

"Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience" [1Ti 3:9](#)

Part II ([Psa 99:3-9](#))

Psa 99:1 The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth *between* the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

Psa 99:2 The LORD *is* great in Zion; and he *is* high above all the people.

Psa 99:3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy.

Psa 99:4 The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

Psa 99:5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.

Psa 99:6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

Psa 99:7 He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance *that* he gave them.

Psa 99:8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

Psa 99:9 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.

Last week we spent the major part of the study on the introduction where we looked at the word "**gifts**", the word "**conscience**", the verses in "[Eph 5:19-33](#)", and the phrases "**from the beginning**" and "**the beginning**", to help bring to light the title verse in the study "Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience".

Without the "**gifts**" of the spirit that God gives us accompanied with His judgement upon us that are used to sanctify us or make us holy as He is, we would never be able to hold the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience, and so we're told that all things work together for those who love God and who are called according to His purpose, including His judgement upon us ([Rom 8:28](#) , [1Pe 4:17](#)) that is likened unto pruning, or digging and dunging of the tree in scripture ([Joh 15:2](#) , [Luk 13:8](#)). These are all needful and necessary to ultimately see these gifts that are given, mature and bring forth fruit in due season from a new heart that is able to hold the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience ([Mat 13:1-17](#)).

Mat 13:1 The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.

Mat 13:2 And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

Mat 13:3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, **Behold, a sower went forth to sow;**

Mat 13:4 **And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:**

Mat 13:5 **Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:**

Mat 13:6 **And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.**

Mat 13:7 **And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:**

Mat 13:8 **But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an**

hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

Mat 13:9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Mat 13:10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

Mat 13:11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven [Eze 36:26 , 1Ti 3:9], but to them it is not given.

Mat 13:12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

Mat 13:13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

Mat 13:14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

Mat 13:15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Mat 13:16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

Mat 13:17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous *men* have desired to see *those things* which ye see, and have not seen *them*; and to hear *those things* which ye hear, and have not heard *them*.

God is laying a foundation through the life of His people, "**the cherubims**"(of verse 1), who are those lively stones (1Pe 2:5) that are being moved and assembled by our loving Father who is the author and finisher of our faith through Christ (Heb 12:2); and He is building the church on the Rock, Jesus Christ (Mat 16:18), who is working in us both to will and to do of our Father's good pleasure, which is to give us revelation and understanding of the Kingdom of God (Luk 12:32) within us (Luk 17:21) through the purifying process of judgement that enables us to hold "the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience"(Eph 2:10 , Php 1:6 , 1Ti 3:9).

Luk 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Luk 17:21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

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.

Php 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

1Ti 3:9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

our first verse tonight:

Psa 99:4 The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

The sanctification process that we are called unto ([Joh 17:17](#)) is what is needed to be able to hold the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. Sanctification, as we discussed last week, is a process of judgment on the flesh that the number 'three' reveals and scripture clearly shows over and over ([Isa 6:3](#) , [Rev 4:8](#) , [Jer 22:29](#)).

[Isa 6:3](#) And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy**, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of his glory.

[Rev 4:8](#) And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, **Holy, holy, holy**, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

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

The "king's strength" is Christ in us, the "hope of glory" ([Col 1:27](#)) who loves judgement and righteousness ([Psa 33:5](#) , [Psa 37:28](#) , [Pro 21:3](#)). God loves judgement because He knows that it will "establish equity" and "righteousness in Jacob".

[Psa 33:5](#) He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD. [*within*]

[Psa 37:28](#) For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. [*within* [Gal 3:16](#)]

[Pro 21:3](#) To do justice and judgment *is* more acceptable to the LORD than **sacrifice**. [*within* [Heb 9:23](#) , [Heb 13:15](#)]

[Psa 99:5](#) Exalt^{H7311} ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool^{H1916}
^{H7272}; **for he is holy**.

When the man of sin is on the throne of our hearts God cannot be exalted ([2Th 2:3](#)), however when we decrease He (Christ) increases in us ([Joh 3:30](#)). It is through judgement that the humbled and contrite heart is formed, or said another way, we decrease within the house of God as we learn to esteem others better and "**sit down in the lowest room**" ([Isa 66:2-3](#) , [Php 2:3](#) , [Luk 14:10-11](#) , [Luk 14:8](#) , [Rev 19:9](#)) as opposed to the first religious man that cannot see what true holiness is before God and can only boast in his many wonderful works ([Mat 7:22](#)), which boastful spirit only Christ can drive out of the temple if He is working with us in this age ([Luk 18:11-14](#) , [Joh 2:15](#)).

