

19-Psalms-20-Transcript

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I'm gonna have to stow there we go yes so welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study it is actually Tuesday evening for me as I'm overseas and it wouldn't work for me to broadcast live as it would be into the wee hours of the morning over here but I'm very excited about tonight's study we're gonna cover for Psalms god-willing Psalms 45 through 248 and I want to do these as as a unit because they're all so positive and very triumphant and they're very celebratory of the Great God of Israel and his people so let's open with a word of Prayer and then we can get into the study for this evening our Heavenly Father we pause as we always do to acknowledge you and to praise you and to ask your blessing upon our study and your blessing upon our understanding and and our transformation and so we're asking this Lord God in the mighty name of Jesus our Lord amen so we're up to Psalm 45 in book 2 so we'll just go ahead and get right into the study for this evening so it begins Psalm 45 - the chief musician upon so shining for the

sons of korah Maskell a song of love so
so show Shamim seems to be some kind of
musical instrument and this psalm
obviously has a particular sound that
you know as the choir is singing and the
musicians are playing there's a
particular tone in particular sound no
doubt a very triumphant sound that this
Psalm requires and then it says mass
keel so that's an instructive song and
also a song of love sand and Psalm 45
through 248 we're just gonna see the
great love that God has the cassette the
loving-kindness and the deep commitment
committed love that God has for his
people Israel we're also going to see
that love returned from Israel to the
God of Israel verse 1 my heart is
indicted a good matter or my heart is
committed to a good cause
speak of the things which I have made
touching the King my tongue is the pen
of a ready writer today's just bursting
with information that he wants to share
then he says this you are fear fairer
than the children of men grace is poured
into your lips therefore God has blessed
you forever so he is now describing the
king and as he goes on to describe this
king we begin to realize he's speaking
about none other than Jesus Christ
himself
but at the time perhaps this is
something to do with King David himself
and they're praising the king but as we
see it's going to be pointing to the the
God of Israel and and God has blessed
you forever
and clearly that we see this
understanding in the Psalms that there's
God the Father and Jesus Christ
so this king is fairer than the children
of men
grace is poured into your lips therefore

God has blessed you forever
gird your sword upon your thigh almost
mighty with your glory and your majesty
and in your majesty write prosperously
because of truth and meekness and
righteousness and your right hand shall
teach you terrible things your arrows
are sharp in the heart of the king's
enemies whereby the people fall under
you so the people being the enemies the
Gentile nations are collapsing under
this great king is putting he's putting
down his enemies and then this is a very
familiar verse verse 6 your throne O God
so again it starts out like it's talking
about a human king but then he says here
very clearly your throne O God is for
ever and ever the scepter of your
kingdom is a right scepter and this
sounds familiar to us because it is
quoted in the New Testament in Hebrews 1
and verse 8 where it says but unto the
son he says your throne O God is forever
and ever a scepter of righteousness is
the scepter of
your kingdom so we can see very clearly
now as we relate Hebrews back to Psalm
45 that this is clearly a psalm
celebrating the enthronement of Jesus
Christ the Messiah verse 9 back to Psalm
45 you have loved righteousness and
hated iniquity therefore God even your
God has anointed you with the oil of
gladness above your fellows all your
garments smell of myrrh and aloes and
cassia out of the ivory palaces whereby
they have made you glad Kings daughters
were among your honorable women upon
your right hand it's then the Queen in
gold of offer hearken o daughter and
consider and incline your ear incline
your ear forget also your own people and
your father's house so shall the King
greatly desire your beauty for he is thy

Lord and worship you him and so it's talking here of the daughter and and the clearly the Queen perhaps the one who's gonna be married to the king to not forget your own people in your father's house and the king will greatly desire your beauty for he is your Lord and worship you him and we know that the people of Israel really are the are symbolized by the bride of the king and the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift even the rich among the people shall entreat your favor so this is cause for celebration for the whole world even the Gentile peoples are celebrating this great king the king's daughter is all glorious within her or within her clothing is of wrought gold she shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework so again we can picture the marriage of of the king to his bride and his bride being brought to her to him in in great elaborate clothing representing righteousness the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto you with gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought they shall enter into the king's palace instead of your father's shall be your children whom you may make princes in all the earth and again we know that Israel is set to be the head nation of the whole earth and so here we see they're going to send Prince's into all the earth I will make your name to be remembered in all generations therefore shall the people praise you for ever and ever so that's Psalm 45 and it introduces the this set of four Psalms which a lot of the Psalms are lamentations a lot of the Psalms are songs of trouble and an appealing to God to help in time of

