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

**Php 3:8** Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,

The hard and enduring lesson that we all must learn is that we truly bring nothing to the altar of God and the Lord reminds us through those quiet moments of unanswered prayers that will be answered in due time, that all that we have is a gift from him and that He will answer us in His perfect time as we learn to wait on Him ([Psa 27:14](#)) and not rush to judgement ([Amo 5:18](#) , [1Co 4:5](#)) and say that our Lord has delayed his coming which he has not ([Luk 12:45](#) , [Mat 24:48](#)).

**Amo 5:18** Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end *is* it for you? the day of the LORD *is* darkness, and not light.

**1Co 4:5** Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

**Psa 27:14** Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

**Luk 12:45** *But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;*

**Mat 24:48** *But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;*

**Psa 88:14** **LORD, why castest thou off my soul? *why* hidest thou thy face from me?**

Has God truly cast off our soul in the long run, and is He going to ultimately hide his face from any one of us?

The answer once again can be seen on both sides of the pillar in the wilderness, where God allows us that season of darkness where it feels like He has stopped working with us and is casting off our soul, when in fact all of this emotional turmoil of feeling like we are being cast off and that He is hiding his face from us is working together for the good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose ([Rom 8:28-33](#)).

**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 8:29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

**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?

**Rom 8:33** Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

**Psa 88:15** **I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.**

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Lord for the flesh (**Heb 10:35-37**) and we all experience this affliction that has been separating us from the world "from my youth up". That is the predestined experience, the one event, that is common unto all men starting with the elect of God who first tasted that the Lord is gracious (**1Pe 2:3-5**).

**Heb 10:35** Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

**Heb 10:36** For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

**Heb 10:37** For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

**1Pe 2:3** If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

**1Pe 2:4** To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious,

**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.

**Eph 1:6** To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

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

We are called to be lively stones working together to quell those "terrors" and put an end to those distractions of the world focusing all our attention on our high calling in Christ (**Heb 12:1-3**, **Rom 8:18**, **Php 3:8**).

**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.

**Heb 12:3** For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest

ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

**Rom 8:18** For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

**Php 3:8** Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,

**Psa 88:16** **Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off.**

**Psa 88:17** **They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.**

How well we receive these verses is an indication of how much we fear God's power and ability to bring us to a point of not trusting in the flesh of men.

Throughout the history of Israel, there are multiple examples that God used to show us how His wrath would go out over the enemies of Israel without, the armies that represent the great battles that we must endure through in this life within, in order to go unto maturity in the Lord.

Those armies can be all encompassing within, leaving us feel like we have been abandoned when in fact it is the Lord setting the stage to remind us that we are more than conquerors through Christ who takes us through the Red Sea and moves the sea of humanity within us out of the way so that the light of Christ can break forth ([Exo 14:21-22](#) , [Psa 107:28-30](#)).

**Exo 14:21** And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry *land*, and the waters were divided.

**Exo 14:22** And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry *ground*: and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

**Psa 107:28** Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

**Psa 107:29** He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

**Psa 107:30** Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

**Psa 88:18**  **Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, *and* mine acquaintance into darkness.**

Everyone is taken out of the picture in our short life which feels abundant to us but from God's perspective is just a mist of time ([Jas 4:13-15](#)), and it is in that short period of time, that very small seed of time compared to the back drop of eternity, that our Great God fashions all that has to be fashioned within us so that those acquaintances that we have known in a very temporal sense will be enjoyed forever in His eternal kingdom of peace and joy ([Isa 9:1](#) , [Mat 25:21](#)).

**Jas 4:13** Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and

continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

**Jas 4:14** Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

**Jas 4:15** For that ye *ought* to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

**Isa 9:7** Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

**Mat 25:21** His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*

Nothing is ever really taken from us, only temporarily withheld for the purpose of making all things new in His kingdom when God shall be all in all, having redeemed all of His creation ([1Co 15:28](#)).

**1Co 15:28** And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

God uses all the circumstances of our very temporary life to create within us the desire to have the only drink that will satisfy our thirst ([Joh 4:13-15](#)).

**Joh 4:13** Jesus answered and said unto her, **Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:** [*representing this temporary life- the passing carnal event of life that does not inherit the kingdom of God*]

**Joh 4:14** **But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.**

**Joh 4:15** The woman saith unto him, **Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.**