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well brethren welcome to another wins the knife Bible study and we are in book one and we're going to cover this evening God willing Psalms 31 32 and 33 let's open with a word of Prayer and get straight into tonight's study our Heavenly Father we pause again we want to acknowledge all ways do the Lord and just thank you for this wonderful privilege that we have to study text which is thousands of years old and which absolutely informs us in terms of how we need to navigate ourselves today it gives us wisdom it's a light it's a lamp unto our feet and we just thank you so much father that we have access to it that you are kind to us father your

loving-kindness never ceases we praise you we praise you for Jesus Christ and we ask now that you'll bless our study as you always do Lord and bless our understanding we ask this in Jesus holy and mighty name Amen as I mentioned we are in Psalm 31 now so let's go straight into the song and let me just make sure that we are properly set up here so I'm 31 but before we go actually right into the psalm what I'd like to do is just give a bit of context for why these Psalms are so important and let's just get a bit of context from some prophecy from Jesus Christ here in Revelation chapter 2 and verse 10 Christ in speaking to Smyrna says to this church fear none of those things which you will suffer behold the devil shall cast some of you into prison that you may be tried and you shall have tribulation 10 days be thou faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life and when we studied the book of Revelation together and it's in the archive if you missed it when we studied the book of Revelation together in particular in particular these letters we concluded that these letters were not to be ignored just because we you know we think we're Philadelphia so we'll just focus on that letter that in fact the way Christ introduces himself in each of the letters you need to put all of those introductions together to get the vision that John saw in Revelation chapter one and so that's the first clue that all of these letters belong together the second is the reward that he points out to the Saints he that overcomes and he promises specific rewards but those rewards are not unique to that particular church congregation that each reward that he promises to each

congregation is actually the reward for all the saints and is when we put all of the promises to the overcomer together that we get the full picture of what is promised to the overcomers and the third clue that these letters are to be read by everybody and by every congregation and and to listen carefully to the contents of every each one of the seven letters from Christ is that in every letter he concludes the letter by saying he that has an ear and I hope that's you and I hope that's me that we are blessed for reading the book of Revelation and were blessed for hearing this book and for keeping those things that are written therein and so he says he that has an ear anybody who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches so whatever Christ says through the spirit to the churches if we have an ear if we are hunger and thirsting it for God's righteousness we are going to listen very carefully to what he says to each of the churches and so this warning or encouragement that be faithful unto death even though the devil is going to cast some of you into prison and last week we talked about Tommy Robinson and his unfortunate fate for being a patriot for being one person who stood up against the industrial rape of young daughters of Britain on a massive scale certainly tens of thousands perhaps hundreds of thousands over decades and he was the one person that stood up and cast a light on this and for that he must be severely punished while actually you know one of these rapists actually is walking free now in Pakistan and and many of them are dealt with with lightly and with privileges but but this patriot must be

punished and I said at the time let's not fool ourselves to thinking that this fate is unique to Tommie Robinson that Tommy Robinson is really a symbol of the average working-class Christian in Britain and it's very clear now that there's no room for the average working-class Christian in Britain and so weird you were just learning from this trial how this machinery works and this machinery make no mistake it's going to be the fine-tuned and it's going to be turned on Christians price goes on in Revelation six just to reveal this is the apocalypsis this gives us insight into what's coming we can see the future when everyone else is walking in the dark and in revelation 6 and verse 9 when he had opened the fifth seal John writes that he saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain why were they slain for the word of God that there is a problem with the word of God and again that's why I say Tommy Robinson is symbolic although he's not a you know he's not fully aware of what the Bible teaches he has biblical principles and and what is filthy is filthy and what is wrong is wrong and and young people should not be abused and he has the backbone to stand up with Christian principles those of us who actually do understand the Word of God and stand by it and preach it Christ is making it clear to us that as well as the devil takes over and in the world unravels that Saints will be slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held which is the testimony of Jesus Christ this this testimony is going to increasingly become a problem as the devil's children seek to have their way what is standing in their way is Jesus Christ and his

words and those of us who are going to stand up for Jesus Christ and dan for his word and testify of his truth and and his reality as God who came in the flesh it's going to be a problem because it's in the way of the powerful and they were slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held and they cried with a loud voice these are the ones that were slain these are the martyrs they cried with a loud voice saying how long O Lord holy and true so they have no question about God's holiness and his truthfulness and and the value of their martyrdom they're just wondering how much longer how long before you judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth and listen see the answer white robes were given unto every one of them and it was said unto them that they should rest yet for a little season how much longer until their fellow-servants also and their brethren that they that they that should be killed as they were should be fulfilled so there's a number of martyrs that is required between the sacrifice of these Saints the martyrdom of these Saints and the return of our Lord Jesus Christ there's a number and until that number is fulfilled these Saints that have already been martyred have to wait so you know the immediate future is difficult and this is the blessing of having the book of Revelation so that we can know beforehand in his last instruction to his disciples in John 15 we see Christ makes it clear if the world hates you you know that it hated me before it hated you so this is the issue the world and by that we mean those in power those running the world and then this last week as well we actually I spoke about Tommy Robinson

two weeks ago maybe I mentioned him last week but last week I talked about Jeffrey Epstein and this scandal and how he has been taken down and not just taken down for pedophilia but he's been taken down for