[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*.

[Isa 66:3](#) He that killeth an ox *is as if* he slew a man; he that **sacrificeth** a lamb, *as if* he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, *as if he offered* swine's blood; he that burneth incense, *as if* he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.

[Php 2:3](#) Let nothing *be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let

each esteem other better than themselves.

Php 2:4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Luk 14:10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.

Luk 14:11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Luk 14:8 When thou art bidden of any *man* to a wedding [called unto the marriage], sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him;

Rev 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Luk 18:10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

Luk 18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men *are*, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

Luk 18:12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

Luk 18:13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

Luk 18:14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Joh 2:15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;

Joh 2:16 And said unto them that sold doves, **Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.**

When that temple is cleansed, then we can exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool because now we are blessed to be enduring through the seven last plagues so that we can enter into this temple with humbled hearts that have been learning obedience from the things which we are suffering in our flesh. God's grace is sufficient for us to have a proper relationship with him in the spirit (Rev 15:8 , Heb 5:8 , 2Co 12:8-9).

Rev 15:8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

2Co 12:8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

2Co 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. **Most gladly** therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Exalt ^{H7311} rûm room [*we exalt God when we present our lives a living sacrifice to him*]

A primitive root; to be *high* actively to *rise* or *raise* (in various applications, literally or figuratively): - bring up, **exalt** (self), extol, give, go up, haughty, **heave** (up)[[Exo 29:28](#) , [Col 1:20-23](#) , [1Jn 4:17](#)], (be, lift up on, make on, set up on, too) high (-er, one), hold up, levy, lift (-er) up, (be) lofty, (X a-) loud, mount up, offer (up), + presumptuously, (be) promote (-ion), proud, set up, tall (-er), take (away, off, up), breed worms.

Exo 29:28 And it shall be Aaron's and his sons' by a statute for ever from the children of Israel: for it *is* an heave offering: and it shall be an heave offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifice of their peace offerings, *even* their heave offering unto the LORD.

Col 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.

Col 1:21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

Col 1:22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

Col 1:23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

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.

Footstool ^{H1916} ^{H7272} hădôm **Total KJV Occurrences: 6**

footstool, 6 [1Ch 28:2](#), [Psa 99:5](#), [Psa 110:1](#), [Psa 132:7](#), [Lam 2:1](#)

1Ch 28:2 Then David the king stood up upon his feet^{H7272}, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: *As for me*, I *had* in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool^{H1916} ^{H7272} of our God, and had made ready for the building: [*David not building the temple or Moses not entering into the promise land both tell us that only Christ can accomplish this and we must be abased in our flesh to see Christ's temple exalted* ([Mat 23:12](#)).]

[Psa 99:5](#) Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool^{H1916} ^{H7272}; *for* he *is* holy.

Psa 110:1 **A Psalm of David.** The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool^{H1916} ^{H7272}. [*think within-we become God's footstool when our enemies within are conquered through Christ who*

builds the spiritual house within that conquers our enemies]

Psa 132:7 We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool^{H1916 H7272}.

Lam 2:1 How hath the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, *and* cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel, and remembered not his footstool^{H1916 H7272} in the day of his anger! [[Isa 54:8](#) , [Mat 27:46](#) , [2Co 4:17](#)]

If we suffer with Christ today, we will be God's humbled footstool who will be used of Him to judge righteous judgement tomorrow ([2Ti 2:12](#)).

Rev 3:9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Rev 3:2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

Rev 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

1Pe 4:18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

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.

Psa 99:6 **Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**

God answered Moses and Aaron who were among the priests, and Samuel it says was among them who called upon his name.

Moses and Aaron are a type of Christ and the body of Christ, and we intervene for one another as we go boldly before the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need ([Heb 4:15-16](#)).

Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, *yet* without sin.

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.

Samuel's name here reminds us that there is a process that we must go through in order to be sanctified through Christ in this age. If we are blessed to go through this process of judgment in this age, heard of God (the meaning of 'Samuel'), we will have peace that passes all understanding through Christ ([Joh 17:17](#) , [Luk 13:32](#) , [Gal 6:16](#) , [Php 4:1-7](#)).

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

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.

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

Php 4:1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, *my* dearly beloved.

Php 4:2 I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.

Php 4:3 And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and *with* other my fellowlabourers, whose names *are* in the book of life.

