19-Psalms-18-Transcript

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[Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] well welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study it feels like ages since we've done this study I think you know we had the break for the feast so welcome back from the Feast of Tabernacles and you know for those of you who don't know what I'm talking about you have to understand that the Feast of the Lord and so do write in write to us at info at CGI'd org and just say please tell me about the Feast of the Lord the holy days of God you must understand these days to understand the plan of God and what God is doing and what a great celebration that we had

up in Collingwood this year and I hope around the world so welcome back it does feel like a long time and I was thinking about that you know that the feast is so intense and I think that's part of the reason why it feels long but I think the other part of the reason is we're returning to the Book of Psalms and before the feast even though we were still doing the Wednesday night Bible study we were looking at some other books and so returning to songs it just it just feels new it feels like it's been a while so we are in book 2 and book 2 covers from psalm 42 to Psalm 72 and they call this the the elohist ik Salter so if you think of you know think of you had five different hymn books and so we say take a take up hymn book - and then this one instead of using the word the name Yahweh they use Elohim more and so that's why it's referred to as the elohist ik saw psaltery so we'll be looking at book number two and also a David is less of a contributor in this book and we'll see some of the other contributors as we go through so let's open with the word of Prayer and then our pastor Marie is gonna join me on the chat in the chat room afterwards and if you just look at CGI church online org that's where we have the chat or after the study

we'll be able to have live chat with myself and pastor Marie but so more the word of Prayer and then we can get into psalm 42 and we'll do psalm 42 and Psalm 43 these two Psalms are sort of taken together they have they have a similar theme

and so they see that as we study them together or Heavenly Father we we pause and just rejoice before you and want to thank you God for your mercy toward us

for putting within our hearts a love for you a love for Christ a love for your word and we pray father that you will reward us as we pursue your word we thank you for the opportunity that we have to to study this ancient text and to understand it we pray God that as we go through line by line you'll continue to deepen our understanding and deepen our faith and just prepare us father for the days ahead we praise you we thank you we ask this blessing now in Jesus most holy name Amen so let us get into Psalm number 42 to begin and let me just set myself up here give me a moment it's been a while since I've done this so a little bit rusty let's just get everything organized okay so we are psalm 42 begins the chief mute to the chief musician and then it says mass kill for the sons of Korah now this must kill they're not quite sure what it means exactly but when they look at the root word of mass kill it looks like this is a teaching Psalm so this is meant to be instructive that by studying this song not only are we singing but we're also reflecting on the meaning and there's that there's a lesson in it for us and we also see here it's for the sons of Korah now the sons of Korah were musicians and so these are it's not David who wrote this song but one of the sons of Korah and we'll see here in first chronicles who these sons of Korah wore and what they were responsible for so it says here in 1st chronicles 631 and these are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of the Lord

after that the ark had rest and so they had very very important role in leading the worship of the Lord and boy did we

have some wonderful special music at our feast site and I'm sure at the other sites around the world and so our musicians really matter and God has blessed them with talent and they have this ability to lead the congregation in worship and inspire the congregation with the talent that God has given them and so here we see that these are people that David put I think he's put them in charge of the song service in the house of the Lord after that the ark had rest and they ministered before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing until Solomon had built the house of the Lord in Jerusalem and then they waited on their office according to their office according to their order sorry and these are they that waited with their children of the sons of the kohathites a man a singer the son of joel the son of shem UL the son of al cana the son of Gero Gero ham the son of lel the son of torah the son of zeus the son of al cana the son of my heart the son of a masai this senegal cana the son of joy the son of Azariah the son of Zephaniah the son of two hath the son of a seer the son of a bi Asaf the son of Korah and shaolong the son of kor the sons of a asif the son of Korah and his brethren the house of his father the Korah thoughts were over the work of the service keepers of the gates of the Tabernacles and their fathers being over the hosts of the Lord were keepers of the entry and then again in 2nd chronicles 20 and verse 19 and the Levites of the children of the kohathites so these were Levites and of the children of the corps heights stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with a loud voice on high and again these