Spira see to prostitute to to I'm forgetting the acting the actual language but it basically means that he was prostituting young people so he wasn't just having them for himself he was farming them out and so there's a whole network and so when we talk about this um

prostitution I'm forgetting the exact charge but when we talk about that it's a whole network of powerful people that are involved and and if this guy starts singing like a canary we're gonna get exposure to just how wicked and evil the world is those in power are and as I mentioned what's standing in their way is Jesus Christ and those who stand for Jesus Christ and so there's all the masses who are just walking in the dark and going and going along with these changes but those of us who are reading the scriptures who understand that we do not walk in the way of evil men and we will not conspire with them we will stand against them with the Word of God they're going to hate us and the reason they hate us is because Satan hates Jesus Christ and they are the children of Satan and so they will hate the children of the father and the brothers of Christ in John 16 as he continues this instruction Christ says they shall put you out of the assemblies yes the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he does God service so what we're seeing in Revelation 6:9 where the martyrs are being put to death and they have to wait until more martyrs

are put to death those who are putting the martyrs to death are fooling themselves into believing they're doing the right thing and that though the word of the Bible is hate speech and then those who stand for the Bible are bigots and horrible and must be put down and he says and these things they will do unto you why will they do these things to us because they have not known the father nor me so this understanding of who God is and that God is a family and that God comprises now of the Supreme God the Father and His Son the Lord Jesus Christ and because they do not know this and they do and this in embedded in this is they do not understand the value of family and so they are there doing everything they can to destroy family so that they can have their way with mankind and exert their will upon mankind and and because they don't understand this those who stand up for God's family vision and in Revelation they're going to hate us and he makes this abundantly clear in verse 33 he says listen these things I have spoken these difficult things and many Christians you know not everybody has the strength to understand all of this but we have to strengthen each other because Christ gives us these words and he says pay attention to this don't turn away watch pay attention digest and I'm telling you this beforehand so you're not offended and so here in verse 33 he says these difficult things I've shared with you these things I've spoken unto you why that in me you might have peace so so when we understand just how wicked the world is wewe don't have friends in the world and we're not looking for partnership with the world we understand that our peace is in Christ and and we

develop this intimate relationship with Christ where when the world is just falling apart and people are having anxiety attacks and their heart is failing them we have peace these things these difficult things I've spoken unto you that you might have peace in the world

world you shall have tribulation this is guaranteed because the world is running on the agenda of the devil in the world you shall have tribulation but be of good cheer don't allow that to discourage you in fact the opposite be encouraged be of good cheer I have overcome the world and so he's going to enable us we're gonna follow his path and he's going to enable us to overcome the world the last scripture in terms of context I want to cover is this very well-known scripture in Matthew 24 verse 12 where he says and because iniquity shall abound iniquity lawlessness he says it is going to abound and because of that the love of many shall wax cold so we have to be very careful that we don't fall into this category but I want to concentrate on the first phrase that iniquity is going to end the word about it means it exponentially multiply it is going to accelerate it is going to be out of control and it was interesting this week in the news which I believe it was in New York a Harlem perhaps where police officers were trying to actually was two different incidents police officers were trying to make an arrest and they were just completely disrespected water thrown all over them buckets thrown at them and they they just have the order to stand down they can't do anything there's no respect for the law anybody who's anywhere I say over 25

years old I think this is fascinating to us because we certainly you know me I'm well over 50 we never saw you respected law and order and so now we see in the Western nations just no respect for the law no respect at all not even for the at the highest levels of the politicians no respect for law and this lack of respect is breakdown of society it's going to multiply and that's the context for why we need to study the Psalms and why we need to treasure the insight of the relationship that we see between the psalmist and God that Christ says in me you shall have peace in the world you'll have tribulation but in me you'll have peace and so we have to understand how to have this peace in the Lord and let's now go to Psalms R 31 to 33 I just want to read Psalm 31 first to the chief musician a psalm of David so most of these Psalms in book 1 are written by David and most of them are lamentations and and as Christ said in the world you're going to lament it you're going to have tribulation but in me you'll have peace and so this is why these lamentations are going to be important for us so this psalm is a lamentation he says notice this as well very interesting again we have to understand this relationship and when Christ says in me you'll have peace notice the focus that David has on the Lord he is going to focus on his trial he is going to bring his complaint to God but before he does that just notice how how intensely focused he is on the Lord and this is where his peace comes from he says in you O Lord do I put my trust so his world is falling apart but he puts his trust in the Lord let me never be ashamed so you know to be ashamed in in

the Middle East it is to have your life completely destroyed completely ruined you're an outcast you you you're worthless you mean nothing so this is where he's heading and he's pleading with the Lord don't allow this to happen to me because I put my trust in you deliver me in your righteousness so this is how David wants to be delivered not in his righteousness in the Lord's righteousness deliver me in your righteousness bow down your ear to me deliver me speedily bu my strong rock so I want you to be that that refuge from me that's solid for a house of defense to save me again just the focus that he had before he brings his complaint look at the focus that he has on God for you are my rock and my fortress therefore for your name's sake lead me and guide me there's a real understanding that David has here about the central role of God in his life as part of the Covenant community that God is in covenant with his community and because of that he's able to have this confidence this rock-solid confidence in God but he's also able to appeal to God through the Covenant so he says therefore for your name's sake you're the God of Israel and I'm part of Israel I'm the king of Israel for your name's sake lead me guide me pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me and and again just in terms of how the machinery works

