

"Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy upon Zion"

Part III ([Psa 102:12-18](#))

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.

Psa 102:2 Hide not thy face from me in the day *when* I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day *when* I call answer me speedily.

Psa 102:3 For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.

Psa 102:4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.

Psa 102:5 By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.

Psa 102:6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.

Psa 102:7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.

Psa 102:8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; *and* they that are mad against me are sworn against me.

Psa 102:9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping,

Psa 102:10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

Psa 102:11 My days *are* like a shadow that inclineth; and I am withered like grass.

Psa 102:12 But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

Psa 102:13 Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

Psa 102:14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.

Psa 102:15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

Psa 102:16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

Psa 102:17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

Psa 102:18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

Psa 102:19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

Psa 102:20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

Psa 102:21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

Psa 102:22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

Psa 102:23 He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days.

Psa 102:24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years *are* throughout all generations.

Psa 102:25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens

are the work of thy hands.

Psa 102:26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

Psa 102:27 But thou *art* the same, and thy years shall have no end.

Psa 102:28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

"My days *are* like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass, but thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations": My days in this flesh which is like the grass [of verse eleven] is contrasted with the life of Christ that will "endure for ever" in our opening verse twelve.

Christ will endure for ever and all mankind (every generation) will come to see and be brought into remembrance of how God showed mercy unto Zion (God's elect) through Christ. It is God's seed that shall be established through the church ([2Co 2:14](#) , [Eph 3:10](#)) typified in the last verse of this Psalm (v 28) with these words "The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee"([Gal 3:16](#)).

[2Co 2:14](#) Now thanks *be* unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

[Eph 3:10](#) To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

[Gal 3:16](#) Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

We are of that generation who are being shown His mercy by being shown that the flesh must be put off as we are led/dragged "to lie down in green pastures"([Psa 23:1-3](#) , [Mat 10:22](#)).

[Psa 23:1](#) *A Psalm of David*. The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

[Psa 23:2](#) He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

[Psa 23:3](#) He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

[Mat 10:22](#) **And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.**

Tonight's verses describe the reverence that God is forming (*being formed*) within the lives of His people who are granted to have lives that are made to "lie down" and be led "beside the still waters" that restore our souls as he leads us in those paths for his name's sake. God must lead and bring our souls into alignment with His will where we will learn that we are comforted in green pastures as we endure (*while enduring through*) the persecutions that come with our walk ([1Jn 2:16-17](#) , [Php 2:13](#)). It is through judgement which is on the house of God that His love casts out fear in our flesh (*of what men may do to us* [Mat 10:28](#)) and replaces that with Godly fear that brings us unto perfection on

the third day through much the tribulation and suffering that teaches us to be obedient, to obey God rather than man ([Luk 13:32](#) , [Act 14:22](#) , [Heb 5:8](#) , [Act 5:29](#)).

[1Jn 2:16](#) For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

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

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

[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

[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.

[Act 14:22](#) Confirming the souls of the disciples, *and* exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

[Heb 5:8](#) Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

[Act 5:29](#) Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

Tonight, as we look again at the mercy of God revealed in how He hears the prayers of those who see themselves as destitute and in need of a saviour, we shall also be reminded of the great promise inherent in His mercy: "Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy upon Zion" of verse 13 ([Mar 2:17](#) , [Luk 15:7](#) , [Oba 1:2](#) , [Oba 1:8](#) , [Oba 1:15](#) , [Oba 1:17](#), [Oba 1:21](#))

[Mar 2:17](#) When Jesus heard *it*, he saith unto them, **They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**

[Luk 15:7](#) I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

[Oba 1:2](#) Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised. [Oba 1:8](#) Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD, even destroy the wise *men* out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau? [Oba 1:15](#) For the day of the LORD *is* near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head. [Oba 1:17](#) But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. [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 verse:

Psa 102:12 But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations.

The Lord and his purposes will "endure for ever",

endure^{H3427} [remain/dwell/abode]

for ever^{H5769} = olawm - see <http://www.iswasandwillbe.com/sovereignty20.php> from "After The Counsel of His Own Will",

and what he has done and is doing and will do will be remembered unto "all generations" because Christ is the beginning and the end, the "Alpha and Omega" whom God has blessed to reveal the Father (Mat 11:27 , Luk 10:22) and His all-in-all-purpose that is unfolding for all in Adam (Rev 22:13 , 1Co 15:28 , 1Co 8:6 , Eph 4:6 , Col 1:16-18 , Rom 11:36 , 1Co 15:22).