were very talented musicians and so David is the sweet psalmist of Israel but there was other talent as well and he recognized this talent and appointed these men to be in charge of leading the worship service so it is of the core thights that have written this song and it begins now as the heart or the deer pants after the water Brooks so panteth my soul after you oh god and again this God instead of using Yahweh they're using or Yehovah they're using Elohim and then they're not sure why they believe this could be posting silic so it's after the exile and they're sensitive now the Jews are very sensitive now about using the the name of God because they don't want to take it in vain and so they're they're switching now to Elohim that's a possibility but not exactly sure but it is Elohim instead of Jehovah as the as the deer pants after the water Brooks and you can imagine a deer running through the woods and building up its thirst and then it's really looking forward to finding that stream of water where it can refresh itself the psalmist is saying that's how he feels about his God that he really is just yearning to be in communion with God

my soul thirsts for God for Elohim for the Living God when shall I come and appear before God so there's just this great yearning most people dread God but the true worshipers are longing to be with God and he thirst his soul thirsts for God the Living God and he's wondering when will he have the opportunity to come and appear before God and that certainly puts us in mind of the Beatitudes when Christ said blessed are they which do hunger and

thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled and so again when we look at this song this song is really special we're gonna get some very deep insight but when we look at the the yearning in the soul for God that's what we want to have what I have this true desire to be before our great God and God says here that he'll reward us when we have that hunger and thirst for him and so as the day's unfold we'll just find that he's working a work within us that is miraculous and then also in John 4:23 he said the hour comes and now is when the true worshipers shall worship the father in spirit and in truth for the father seeketh such to worship Him so not only are we seeking him he's actually seeking us and there's gonna be this great coming together of the true worshipers and Jehovah so he says good continuing now in psalm 42 now we see that this is actually a lamentation he says my tears have been my meat day and night so he can't eat something has happened and he is in such a state of despair that the only thing he actually had that entered his mouth are his tears and that's what is actually nourishing him so there's no he doesn't have the ability to take food my tears have been my meat day and night while they continually sound to me where is your God so something tragic has happened and the enemies have power over his soul and he is just in mourning and while he's in mourning the enemies who have the upper hand are taunting him saying where is your God and this really puts me in mind of job and how he suffered and and and how he was this righteous man who was very very close walk to God with God and then the tragedy befell him and in the midst of this tragedy it's like hey

what's what happened to you God has forsaken you and we'll just read a little bit of the text in job here in chapter 3 after this job after this open job his mouth and cursed his day so he cursed his birthday this is how deep despair he was in that he when he looked at his life he cursed the day he was born he opened his mouth and he cursed his day and job spoken said let the day perish wherein I was born you can imagine the depth of despair when you look at your life and you wish you were never born let the day perish were and I was born and the night in which it was said there is a man child conceived let that day be darkness let not God regard it from above neither let the light shine upon it let darkness and the shadow of death stain it let a cloud dwell upon it

let the blackness of the day terrify it this man is cursing his existence he is so sorry that he came into existence that's that's the depth of despair that he's in as for that night the darkness seized upon it let it not be joined unto the days of the year and let it not come into the number of the months lo let that night be solitary let no joyful voice come therein let them curse it that curse the day who are ready to raise up their morning let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark let it look for light but have none neither let it see the dawning of the day because it didn't shut up the doors of my mother's room

nor hid sorrow from my eyes why didn't I die from the woman why didn't I give up the ghost when I came out of the belly why did the knees why didn't the knees prevent me or why the breasts that I should suck for now

should I have lain still and been quiet I should have slept then had I been then had I been at rest so he seemed he goes on and he's just absolutely cursing the day he was conceived cursing the day he was born wishing that some sort of intervention could have caused him to die at birth rather than live and come to the plight that he's come to and that's why I say this song that we're reading now puts me in mind of Joel and in many ways I think Joel is a metaphor for God's people for for what is going to happen to God's people in the end time as they have a degree of self-righteousness but God's work is to wash them and to purify them and to have within Israel a true worship of him but in order to do that according to the prophecy of Moses he to take them through tribulation and then they will call upon him in righteousness just as Joel had to go through tribulation and then he could call upon God in true righteousness so this pain and anguish that Joel experienced God's people Judah and Israel are going to experience this and you know what the spiritual Jews we with the Holy Spirit we're gonna get caught up in this dragnet God is out to pursue his people and he's going to raise up the enemies the Gentiles to pursue his people and in the process of doing that the Saints are gonna get caught up in the dragnet and so this is why these Psalms here which show that the inward thinking and the depth in the soul we get insight into this and learning within this pain and anguish that they're still praised and they're still hope in the Lord so let's continue the psalm here of psalm 42 verse 4 when I remember these things I pour out my soul