Tommy Robinson is a very great example to study his life to study the machinery that has that is working against him to absolutely destroy him I think as well Donald Trump president Donald Trump to see how the machinery is working against him to observe this because these people

are not the targets they're just in the way as we will be in the way and and the Bible is the target and those who follow the Bible are the target and these men are in the way because they are influenced by the Bible there's their their value system in terms of right and wrong and they're not perfect people of course but in terms of what they're trying to do for their nation and how they're standing up for their nation's this this is a coming from Christian influence whether they realize it or recognize it or not so we need to know how the machinery works because it is going to turn on Christians so he says pull me out of the net that they have laid privily or privately for me so this conspiracy people think that all conspiracy theory that we can we can dismiss anything simply by labeling labeling it a conspiracy theory but you know there's conspiracy theory and there's conspiracy fact and the fact is that there are very evil people in this world very very evil people and you only need to study this whole Jeffrey Epstein takedown and and the people involved in that to study this Muslim rape gangs in the UK and how they've been mollycoddled and shielded and protected to understand that when you turn on the most vulnerable in society you only need to study this whole infanticide bill and to focus on abortion and late term abortion and infanticide to see just how wicked these people in power are and and and yeah they are conspiring to take down Western society and to root out the iudeo-christian influence on this society so that they can have their communist ways so pull me out of the net that they have privately laid

for me for you are my strength and this is wonderful David is not under any illusion that he has any strength you God are my strength into your hand I commit my spirit you have you have redeemed me O Lord God of truth so all of this we see his his total focus on the God of Israel and the power of the God of Israel and his trust in the God of Israel then he says I have hated them that regard lying vanities but I trust in the Lord I will be glad and rejoice in your mercy for you have considered my trouble you have known my soul in adversities and have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy II you have set my feet in a large room and so we have to understand this that every Christian every faithful Christian be faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life so it doesn't matter we walk by faith not by sight it doesn't matter what happens in the immediate future well it's what happens eternally what happens in the long-term and every Christian we will be in the kingdom of God and he says in my kingdom there are many offices we will we were placed in large rooms and so we just have to hold onto this and have this peace in Christ you have set my feet in a large room have mercy upon me O Lord for I am in trouble so now now really he begins his complaint so up until now right up until verse eight so eight verses this absolute confidence and trust in God and this recognition of the relationship that he has with God being part of the covenant community and praying to a god of covenant and after setting all of that as context now he brings his complaint to God and he says have mercy upon me O Lord for I am in trouble and then again please pray for

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Robinson for him to survive they basically sentence him to death this is real mischief and they've transferred him to prison that is full of jihadis so either he's exposed to the jihadis who want him dead and so severely disabled probably dead or he has to spend his entire two-and-a-half months in solitary confinement which has its own tribulations and and psychological problems and all of this because he's standing up for young vulnerable girls in who have been traumatized lives ruined in to the tune of tens of thousands perhaps him to the hundred thousands all across his nation and nobody has the backbone to stand up for the for the fatherless what a shame Britain is full of cowards Canada is full of cowards America's full of cowards the Western nations are full of cowards but a Christian cannot be a coward because a Christian stands on the Word of God have mercy upon me O Lord for I am in trouble my eye is consumed with grief yes my soul and my belly for my life is spent with grief and my years with sighing is in deep trouble and David is one of the most blessed men in the Bible and yet we get this insight into his life and it's full of suffering and he's in deep grief my ear is worth sighing my strength fails and now he says because of my iniquity and my bones are consumed so he's looking at the situation he's in and he's doing some self analysis I'm in self-inspection here and he says his strength fails because of his iniquity and my bones are concerned I was a reproach among all my enemies and so just notice how focused he is he he's not under any illusion first his whole

focus is on God and how wonderful and trustworthy God is but in bringing his complaint to God he's very aware of the situation that he's in and it's not narcissism he's narcissistic even though he has this focused on himself he's just being very realistic and bringing his situation to God it's not like when you read the book of Job and the introductory chapters in my Bible I just circled a letter hi and I said our job has IED Aziz it's just iiiiii and basically it's just how wonderful and righteous I am that's not what David is doing here you even just saw where it just says I don't you know I mean I mean my strength fails because of my iniquity and my bones are consumed I was a reproach among all my enemies he's just laying out to God the facts of his situation he's part of the community but God does regard the individual our lives are worth more than sparrows and so we can bring our complaints in our situation and factually before God I was a reproach among all my enemies but especially among my neighbors and again I told me Robinson is a great example for us because he's the canary in the coal mine and so absolutely his enemies hate him and he's a reproach to them but even among his neighbors that his nation is so demoralized as is ours that we just don't care about our own daughters being destroyed that what we care about is political correctness and what we care about is just making sure our enemies are looked after who cares what happens to our daughters and so he says I was a reproach among all my enemies but especially among my own neighbors and a fear to my acquaintances so nobody wants anything to do with him they that did see me without fled from me and they