Mat 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and *he* to whomsoever the Son will reveal *him*.

Luk 10:22 All things are delivered to me of my Father^{G3962}: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father^{G3962}; and who the Father is, but the Son, and *he* to whom the Son will reveal *him*.

Rev 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

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 ^{G2316} may be **all in all**.

1Co 8:6 But to us *there is but* one God ^{G2316}, the Father ^{G3962}, of whom *are* all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom *are* all things, and we by him.

Eph 4:6 One God ^{G2316} and Father ^{G3962} **of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all**.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam **all** die, even so in Christ shall **all** be made alive.

Psa 102:13 Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

It is in that day that God arises, or when the day star arises in our hearts (Joh 14:20-21 , 2Pe 1:19), that we learn of his "mercy upon Zion" "the time to favour her" "the set time" that "is come" (Rev 22:20).

Joh 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

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:

Rev 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, **Surely I come quickly**. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

The "set time" spoken of in this verse, and the mercy upon Zion being discussed, also reminds us that many are called but few are chosen at this set time of our calling that has been determined from the foundation of the world, founded upon His mercy (**Mat 22:14** , **Rom 11:26** , **Rom 11:30-32**).

Mat 22:14 **For many are called, but few are chosen.**

Rom 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Rom 11:30 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:

Rom 11:31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.

Rom 11:32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

Psa 102:14 **For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.**

Psa 102:15 **So the heathen^{H1471} shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.**

We too take pleasure in the workmanship of His hands (**Php 2:13** , **Eph 2:10**), "her stones" being made acceptable (v 14) (**1Pe 2:5**) , and we make supplication for each other in these earthen vessels that make up God's temple (**1Co 6:19-20**), who are not forsaking the assembling of the brethren ("*and favour the dust thereof*" of v 14) that are the apple of his eye and our eye, the pearl of great price (**2Co 4:7** , **Rom 8:16-18** , **Mat 13:46** , **Mat 12:30**).

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.

All the kings of the earth within me and the heathen^{H1471} within me "fear the name of the LORD" and "thy glory" as stated in verse 15 of our study, and that means that with that spirit that bears witness that we are children of God (**Rom 8:16**), we are called to be subject unto one another as unto Christ, that is the fear of God being reflected in our actions and detailed in (**Eph 5:21-25**).

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

Rom 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

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.

Christ is our example of arming his mind to do whatever our Father asks of him, and it was never above what he was able to bear ([1Co 10:13](#) , [1Jn 4:17](#)). We are called to be subject unto Christ, as Christ was unto His Father, and to Christ in one another as these verses in Ephesian clearly state:

Eph 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Eph 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

Eph 5:24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

In other words, we can't say we fear God if we don't have reverence toward one another, just like we can't say we love God who we can't see if we don't love each other who we see, including our enemies ([1Jn 4:20-21](#) , [Mat 5:44](#)).

God's servants "take pleasure in her stones" meaning we rejoice in the Lord and again I say rejoice in the Lord and his body that he abides in as living stones ([1Pe 2:5-6](#) , [Job 5:23](#)). We "favour the dust thereof" by following each other as we follow Christ's example, and see the temple of God as the workmanship of His hands that reflects the decency and order in which God does all things ([1Co 11:1-7](#) , [1Co 14:40](#)).

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.

1Pe 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

Job 5:23 For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.

1Co 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also *am* of Christ.

1Co 11:2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered *them* to you.

1Co 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman *is* the man; and the head of Christ *is* God.

1Co 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

It is so easy to put "the heathen" of verse 15 off on someone else, but as we know these words are to be taken inwardly primarily and speak of our gentile or heathen/nations^{H1471} within that must be brought into subjection along with all "the kings of the earth" who will witness of that subjection or reverence and fear of God when we are obedient unto him.