in me so he's looking back and he's remembering and he's just pouring out his soul for hi I had gone with the multitude he's remembering I went with them to the house of God and whenever we see God here it is Elohim whereas when we see Lord it is yahuveh so I went with them to the house of God with the voice of joy and praise with a multitude that kept festival with a multitude that kept the celebration the feasts and so you know we couldn't maybe thinking back like when we were in the Feast of Tabernacles and the whole multitude came together and we were all praising God and it was just so wonderful and inspiring he's remembering this when he was in Jerusalem and and then the great praise they sang to God and how they were all together and now somehow he's cut off and he's isolated and you could even you know some of our brethren they come together for the feast but then their eyes related and they go back in there alone and maybe they some-some sadness befalls them and and he remembering we were all together and praising God so this Saint is looking back and remembering the praise of God and how he led it he led the multitude in this praise and then he asks himself now why are you cast down he's speaking to himself o my soul the soul within me what why are you cast down and why are you disquieted in me hope you in God is he's talking to himself like he doesn't understand this depression that has come over him and again think of job and the anguish that job was feeling and and he's now trying to talk to himself saying why we like this why why have we caught the sunk into this anguish and depression and despair why are you cast

down on my soul why are you disquieted in me hope you in God for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance and again you can think of Joel when he says I know that my Redeemer liveth and I shall yet stand before him so despite all of this anguish and despair he still saw that he will have his day before God and he still hoped in that and here this worshipper of the true God is wondering like why he's fallen into this depth of depression no matter what's happening around him he knows he should still hope in God now it's interesting in the Septuagint when you look at the Greek when he asked this question why are you cast down it is the exact same language that Christ used when he said my soul is exceedingly sorrowful which is in the great pair of lupus so when when Christ is saying I mix my soul is exceedingly para lupus that is exactly what it says in the Septuagint why are you these when he speaking to himself my soul why are you para lupus and so Christ is now referring to the same thing that has happened to him he's his soul it's cast down and it's para lupus my soul is exceedingly sorrowful even unto death Terry you here and watch with me so he's gonna B's gonna pray and in mark 14 my soul is exceedingly para lupus unto death tear you here and watch the same language as the psalmist verse 6 oh my god

my soul is cast down within me therefore will I remember you from the land of Jordan and of the Hermon heights from the hill of Mazar not sure exactly what's happened here at this language but clearly this was a time when he was joyful when he was praising God when he was with the multitude and even though

he's in this state of sadness and despair he's going to recall and nourish himself with these memories of praising God and then he says deep calls unto deep at the noise of your water spouts or the roaring of the waves all your waves and your billows are gone over me and this I think what he's saying is it's just one trial after another so you know the the first image of the water was he longs to drink the water to be nourished by God but instead what he's getting he's being overwhelmed by trials and he's now likening the trials to these waves that are crashing in upon him and when one wave crashes upon him it doesn't stop there's another way that crushes in upon him and so it's just trouble upon trouble and he seems like he's going through this trial at God's design very much again like job at trial upon trial it as he hears one set of bad news isn't know there's more bad news on the heels of that and more bad news on the heels of that just wave upon wave crashing in upon him and and here in Jeremiah is the thing instead of using the metaphor of waves Jeremiah says it plainly destruction upon destruction is cried for the whole land is spoiled suddenly are my tents spoiled and my curtains in a moment and I think this is very important for us any of us can fall into the despair that we see the psalmist in you know my mother would say her her ancestors would say you see today you don't see tomorrow we have no idea what's coming tomorrow and again as I mentioned when God acts upon his people to redeem his people and and this tribulation falls upon the land the saints of God get caught up in this dragnet as well and so when everything changes and everything is lost or

apparently seems to be lost destruction upon destruction is cried and the whole land is spoiled and we certainly see and again I just warn people when America Falls all bets are off the whole world changes once America Falls and so all these folks you see working so hard to bring down the current administration and people cheering it on I unlike ok they don't understand