make no mistake this is what will happen to Christians this is the devil's agenda to ostracize into alienate and so if you stand for Christ you're a bigot and you you you're you're just a racist and you're all are gonna throw every label at you and you're not going to have the chance to give the counter-narrative it you know I think the word and now in the vocabulary you will be Alex Jones you'll be Alex Jones you'll be non person so you're taking off all platforms and they say well it's whatever smears they want to say about you and everybody just knows you everybody said oh yeah you're the guy that whatever and they think they know you and whatever they're throwing out is completely false but you have no opportunity to say that's not true here's here's the actual truth of the matter zero and so even your acquaintances will want nothing to do with you they that did see me without fled from me

I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind and I hope again you won't forget Tommy Robinson the canary in the coal mine let's let's be praying for him let's be thoughtful of him if you can't support him financially at all I think that's a worthwhile cause to support again a man who's standing up for the young girls that are being fed have been victimized not only by the Muslims but by the those politicians in great power I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind I am like a broken vessel for I have heard the slander of many oh yeah they'll slander you fear was on every side while they took counsel together against me they devised to take away my life and again just study how the machine works and everybody hates Donald Trump he's such an awful human being

he's the worst human being that ever walked the planet he is Satan incarnate and oh well not all his life you know first everybody loved him and he was the media darling but until he decided to run for office and then when he actually won suddenly he turned into Satan and everybody hates him with a kind of irrationality and if you dare say oh well I like Donald Trump in fact I was just uh within a group the other day and he started bashing Trump and I said you know I think he's good for Israel I was actually a Jew that was talking and then suddenly they started to turn around but I'll just say I think he's good for them for his nation he might not be good for Canada I think he is but but he's responsible for his nation as we just need again study how the machine works because that's the Machine we're gonna be up against while they took counsel together against me they devised to take away in my life they do not care about your life they do not care about human life they only care about their lust for power he says now he shifts but I trusted in you O Lord so he he lays out his complaint in detail and then he pivots back to where he started that God is trustworthy so this is the situation but I've trusted in you O Lord I said you are my God my times are in your hand deliver me from the hand of my enemy so my I'm in my enemy's hand right now however my fate my times are in your hand and I'm gonna have peace in you my times are in your hand deliver me from the hand of my enemies and from them that persecute me make your face to shine upon your servant so again he puts his is he pivots after looking at the situation where there is very much a focus on me

and my and I and my situation and I'm gonna lay this out in detail to the Lord now I'm shifting back to the Lord and my focus is on him because my deliverance is in him make your face to shine upon your servant save me for your Mercy's sake let me not be ashamed o Lord for I have called upon you let the wicked be ashamed and let them be silent in the grave let the lying lips be put to silence they they are lying lips they don't care they will just tell bald-faced lies and and say it with a straight face and say it over and over and they'll be outrageous lies and people will believe them and David yeah he has no ability to say otherwise let the line lips be put to silence which speak Grievous things proudly and contemptuously and this is a real clue that the devil is a being of pride and when people are following the devil they act in pride and so he says they speak Grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous this is thousands of years old but the devil is also thousands of years old and he's the same nasty being and so he works the same way so we don't we don't need to be ignorant of his devices we can be very aware of how he works and how he works through human beings they will say Grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous oh how great is your goodness which you have laid up for them that fear you which you have wrought for them that trust in you before the sons of men and he absolutely will will provide his salvation for all to see it'll be right before their faces you shall hide them in the secret of your presence again from the pride of men you shall keep them secretly in a pavilion

from the strife of tongues and this pride we need to be very very aware that this the devil is a being of Pride and all those that he influences we can see them by their fruit and they will act in Pride and bear the fruit of pride in Ezekiel we see the sin of Sodom and of course you know we were with Sodom or sodomite sodomy we know we were very involved with homosexuality but look at the insight that Ezekiel gives us in verse 49 of chapter 16 he says behold this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom what was her iniquity God says it was pride fullness of bread and abundance of idleness was in her and her daughters neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy so they don't care about the poor they'll talk about the poor but they don't care about the poor and they'll talk about a living wage for everybody they don't care they don't they care about themselves and their real sin is pride and it should be no surprise to us that now we have a whole month the whole Pride Month and that their parades are called pride parades because this is the root of the spirit that animates them here in Genesis 19 when we're speaking of Sodom and a lot of people think you know to be gay is to be effeminate gays are not necessarily effeminate they can be very very powerful and this is what we don't understand in fact they are the most powerful people on the planet and they exert their force and here in Genesis 19 in Sodom