Php 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: *and* again I say, Rejoice.

Php 4:5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord *is* at hand.

Php 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Php 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Samuel H8050 sh^emû'êl *shem-oo-ale* From the passive participle of **H8085** and **H410**; **heard of God**; *Shemuel*, the name of **three** Israelites: - Samuel, Shemuel.

Jer 22:29 O **earth, earth, earth**, hear the word of the LORD.

Isa 66:5 **Hear the word** of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake [**Mat 10:22**], said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

Luk 11:28 But he said, **Yea rather, blessed *are* they that hear the word of God, and keep it.**

Psa 99:7 He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance *that* he gave them.

Psa 99:8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

These verses remind us that we must have a working ongoing relationship with God keeping "his testimonies^{H5713}" and "ordinances^{H2706}" as His appointed witnesses today (**Rev 11:3**) that will result in him hearing us and abiding in us and cleansing us because we are being granted to keep and abide in his words (**Joh 14:23-26**, **Rev 1:3**, **Joh 15:7-8**). We know that we see through a glass darkly so this cloudy pillar when applied inwardly is our current earnest perspective (**Rom 8:19**) of what God is doing in our lives, still veiled with flesh (**1Co 13:12**).

testimonies: **H5713** 'êdâh *ay-daw*' Feminine of **H5707** in its technical sense; *testimony*: - testimony, **witness**. Compare **H5712**.

ordinances: **H2706** chôq *khoke* From **H2710**; an *enactment*; hence an *appointment* (of time, space, quantity, labor or usage): - **appointed**, bound, commandment, convenient, custom, decree (-d), due, law, measure, X necessary, ordinance (-nary), portion, **set time**, statute, task.

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, *If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

Joh 14:24 *He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.*

Joh 14:25 *These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.*

Joh 14:26 *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

Rev 1:3 Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time *is* at hand.

Joh 15:7 *If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

Joh 15:8 *Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*

Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation^{G603} o f the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.[[Psa 27:14](#)]

earnest expectation: **G603** apokaradokia *ap-ok-ar-ad-ok-ee'-ah* From a compound of **G575** and a compound of kara (the *head*) and **G1380** (in the sense of *watching*); **intense anticipation**: - earnest expectation.

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.

God will not abide with our sin and is mercifully seeking occasion against our flesh as He examines us by pricking our conscience and leading us unto repentance today ([Rom 2:4](#)) which is his goodness being revealed in us and how he makes the kingdom of God and our relationship with Christ brighter within as we go from glory to glory ([2Co 3:18](#)).

Rom 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

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.

[Psa 99:9](#) **Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God *is* holy.**

We are admonished many times in this Psalm to "worship at his holy hill; **for[because]** the LORD our God *is* holy.

When our conscience is cleansed and we see ourselves for what we are at the foot of Christ worshipping Him as the weak of the world to whom He has shown mercy to in this age, we gain a whole new perspective of how we are to worship "the LORD our God" who is holy. When we are sanctified, or the temple is cleansed through Christ, then we can be properly abased and able to "exalt the LORD" who is holy by worshipping in this temple that we are in spirit and truth ([Joh 4:23](#)).

[Joh 4:23](#) But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

The time is coming and now is for those who God is sanctifying in this age to worship Him from a conscience that is pure and able to read hear and keep the sayings of the prophecy ([Rev 1:3](#)).

[Rev 1:3](#) Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time *is* at hand.

Pilate's wife who is a type of the church in the wilderness "suffered many things this day in a dream because of him" and told Pilate "when he was set down on the judgment seat" to have nothing to do with that just man. In other words don't judge him he is innocent, and more than that her conscience has been pricked, not enough that she is ready to be "Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience" but enough that she has been convinced by this dream that he is innocent.

[Mat 27:19](#) When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

The judgment that Pilate and all of us are guilty of, regarding Christ, is what God planned that we would all be partakers of ([Act 4:26-27](#)) to show us all that there is none righteous and that our judgement, like Pilate's judgement who represents our old man, is not just and righteous judgement in the earth, earth, earth. It is only after we have been convicted that we are the man ([2Sa 12:7](#)) and start to judge our own desperately wicked hearts ([Jer 17:9](#)) by the sword that God does not allow to depart from our house ([2Sa 12:10](#)) that we can gain victory over the beast and start to be able to be "Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience", which is exalt[ing] and worship[ping] our holy, holy, holy LORD and God, as this last verse exclaims.

[Rev 4:8](#) And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.