Act 14:16 Who [speaking of God] in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

Rom 1:5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

Rev 2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

Rev 15:4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for *thou* only *art* holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

The nations within or "the heathen^{H1471} (the gentile part of us) shall fear the name of the LORD; and all the kings of the earth thy glory" is not speaking of "the spirit of bondage again to fear" in (Rom 8:13-15) that is paralyzed and not able to be led of the spirit of God, but rather speaks of a life in Christ that is going onto perfection despite our weaknesses in our flesh, by being given power over those spirits that initially had us in bondage until Christ came into our temple and cried out within us with a Godly fear (Heb 5:7) and bound the strong man of fear in our house (Heb 10:27 , Mar 3:27).

To deny this relationship of overcoming through Christ is the spirit of anti-Christ (2Jn 1:7-8). Christ is our example who cried out to his and our Father in order to overcome that spirit of bondage of fear in his flesh and not let that carnal spirit, which is in all flesh, bring him into the bondage of disobedience. He instead showed us that he ruled over it, which is what we are doing when "the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory". This can only be done with Christ in us, and produces what we read in (Heb 5:7).

Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

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 [Heb 5:7].

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Rom 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh [*we are not motivated by the fear of what men can do to us but rather fearful of God who we don't want to disobey under any circumstances* (Act 5:29 , Heb 5:7)], to live after the flesh.

Act 5:29 Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

Heb 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

Heb 10:27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. [*why fearful looking? Because judgement has not*

yet occurred or continued as it must for God's children and it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of God where we are judged by ([Heb 10:31](#) the living God, [Joh 6:54-55](#)). If we have a spirit that is dismissive of God, and not fearful of the consequence of evil actions or don't even care to know what evil is in God's mind, then that is the Lord doing that, and he is preserving us unto another day of judgement. This verse in Peter is really talking about the severity and goodness of God mentioned in Romans 11 that does preserve most to that day of judgment in the great white throne judgement, but we brethren are striving for the prize of the mark of the high calling in Him, and God willing are coming out of Babylon as were led by His spirit to do so [2Pe 2:9](#) , [Rom 11:22](#) , [Rom 8:14](#)].

[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**;

[Heb 5:8](#) Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

[Heb 5:9](#) And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

The greatest gift we can be given of our Father today in this life is to have his judgements in our earth so that we can learn righteousness ([Isa 26:9-10](#)) which is the same as saying "Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy upon Zion".

[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.

[Isa 26:10](#) Let favour be shewed to the wicked, *yet* will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD.

[Psa 102:16](#) When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

[Psa 102:17](#) He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

[Psa 102:18](#) This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

These last three verses of our study for this evening speak of the fruit that is going to manifest in the lives of those with whom God is working in this age ([Eph 2:10-11](#)). When the Lord builds Zion up within us, it is speaking of Christ increasing within our lives by giving us power to bring our thoughts into subjection unto our Lord ([2Co 10:5](#)) so we can worship our Father in spirit and truth ([Joh 3:30](#) , [1Co 3:6](#) , [Joh 4:23](#)). It is also speaking of going from glory to glory because it is his glory within us, the hope of glory, that is making it possible to experience His good pleasure that judges us in our earth and produces the righteousness of Christ, or the "fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints" ([2Co 3:18](#) , [Rom 2:4](#) , [Rev 19:8](#)).

[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.

[Eph 2:11](#) Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who

are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

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.

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?

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

He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer, not because God is a respecter of persons ([Act 10:34-35](#)), but rather because he has created the conditions within us, and humbled us under his mighty hand in due time, in the appointed time, that set time, and witnesses to the world (within and without) that it is his judgement upon our first man Adam that makes us see how destitute we are and in need of His mercy ([Luk 18:13](#)).

Act 10:34 Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

Act 10:35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

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.

When it says "this shall be written for the generation to come" it is speaking of the workmanship of his hands today (the church Christ's body [Col 1:24](#)) that is witnessing to all the world of his mercy and love toward us ([1Jn 3:1](#) , [Mal 3:18](#) , [Php 1:10](#)). We will praise the Lord because we are blessed to know that we have been given the faith and the power to overcome and believe that his mercy will truly endure to all generations, meaning all men will be saved and that will happen because "Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy upon Zion". That is something to give great thanks and praise to God for ([1Co 15:22](#)).

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:

1Jn 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Mal 3:18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

Php 1:10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Next week, Lord willing, we will look at the hope-filled conclusion of our study entitled "Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy upon Zion" and how those remaining ten verses apply to His people today, who are the small remnant who are being prepared today to "come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S"

Psa 102:19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

Psa 102:20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

Psa 102:21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

Psa 102:22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

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