he says verse nine and they said stand back as speakings a lot and they said again this one fellow came in to sojourn and he will need to be a judge now we will deal worse with you than with them you see the power that they exert the

force that they have the attitude of pride that they have and they press sore upon the man even lot and came near to break the door again don't fool yourself to think that gay people are effeminate and soft and weak they are very powerful and they act behind closed doors and you don't know what's going on but this is what's happening and we're and we see these cracks you know the takedown of Jeffrey Epstein is a crack that we kind of just see for a moment what's what's really going on it's like a glitch in the matrix and you can kind of see what what's really going on here but then everybody goes back to sleep they go shopping again they put on the entertainment and they just go back into into a daze and when we see now just in terms of the the latest news this week on Summit Dodd news it's good sight to to just stay informed on Summit news we see this article here so this is interesting this journalist who went to she's from Somalia and she went back to Somalia to prove that Somalia is just a wonderful place and unfortunately within a week she was slaughtered so that's quite unfortunate but this article here and I dare not read it but this trans activist is organizing a topless swimming session for girls as young as 12 and parents are not allowed to be present and this is the same trans activists that in BC went to have a bikini wax this is a man whose identifies as a woman I went to have a bikini wax and the women there the the women they just wouldn't they wouldn't do this they don't want they don't want anything to do with having to handle men's private parts and he is now launching a lawsuit against them and claiming his human rights have been

abused because they do not have the right to refuse gender affirming services and so this is this is where we are and this is this is where Christ said look they they don't they're not gonna hate you or they don't hate you that they've hated me before they hated you and we need to be aware of what we're facing and and the power and the pride that these people have and they are slowly

I shouldn't say slowly anymore it has been slowly it has been slowly over various decades it's accelerating now they are certainly taking over various Western nations they said the totalitarian system is already in the East it's now leaking into the West back to Psalm 31 he says blessed be the Lord for he has shown me his marvelous kindness in a strong City so we are going to be in a strong City but we need the power of the Lord for I said in my haste I am cut off before your eyes and this is this discouragement that we can have an experience when we are under this type of persecution but again what we can learn from the Psalms from David here and he's even telling us plainly he said in haste that he's cut off but he's learned to just focus on the Lord and the Lord is faithful to his covenant nevertheless you heard the voice of my supplications when I cried unto you and then he says o love of the Lord it's a plea like he's the experience that he's had the conclusion he comes to all of the Lord's all you his Saints for the Lord preserves the faithful God is faithful he's outlined to us his expectations of us and he will preserve us this is this is the message over and over from Christ it's the message throughout the book of Revelation which

concludes the whole story of man and here this is the message in the Psalms that the Lord is faithful and he preserves the faithful and plentifully rewards the proud doer so those who've and this is that we opened with Psalms that there's two paths there's the path of the Torah and the path of the wicked and the path of the wicked is full of Pride and God will plentifully reward the proud doer

so we have to walk by faith and not by sight be of good courage and he shall strengthen your heart all you that hope in the Lord these are great words of encouragement for a world that is spinning out of control a world that is tipping towards lawlessness a world that has absolutely no regard for Jesus Christ

we should have predicted and I think some of us did predict where all of this is going when they were pushing all we just want equal rights equal rights no you don't want equal rights you're using that as a ploy to shift the balance of power and once you have the balance of power what you want is debauchery what you want is to completely wipe out any trace of Christ in society so that you and the devil can have your way that's what you want and we should have predicted pedophilia will become mainstream

bestiality will become mainstream infanticide will become mainstream we should have been able to predict all of this all the way just while they're saying we just was just love we just want equal rights and now we're beginning to see what they really want we're beginning to see what the agenda really is but it's too late it's too late psalm 32 a psalm of david Maskell

and i think that is the type of instrument that this song would be played on now this is a psalm of thanksgiving and he begins it blessed is he it's like he said in the previous Psalm that his strength is destroyed because of his iniquity and and he's very open with God about his his sinfulness and then he begins this psalm blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven whose sin is covered blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputes not iniquity so it's transgression it's sin and iniquity that all of this can be forgiven and in whose spirit there is no guile and this is what David has learned that he's just real with God and he's open with God and transparent with God even though he's not a perfect man or he was not a perfect man he had no guile and he just he repented of his sin and was very transparent with God and God forgave him and he's seeing like wow this is amazing that and blessed is an understatement it's hard for us to fully grasp what this means but let's just say eternally happy eternally happy beyond belief is the man unto whom the Lord imputes not iniquity and a new spirit there is no guile now look what Paul does with this statement of David so David says this is amazing that the man whose transgression is forgiven whose sin is covered and whom the Lord does not impute iniquity he's incredibly blessed Paul takes this as an argument in Romans 4 and I just want to cut into the argument here he says what shall we say then that Abraham our Father as pertaining to the flesh hath found for if Abraham were justified by works he has we're of to glory but not before God for what says the scripture and now he