America is what standing between a world that is somewhat governed still by judeo-christian values and a world where judeo-christian values disappear and when they disappear the value of the individual made in God's image disappears with it and human life will have no meaning you will have no value millions tens of millions hundreds of millions will be slaughtered and it will be nothing because the value of the individual is lost when judeo-christian values are lost and we take judeo-christian values for granted today because Britain and America have spread that ethic all over the world we have something called human rights and we talk about human rights abuses all of that comes from the judeo-christian value system when it goes and it's replaced that human rights are gone there's no such thing there's just the rights of the state globally and so a destruction upon destruction is cried the whole land is spoiled suddenly are my tent spoiled and my curtains in a moment so again this is where we can gain this strength from the insight math skill the insight we can draw from the sweet psalmist's he says in verse eight now going back to psalm 42 even though all this despair is upon him wave upon wave crashing in upon him

trouble over trouble he says yet the Lord will command his Cosette his covenant love his loving-kindness he realizes God is in covenant with Israel and even though Israel breaks the covenant God will never go back on the Covenant never so he says God will command his Cosette he will command his loving-kindness in the daytime and in the night his song shall be with me and my prayer unto the God of my life this is amazing so even though he's in this true depth of despair though the whole world is turned upside down on him he has this depth of understanding that the God of Israel is a God of covenant and that is so critical for us to understand we must understand what faithfulness to covenant means and the closest we have to this is marriage so when we understand the faithfulness of the Covenant promise that spouses make to each other when we understand that we can better understand the faithfulness of the Covenant that God has with Abraham and the seed of Abraham and so this psalmist understands this even though his whole world is upside down and wave upon wave has crashed in upon him yet the Lord will command his loving-kindness his Cosette in the daytime and it's funny when he talks now about the covenant love he does use Jehovah throughout the song he uses Elohim but here when he's talking about the covenant he does use Jehovah yet the Lord will command his cassette his covenant love in the daytime and in the night his song shall be with me and my prayer my prayer unto the god of my life I know my life matters I'm in the covenant community and I know my life matters to my god and here in Isaiah we've read this many

many times where Isaiah says that they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength so we may lose strength but this waiting is not just passively saying well one day the Lord will come it's an active hope and it's about doing the works of God knowing he's coming and is confident that he will return and no matter what's happening as long as we're waiting upon him and looking for him we shall renew our strength they shall mount up with wings as Eagles they shall run and not be weary and they shall walk and not faint and this is true of physical Israel and Judah and true of the spiritual Jews as well so the despair and the trouble upon trouble this is not the end of the story this is the middle of the story but we have the Alpha and the Omega and the Omega is the end of the story and so we're looking and waiting for the Omega that's how the story ends not in the middle with the trial psalm 42 I will say unto God my rock this is a one he's in despair but he understands that God is in covenant with Israel and so his God is his rock I will say unto God my rock why have you forgotten me he doesn't understand what Howland is what Joe was saying God has forgotten me how did this happen I'm a worshipper of God and how is this befallen me and the God has forgotten me so I'm gonna say I'm gonna go to God and I'm gonna ask him why have you forgotten me why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy so there are some wicked people in the world this one just died is this demon of Abu Bakr al-baghdadi you know this is a walking demon following his his model his role model doing everything that the role model did and he's been taken out and it's really odd how the

administration under number 44 every week Isis was growing in terror it's like Oh No Isis has gained more captured more territory captured more slaves slaughtered more people and every week it's like oh wow these guys are just and think these guys are unstoppable and then when the administration under 45 goes after and they just take care of him that's the end caliphate is out so something odd was happening under 44 and Christians were being slaughtered and now that's been there's been a bit of a reprieve but there are wicked people in the earth and ultimately the Scriptures show us the Beast will prevail for a first season and the enemy will oppress and and the Saint here that the worshiper of God is like well how come I'm in depression because of the oppression of the enemy how does how did it happen how was God forgotten men allowed this to happen as with a sword in my bones my enemy's reproach me while they say daily unto me where is your God where is your God this is the taunt if you if your God was present if your God was true if your God is alive why why is he allowing us to have the upper hand how come we prevail so your God is not true because we prevail and even the elect are far are deceived and then falling into despair and believe in God has forsaken us and this again I say the Saints will be caught up in this this this is this is prescribed upon Israel and Judah but the spiritual Jews we're here on the earth we get caught up in this as well and here Daniel confirms this in Chapter 7 verse 21 he says I beheld and the same horn made war with the Saints and prevailed against them that is the prophetic word prevailed