quotes Genesis 15 the Torah what says the scripture abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness now to him that works is the reward not reckoned of grace but of debt that is to say you know when you work you the employer owes you your salary so to him that works the reward is not reckoned of grace but of debt but to him that works not but believes on him that justifies the ungodly his faith is counted for righteousness so it's there there's no works involved here in terms of this blessedness it was by faith that Abraham was blessed and then listen now he quotes psalm 32 even as david also describes blessedness the blessedness of the man unto whom god imputeth what works so this is some additional insight that we can get now from psalm 32 that David is saying that I was blessed not because of my works but because of my faith and and Paul now grabs that scripture combines it with Genesis 14 applying it to Abraham to make the argument that this salvation comes by faith and therefore it's open to the Gentiles by faith and not by works and so he goes on to say so he now he quotes the psalm saying blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven and whose sins are covered quote psalm 32 blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin and then he goes on to finish his argument to say comes this blessedness then upon the circumcision only or upon the uncircumcision also for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness how was it then reckoned when he was in circumcision or in uncircumcision not in circumcision but in uncircumcision so this is before

Abraham was circumcised he was blessed by God because of his belief circumcision came after as a sign of the Covenant so that's interesting how Paul took what David said about the blessedness of the man to whom the Lord imputes not transgression sin or iniquity combines that with the blessedness of Abraham through faith to conclude his argument that the uncircumcision are blessed not by works but by their belief in God so very interesting usage of the psalm of the scriptures and I think it just indicates to us how we need to be able to reason from the Scriptures psalm 32 continuing when I kept silence my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long and the implication here is that he didn't own up to his sin right away and I think we are all familiar with the situation with Beth

Eva and her husband Uriah and what David did and how he hid all of that and he says you know he suffered and and we all suffer if we are not transparent with God that there's this neurological pressure that we're carrying around with us and anxiety and guilt and all of that and it's not good for the system we need to be clean with God transparent when I kept silence my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long and so basically it was having an impact on his body for a day and night your hand was heavy upon me and God will do that to drive us to repentance and put us in situation so David looking back could feel that God's hand was was heavy upon him my moisture is turned into the drought of summer Cielo and socially maybe stop and consider this and then now look at the change of events I acknowledged my sin unto you finally so

God's hand was upon him things were happening the child died finally he acknowledges his sin I acknowledged my sin unto you and my iniquity have I not hid I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord and you forgave the iniquity of my sin Selah

Selah again another pause for everyone to consider now look in this confrontation that Nathan had with with David David said unto Nathan so after he gave him the proverb and he acknowledged you are that man and David said unto Nathan I have sinned against the Lord he just came clean so you know he just it just took Nathan to give him the lens to see himself and he said I have sinned against the Lord and Nathan said unto David the Lord has put away your sin you shall not die blessed is the man whose iniquity is forgiven that God did not impute sin to David he accepted repentance and the death sentence was removed from him and it was immediate as I guess soon as David came clean Nathan was able to say the Lord has put away your sin you shall not die compare and contrast to Israel's previous king Israel's first king Saul here infra same you'll first 24 Saul said unto Samuel I have sinned so it's the same thing David said unto Nathan I've sinned Saul says unto Samuel I've sinned for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words and even says why because I've feared the people and obeyed their voice now therefore I pray you pardon my sin and turn again with me that I may worship the Lord just sounds so wonderful and vet Saul was not treated like David so there must be a difference in Saul's repentance and David's repentance and Samuel said unto Saul I

will not return with you for you have rejected the word of the Lord and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel so when we read that passage in context it's clear that Saul wasn't really concerned about his relationship with God he was concerned about his image in front of the people and how horrible it will look if his sin is exposed and the people lose confidence in him as a leader so if Samuel as the priest can come out with him and pray with him and just show the people that everything was good everything's fine that was his objective not being right with God and so God rejected him so we have to be very very careful that we don't play at repentance that when dealing with our Lord we are transparent and we're like children and we are flawed but we realized there's forgiveness in Christ back to psalm 32 for this shall every one that is godly pray unto you in a time when you may be found so everyone that is godly is going to pray for this forgiveness surely in the floods of Great Waters they shall not come near unto him you are my hiding place you shall preserve me from trouble you shall surround me with songs of deliverance Selah I will instruct you and teach you in the way it seems like the voice changes here and now this is God responding I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you shall go again harkening back to Psalm 1 I will guide you with my I be you not as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding whose mouths must be held in a with bit and bridle lest they come near unto you many sorrows shall be to the wicked but he that trusts in the Lord mercy shall surround him about her can pass him

about so we have to be those who just trust in the Lord and look for this mercy be glad in the Lord and rejoice you righteous and shout for joy all you that are upright in heart rejoice to see the the joy here the congregational joy in the forgiveness of God that once we understand just how blessed we are that God will remove this sin and and not impute this sin to us that we believe him and trust him and have this open relationship with him he says rejoice you righteous and shout for joy all you that are upright and hearts shout for joy rejoice in the Lord o you righteous for praise is comely or appropriate for the upright so this now is actually the psalm 32 is now leading into Psalm 33 so psalm 32 ends with be glad in the Lord and rejoice you righteous and shout for joy all you that are upright in heart Psalm 33 picks up from that forgiveness and that joy in the forgiveness and begins with rejoice in the Lord o you righteous for praise is comely are appropriate for the upright and so now this is a psalm of praise praise the Lord with heart sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings sing unto him a new song play skillfully with a loud noise so you know we do make a joyful noise unto the Lord of course but notice that there's it's not just random is it play skillfully develop your talents identify those people who have the talents and and bring your best before this king this god of glory this move God of mercy and play skillfully with a loud noise or a loud sound for the word of the Lord is right and all his works are done in truth and we recognize this the wicked don't understand this they don't understand