against them and so when this happens and we don't know when it's gonna happen but when it happens the Saints are going to need the insight and the understanding of the psalmist has here in psalm 42 and 43 week we get like it's an x-ray into the soul of a worshipper of God what what is the only thing from deep inside and that's what that's how we get through this by acknowledging the despair but never losing hope never losing confidence in the Covenant commitment of Yehovah he says in fact Christ himself in Matthew 24 he says there shall arise false messiahs so when they arise these false messiahs and false prophets they're going to be saying our God is God and the God that you believe in doesn't isn't isn't there look at the success we're having and so it's a bit by the success they're having that's the evidence that their God is true and the fact that the Saints and the people of God the people in the Covenant they're not having success therefore their God is not true so we have to understand the prophetic word in order to understand how the story unfolds and not fall victim to this deception so there's going to be false Christ's and false prophets and they shall show great signs and wonders they're going to have great success they're going to have the upper hand if that's what we if that's what we're looking for to say hey if you have success you must have the true God the whole world is gonna get swept up with this unless we understand the narrative unless we understand the plan of God and what is happening and why this abomination of desolation is taking place in so much that if it were possible they shall deceive the very

elect he says look I've told you beforehand you shouldn't be deceived I'm telling you before what's gonna happen therefore if they shall say unto you behold he is in the desert where is your God the true God is in the desert come with us he has we have the upper hand don't don't follow them don't use their success as the measurement of what's true and what's false the Word of God is the measurement of what's true and what's false and so we have to be very familiar with the Word of God so that we can interpret what's HAP around us the folks who are following here they don't understand the Word of God they don't understand the plan of God they don't understand what God is doing and again that's why job is a great metaphor that the people of God the people of Israel are really symbolized by Joel and and this washing machine that he had to go through in order to come out pure and the people of God have to go through this washing machine in order to come out pure but the Saints are gonna get swept up in this as well and so we have to be like this psalmist very very clear that God the true God never breaks covenant let me say it again the true God never breaks covenant and that's the strength of the psalmist that's that's his confidence so when they say to you he's in the desert the only way he could be in the desert and his people are being genocided is if he would break covenant and so the people who go to the desert don't understand the Covenant love of God behold he's in the desert don't go behold he's in the secret chambers do not believe it the God of Israel never breaks covenant now he warns in Matthew 10 he says do not think

that I've come to send peace on earth I have not come to send peace but a sword so as a result of Christ's intervention he says earlier in the text that he hasn't come to destroy the Torah and the prophets he hasn't them to destroy that he's come to fill it to the full and so here if we understand what's in the Torah and what's in the prophets then we understand what we're seeing here that all those prophecies that Moses gave us and all the prophecies that the prophets after him gave us as to what will befall Israel and Judah and what God is doing yes it's in a sense it's already happened we've already seen the abomination that makes desolate with an Antiochus Epiphanes we've already seen what happened in 70 AD all of these are patterns cycles but Christ is saying now that I've intervened these things are gonna happen to the fall and so we need to understand that he did become to bring PLO Jesus came to bring peace no he says he came to bring a sword because I have come to set a man at variance against his father what does this mean does this mean that we're gonna fight our own family no it means by being faithful to Christ by declaring Christ it's going to drive the followers of Satan the deceived world crazy that anything to do with Christ is going to be seen as immoral well you won't allow homosexuals to marry you're such a bigot you don't you don't agree with pedophilia oh you're so narrow-minded that the whole moral code is gonna get turned upside down and those who stand for the morality that God gave to Moses through the Torah that they abide by the Torah they're going to be seen as hateful and those who abandon the Torah are going to be seen as loving the whole