how powerful the Word of God is but we do and we know he's a God of truth and his word is right and all his works are done in truth so who saw the false God's work in hypocrisy the false God's work in lying the false gods can be identified because they are they have the attributes in the characteristics of the devil but the God of the Bible is a God of truth and his works are done in truth he loves righteousness and judgment the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord and you know God pushed back the evil in Genesis 1 after the fall of the devil and chaos and darkness was everywhere and God pushed all of that back and brought order and he brought light and he brought goodness everything was good and then Adam reintroduced darkness and evil and wickedness back into the world and it spread all over the world and then God had to stop it short with Noah with the flood and then start over again and then Noah's sons again introduced this wickedness of the devil back into the world and it's been spreading ever since and it's all over the world but God still provides his goodness your son still signs there's still wonderful moments and that's by God's mercy but Satan is evil is spreading and spreading until God finally puts a final stop to it and the future is coming where there will only be the beauty and the righteousness of God that is coming and that there will be a permanent state the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord look at this the word of the Lord is powerful he says so he says back up here the word of the Lord is right and then again we go back to Psalm 1 and then here he says by the word of the Lord where the heavens made God spoke

the heavens into existence that's how powerful the word of the Lord is and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth so the whole universe and we talked about how massive it is 93 billion light years in diameter and that's just the observable universe we have no idea how big the entire universe is because we just the light doesn't travel fast enough to reach us to be able to measure it but all of that was created by his word by the breath of his mouth he gathered the waters of the sea together as a heap so he did that originally in Genesis 1 did it again after the flood of Noah and and water his powerful water is very destructive when it's chaotic well he brought all of that into order and gathered the sea as a heap he lays up the depth in storehouses let all the earth fear the Lord let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him this is the right state of affairs for he spoke and it was done so this is amazing this is the word the Torah that we are following the God who speaks matter into existence that's the power of his word and this is the word that he then speaks to us so if we follow this word we can be in conformity with the whole universe the whole universe exists by God's Word it's only when men rebelled against God's Word that they are alienated from the creation and alienated from God so this God this this word that he's speaks creation into existence this is the Torah this is the same author of the Torah and this is the word we follow and this is the word we stand up for for he spoken it was done he commanded and it stood fast just his words the Lord brings the counsel of the heathen to nothing they have their plans and some

of them have plans for like a hundred years hundreds of years from now generations from now that the things that we're seeing playing out in our society today are plans that were concocted a hundred years ago and and these people believed wholeheartedly in these plans and they're carrying them out and the scripture tells us the Lord will bring the plans of the heathen to nothing they just love power there they're just drooling with with the concept of of controlling the whole world and controlling every movement of every human being they're just loving this and you'll see this with with shirt with Sharia law where it governs every aspect you can't even breathe and the Sharia doesn't have something to say about that government every aspect of life of living of a human being everything is governed by by someone else and this is what the left wants this is what the Communists want and now we have this digital technology where everything we do is tracked every decision we make can be recorded and tracked and so this is when these forces come together watch out humanity watch out humanity but the Lord brings the Council of the heathen to nothing he says he he makes he makes the devices of the people of none effect so these are powerful people with powerful plans and conspiracies many things done behind closed doors very powerful people getting together seems like it's it's a lock who can absolutely nobody can stand in their way and yet the Lord will stand in their way the counsel of the Lord that's the

these are the plans of the Lord they stand forever the thoughts of his heart

to all generations and that's why we see in Revelation repeatedly he identifies himself as the Alpha and Omega in Revelation 2 he says he's the I think when he's speaking to Pergamus he says he's the beginning of the creation of God he's the Alpha and the Omega the whole story of man begins and ends in Christ and so from the very beginning he set his counsel he's the lamb slain from the foundation of the world that there were plans put in motion by God from the very foundation of the world the counsel of the Lord stands forever the thoughts of his heart to all generation and we read this several times in Isaiah but look at Isaiah 46:10 by way of reminder that God declares the end from the beginning but at the very beginning he said this is how this excuse me this is how this is all going to end declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times the things that are not yet done saying my counsel shall stand and I will do all my pleasure and when we were reading this in Isaiah I was making the point that when we speak about the prophecies of God we better speak correctly because when we read Isaiah God makes the argument that proof that I am God is prophecy look at my prophecies look at my prophecies to Israel and I dare anybody to challenge them that they are unfolding exactly as I've said and some have already unfolded and some are yet to unfold those that are that have unfolded already they were written before they were they unfolded and those that are yet to unfold no one can stop them so you just have to watch and see how they unfold and then he makes the challenge to the worshippers of the false gods can your gods do that so we need to be very