world is gonna be upside down and inside out so he says I've come to set a man at variance against his father bye-bye calling saints and filling us with the Holy Spirit those that follow the devil are going to be filled with hate towards those that follow God sir I've come so I've come to set a man at variance against his father and the daughter against her mother and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law talk about despair when your own family turns against you talk about anguish and depression and so this is where we need to understand the power of the Psalms he says in a man's foes shall be they of his own household it is such a frightening time and I think people who lived through communism and and lived through Islam and lived through these totalitarian systems where you just have to comply and toe the line and betray one another they have a sense of what's coming now Christ in this prophecy in Matthew 10 he came to fill to the full the Torah and the prophets and so in this prophecy where he says he's come to set a man at variance against his father and the daughter against her mother and the daughter in law against her mother-in-law he's actually quoted the prophecy that was given to my god in Micah 7 Micah says woe is me he's in despair he's in anguish he's in depression woe is me for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits as the great gleamings of the vintage there is no cluster to eat so after they've gone through and made the whole harvest the the devastation and the the emptiness that's left this is how he's saying this is that when he looks at badi saying you know what that's my life that's how I am now all

of the joy and everything that I had before it's evaporated it's gone my soul desires the first ripe fruit is gone he says the good man is perished out of the earth so the way the earth is configured today he's seeing a time it's all gone there are no good men the good men who stand up they've been killed the men who are left are the weaklings the men with no backbone the deceivers the men who are thinking of themselves and will do anything to live versus those that stand on principles and if I have to die on principle I die on principle but the good men are perished out of the earth and there is none upright among men they all lie in wait for blood they hunt every man his brother with a net so they're just caught up in this thing that they may do evil with both hands earnestly the Prince asks and the judge asks for a reward you see the corruption in the government and the great man he utters mischievous divine desire so they wrap it up the best of them is like a thorn the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge they're just horrible the day of your Watchmen and your visitation comes now shall be their perplexity he says listen this is what Christ was alluding to trust you not in a friend so this is the time when you can't trust anyone around you unless they have the Holy Spirit trust you not in a friend put you not confidence in a guide keep the doors of your mouth from her that lies in your bosom so if you're married and you're unequally voked and the person you're married to does not have the Holy Spirit you can't trust how people will behave in this time of anguish and and trial and tribulation the only thing that we can trust in this time is the Holy

Spirit and so it's the extent that we have the Holy Spirit will be true to one another to the extent that the Holy Spirit is quenched or was never there brother will betray brother your hate the problem prophet is actually saying spouse will betray suppose even the son dishonours the father the daughter rises up against her mother the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law and man's enemies are the men of his own house so Christ came not to destroy the law the Torah and the prophets it came to fill it to the full so this prophecy Christ has come to fill this to the fall so there's been patterns there's been cycles it's been repeated but there's going to be a final time when this is filled to the fall therefore so through all of this now when Micah is going through this he says therefore I will look unto you Hova I will wait for the God of my salvation my God will hear me he knows this because it's a god of covenant a faithful God rejoice not against me all my enemy when I fall I shall arise don't don't rejoice over me there's something that I understand that you don't and that is that God is a God of covenant he's quiet he's holding back but he will come forward when I sit in darkness Jehovah shall be a light unto me I will bear the indignation of the Lord because I've sinned against him until he plead my cause and execute judgment for him for

me he will bring me forth to the light and I shall behold his righteousness then she that is my enemy shall see it and shame shall cover her which said unto me where is the Lord your God the very thing that the psalmist went through in fact the very thing that Jobe

went through when his wife said to him curse God and die she's saying where is he where's the Lord your God so shame shall cover her which said unto me so he has this confidence that God will come through because he knows God is a God of covenant therefore he will wait upon the Lord and He will renew his strength where is the Lord your God my eyes shall behold her now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets so just really what we're trying to do here is understand that as we read what the psalmist wrote here and the anguish in his soul let's not read it theoretically and say oh poor guy let's understand that it's here as instruction that there's something we can learn from this and let's combine that then with our understanding of the prophetic word and what's coming and how the whole world can change overnight and how Christianity is coming down and other ideologies are flexing and we don't understand what the world is going to be like when the judeo-christian ethic is lost and again under 40 for Christians were being slaughtered and nothing was being done in fact the opposite it was being encouraged and supported at least now under 45 that's been stayed and slowed down somewhat but again we know the plan of God and this beast power is gonna rise and there is going to be this global government and the judeo-christian value system will be gone and the value of the human being will be gone and so this can happen this this despair that we're reading of here in Psalm 42 it can happen to you I can say oh you know what I never get depressed I'm very optimistic very upbeat but we don't know how we will behave when everything

is taken from us as as was with Joe you know he was pretty good at the beginning but he eventually he broke and God actually used that to rebuild him why are you cast down O my soul and this is how the psalm ends then why are you cast down on my soul and this refrain so thrilled the song we hear this refrain and we're gonna hear it in Psalm 43 which is why they believe 42 and 43 are actually a unit why are you cast down peripera loop so oh my soul why are you disquieted within me hope you in God so even though he can't help with he's human he has this despair at the same time although he's human he has this understanding of the faithfulness of God so he's instructing himself he's saying like what's going on here why are we so downcast hope you in God for I shall yet praise in the exact same thing that Micah said but although he was cast down he will have the upper hand why not because of some great power that he has but because of the faithfulness God has to his covenant and his covenant people hope you in God for I shall yet praise Him who is the health of my countenance and my god so we'll just go straight now into Psalm 43 which is part of the same unit judge me Oh God and please my cause plead my cause against an ungodly nation there's an ungodly nation and again as we understand the prophecies the enemies of Israel the enemies of Isaac the enemies of Abraham are going to have the upper hand the time of the Gentiles will come to the fall there will be an ungodly nation claiming to be godly claiming that you know hey our God is the true God and this worshiper is able to say to God judge me I have truly repented I've

truly turned to you I hunger and thirst for you judge me and judge my cause and this you can actually see King this written by King David because you know how he went through times of despair but he was very genuine in his relationship with God and he could say to God judge me O God and plead my cause against an ungodly nation enemies of God Oh deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man and that is who is getting the upper hand and that's the future the whole again the Christian value system is going and people don't understand what that means but the the deceitful the liar and the unjust man is going to have the upper hand and here he says plead my cause against this nation and again I go back to Daniel Daniel said I beheld and the same horn made war with the Saints and prevailed against them his ethic rules and then that that happened until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was given to the Saints of the Most High and the time came that the Saints possessed the kingdom so this is why we have to just keep our eyes on the prize keep our eyes on the finish line keep our eyes on the Alpha and the Omega don't get discouraged by what happens in the middle God will bring about his will and his will is to give the kingdom to the Saints of the Most High he goes on to say for you are the god of my strength why do you cast me off why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy again psalm 42 and 43 go together where the enemy has this upper hand and we're heading into a time when people have turned their back on Jesus Christ but the Western nations the Christian nations have turned their back on Christ

we don't want prayer in the schools we don't want Christian values okay don't have them what are you gonna have instead oh we believe in evolution we believe in atheism we believe in Islam we believe in communism great where is that gonna get us what's the end result of this you throw away Christ what do you get instead and the whole nation the whole nations are going to suffer and so he says like why am i mourning because of the oppression of the enemy well wait on God he will come to rescue his people this is a process of purification the abomination that makes desolate is a process of purification he says Oh send out your light and and your truth let them leave me let them bring me unto your holy hill and to your tabernacle so remember he was remembering the festivals he's remembered leading the worship how fulfilling that was and and just how joyful it was for the Saints to come together and worship God and now he's in isolation now he's in depression now he's in despair but he remembers and now he's pleading to God to bring him back bring me to your holy hill and tear Tabernacles and that is exactly what God promises to do but this whole process will end exactly that way Christ says here in Matthew 24 verse 22 except those days should be shortened no flesh would be saved in other words what the Beast wants to do is completely wipe out all of the covenant community but because of God's faithfulness to his covenant he's not going to allow that to happen so even though these people deserve this it is a purification process and the abomination that makes desolate will be stopped it will be cut short and finally his people's eyes will be open they will

repent wholeheartedly and he says for the elects sake because of his covenant because of his faithfulness to his covenant for the elects sake those days shall be shortened immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the Sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light so now he's acting and the stars shall fall from heaven and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken is gonna be a glorious time this is gonna be a terrifying time for the wicked the wicked are gonna be freaking out God's people will be rejoicing when all of these powers are happening when the the powers of the heavens are shaking yes God is coming and even his the Jews that hated him

now going to say blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord and then shall appear the sign of the son of man in heaven and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn what a big mistake they made excepting the mark of the beast persecuting the people of God punishing and killing the people of God what a big mistake when you mess with the apple of God's eye what a mistake you have made they don't know they've made this mistake until the powers of the heavens are shaken and then the Son of Man returns with the clouds and they suddenly realize what a mistake they've made in accepting the mark of the beast the Saints and those who do not accept the saint the mark of the beast his people are going to rejoice and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory and that's a redeeming power and a redeem he's coming to redeem his people and rescue his people and he shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet and they shall gather together