very careful that when we speak prophecy we speak it accurately because if we speak it inaccurately and the prophecy fails then the very argument that God himself uses to prove that he is God we've negated it and we've made a fool of God so we should be very very careful about the prophetic word to be accurate because God says his counsel shall stand and he'll do all his pleasure and his pleasure has to do with Israel back to Psalm 33 blessed is the naso you higher here's what David says blessed is the nation whose God is Yahweh now which nation is that the only nation that has Yahweh attached to it is the nation of Israel the twelve tribes of Israel and David is saying wow he's just full of Thanksgiving he's full of praise and the Emmys he's realizing that this special relationship that he has with God is because of the Covenant that God has with Israel and he's just he's just in all blessed hid and God's counsel will stand and God's counsel and his plan and his his plan of redemption begins in Abraham and it is through Israel and David is just like Wow blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord and the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance the scripture makes it clear that the inheritance of the Lord is Israel and so blessed are the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance because his counsel shall stand the counsel of the heathen is to destroy the people of Israel the counsel of the heathen is to exalt Esau and Ishmael and God says yeah yeah you know what yeah they might build and try to rebuild but I'm going to throw down I'm going to destroy so he says here the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance he's chosen Israel that's it.

the Lord looks from heaven he beholds all the sons of men he's chosen Israel but he looks from heaven he behold all the sons of men from the place of his habit

he looks upon all the inhabitants of the earth he fashions their hearts alike he considers all their works there is no king saved by the multitude of an army a mighty man is not delivered by much strength and so these nations are amassing great wealth and great power and great armies and David is like no that's not gonna do it and even even Donald Trump you know god bless him he's trying to rebuild America after eight years of steady destruction and then dilution and certainly dilution of America's military force and he's rebuilding that that's a good thing for a leader to do but don't fool yourself into thinking that that's what saves a nation David is clear there is no king saved by the multitude of a host or an army a mighty man is not delivered by a lot of strength a horse is a vain thing for safety which again the Kings would would see this today we would say tanks and airplanes and submarines but these vehicles of war are a vain thing for safety neither shall he deliver any by his great strength and we saw earlier in Psalm 31 that David was clear that he he had no strength behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him so he looks at all humanity but his eye is upon them that fear him upon them that hope in his mercy and again when we looked at when we unpack Psalm 31 you just saw how David was able to put his situation very clearly in the - presented very clearly to God but it was contextualized by God's mercy by God's trustworthiness and

so this is what David is saying like when he come through that when he has come through this process he sees a very clear conclusion that this God is a God of covenant and that nation whose God is Yahweh the god of the word the God of truth the God of covenant faithfulness that nation is blessed and the people within that nation that looked to God hoping for his mercy God's eye is on them even though his eyes on the whole world he looks at all the inhabitants of the earth but his eye upon is upon them that fear Him upon them that hope in his mercy to deliver their soul from death so God says you know Satan's gonna cast some of you in prison God says that he's gonna put some of you to death he says that those who put you to death will think that they're doing God's service and yet we see through the Psalms that God is not ignorant of our suffering that he sees all the inhabitants of the earth he sees all their plans and he's gonna bring the council and the plans of the heathen to nothing and he says my counsel shall stand and and he he we see here that the whole creation came into existence from his word and so he looks to those who fear Him and who follow his word to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine so even though they're in famine he can keep them alive our soul and this is interesting in the Hebrew in other words for soul is nephesh but he says our soul is nephesh new in the in the Hebrew which is a bit strange because the new meaning our you would expect since it's plural that the noun that it's modifying would also be plural so you would think it would be nefesh iime knew our souls but it's one soul that belongs to all of us

that belongs to the covenant nation our soul nefesh knew waits for the Lord he is our help and our shield so again this this wonderful opportunity to be part of the covenant community David is not saying it's not like hey I'm so so special it's because God is in covenant with this nation that he's able to say this is why God is faithful to us our soul therefore waits for Yahweh he is our help and our shield for and again I or heart singular plural all of us have one heart the community the heart of the community for our heart shall rejoice in him because we have trusted in his holy name he is the God of Israel the Holy One of Israel and we trust in his holy name and then he concludes let thy mercy O Lord be upon us the Covenant community according as we hope in thee so not everyone in the covenant community not all Israel is Israel as Paul brings out in Romans so not everyone in the covenant community is going to be in this pool of those saved but those who look upon Lord those who repent as David has gone through this process of repentance and enters into a true transparent relationship almost childlike relationship of authenticity with God this is what's required and God says absolutely these are his people he's gonna look after us and our soul waits on him let's take a lot of encouragement from the Psalms the world is going crazy people are gonna be losing their minds people far anxious God says we can have peace in him what a great God we say serve Jesus Christ he's Lord he's King he's our loving elder brother our soon-coming husband may he be praised forever and ever amen the Church of God International would like to introduce the availability of a new

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