his elect from the four winds so his elect means the people of Judah the remnant his elect means the people of Israel the remnant his elect means the spiritual Jews all of this gets gathered together when he returns and were all brought to his tabernacle to rejoice in the festivals with him from one end of the heaven unto the other so let's just conclude now in Psalm 43 the rest of the song then will I go unto the altar of God this is vision and this is the vision we have to have no matter I don't know your situation but all of us go through the the vicissitudes of life and some of us are in blessings at the moment some of us are in trials the prophecy says all of us will be in trials eventually if we live to see these days whatever it is it doesn't matter it's all in the middle what's in the middle doesn't really matter as long as we're faithful its Christ is the Alpha and he's the Omega it's the Omega this is what we have to keep our eye on and this is the Omega now and he bring the whole thing to a conclusion then will I go on to the altar of God this is the personal vision that we have to have we are going to the altar of God we are going to see Christ face-to-face we are going to worship Him we're going to rejoice in his presence and all those that reject him all those that accept the mark of the beast oh well even so John says even so amen oh well oh well that's their choice you were they were arrogant oh I believe you know what I believe I believe there was a big bang and somehow this entire universe with all of its order and beauty and detail it just kind of happened by accident and in fact I think

I just happen by accident and I don't have to answer to anybody that's what I believe great carry on all the best to you and let's see how that works out when Christ returns but those who are humble and say you know what I didn't invent myself I didn't create myself there must be a creator and if I was created by someone that person is the right to tell me how to live in fact not only the right they have the wisdom to tell me what what is these procedure menu what is the operating manual for how to live as a human being oh it's the Torah it's the Torah that was given to his people to be a city on a hill to be an example for the rest of the world let's follow that and then let's see how things work out for the atheists the Communists the Muslim Hindu the Buddhists and those of the way those who follow the Torah those who follow Christ let's see how it all works out in the end then will I go unto the altar of God unto God my exceeding Joy's my exceeding joy like my exceeding joy yes upon the harp will I praise you remember this is a musician and even though he's in despair he has this personal vision he's gonna be before God in the tabernacle and he's going to praise God Oh God my God he's not just the Creator God he's my personal God I have a personal relationship with my father so then he comes back to the refrain and this is how we tie 43 with 42 it's this this refrain why are you cast down on my soul so he has this vision of how it's all gonna end why am i allowing the enemy to have the upper hand and you know it's amazing some of these Jews that went through the concentration camps like Viktor Frankl and there was others I was just listening to the story

of a young Jew a Jewish lady that she was in the concentration camp and she just set about to bring as much joy as she could to the other prisoners until the day of her death so you know even though people can be in these terrible periods of despair the soul can rise above that and that's what the psalmist is calling upon himself to do rise above the despair and that's what again we don't know when all of these prophecies are going to unfold what we do know is they are going to unfold and oh how the wicked oh how the atheists oh how the agnostics are going to have great pain of regret but how those who wait upon the Lord will have their strength renewed will have their hope confirmed and so he's kind of done negotiating with himself and discussing this with himself and saying why are you cast that why are you in the state of depression on my soul and why are you descend why are you disquieted within me yeah I know the wicked has the upper hand but why are you disquieted within me hope in God for I shall yet praise Him I know job said this I know my redeemer lives the person is going to redeem me and I will yet stand before him for I shall yet praise Him who is the health of my countenance and my god he's my god he personalizes him and says I know he's my God and he's a God of faithfulness to his covenant and I'm a member of the covenant community and I know God will not break covenant and that's the confidence that Abraham had that's why he's the father of the faithful and it was attributed to him as a righteous and this is our righteousness when we

know that God cannot break government so what a wonderful two Psalms here as we

get into book number two these are this to stop the Psalms are the Korah fights in this case psalm 42 and 43 and again let's not read it academically let's read it

alongside the prophetic word of what's going to happen in the near future and this is the kind of confidence we have to have to see us through any trial either our personal trials but also these sort of global trials that Christ tells us are coming what a wonderful faithful God we serve he is going to return with the clouds all those that wait upon him will renew their strength wait I say upon the Church of God International would like to introduce [Music] and download it now