trouble these psalms clearly the trouble has passed and these are cause for celebration and it starts with celebrating the king in his glory and this this daughter being brought to the king to marry the king and celebrate their union and again this is prophetic of the union between Christ and Israel psalm 46 - the chief musician for the sons of korah a song upon alamos so perhaps another type of instrument God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble and again a phrasing that we're very familiar with because it also is quoted in in Hebrews where he says here that by two immutable things in which it is impossible for God to lie one we might have strong consolation who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us so again that the note here of this refuge that we have in this strong consolation of hope therefore verse two will not we fear though the earth be removed so even though the earth be removed we don't have to fear this is the strong consolation and the confidence that Israel can have in the God of covenant because it's a possible for him to lie he he made a promise and he swore an oath on top of that and so these two immutable things it's impossible for God to lie therefore will not we fear though the earth be removed God can not break his promise and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea so it could be such a massive earthquake shaking the whole earth Israel can be confident that the God of covenant will fulfill the covenant to the fathers though the waters thereof roar and be troubled though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof Selah there is a river

the streams were off shall make glad the City of God and again this is just metaphoric language that there's just an overflowing of blessing through the city Jerusalem the holy place of the Tabernacles of the Most High God is in the midst of her so this is again this pointing this period of triumph Jerusalem has come through a terrible period of pain and trauma and and tribulation but now God is in the midst of her she shall not be moved God shall help her and that right early God says he's going to cut short this work in righteousness Jesus says in Matthew 24 that if he did not cut short these days no flesh no none of the Covenant people would be left alive but he does step in and so here the psalmist says that God is in the midst of her and she shall not be moved so the nations want her to be moved the nations want to destroy her but that the scripture says she shall not be moved and the scripture cannot be broken God shall help her and that right early so it seems like he's not gonna help but he he will not allow her to be wiped out so he will help and come early we see this a hint of this in Zechariah we've meant to spread this many times or leader begins a cry 12 in verse 8 in that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem so Christ tells us in Luke that Jerusalem will be surrounded by armies that we know that the abomination thereof is near and so the intent is for Jerusalem to be completely wiped out but God is going to help her and Zechariah says in that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem and he that is feeble among them so among the Jews in Jerusalem even the weakest Jew and he

that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David and David was a great courageous warrior so even the most feeble Jew is going to have this supernatural strength to push back their enemies and the house of David shall be as God as the angel of the Lord before them so again this supernatural power that the people of Judah will be infused with as God pours out his spirit upon them and they're able to fight back and push back their enemies back to psalm 46 verse 6 the heathen raged the kingdom's were moved and a sense moved with anger and rage and they're determined to surround Jerusalem and wipe her out this they these people are occupiers they have no right to be there they must be removed and the whole world agrees and yet

we will even though the heathen raged and the kings never moved he uttered his voice and the earth melted so these people are gonna be so powerful it looks like Judah has no hope and yet God will speak and the earth will melt in Psalm 2 we read this earlier but it ties in here Psalm 2 verse 1 why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing the kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against his anointed saying let us break their bands asunder and cast away their cords from us so this again is what the psalmist here is seeing in psalm 46 continue in verse 7 the Lord of Hosts is with us so this is how the story ends it's going to be very painful in the middle but this is how it ends the Lord of Hosts is with us the God of Jacob is our refuge Selah and so there's a pause for us to consider this again this is an instructive song that the God of Jacob is the refuge for

Jacob so this is a time of tribulation that's unprecedented the likes of which the world has never seen even the time of Jacob's trouble or it's especially the time of Jacob's trouble but he shall be saved out of it and the psalm confirmed confirms this saying the Lord of Hosts is with us the God of Jacob is our refuge and we can just see this supported when we were in Isaiah Isaiah 54 and if you haven't seen the Isaiah study it's in the archive we did second Isaiah and this is part of second Isaiah 54 verse 8 in a little wrath so God was angry with his people and as he as he looks through the lens of eternity he says in a little wrath I hid my face from you for a moment in a little wrath I hid my face from you for a moment but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on you says the Lord your Redeemer God is the Redeemer of Jacob he's the Redeemer of Israel and yes they were unfaithful but he is in covenant with them and so he withdrew himself allowed Israel to be punished so that Israel could be driven to true wholehearted repentance and looking back through this whole process he says in a little wrath I hid my face from you for a moment but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on you says the Lord your Redeemer continuing in psalm 46 come come behold the works of the Lord what desolations he has made in the earth so the Gentiles make Jerusalem desolate but then God acts to defend Jerusalem and to defend the cities of Judah and to defend Israel and he makes the earth desolate he makes the Gentiles desolate when he acts he makes Wars to cease unto the end of the earth he breaks the bow and cuts the spear in

sunder so nation will not want learn war
anymore
so he breaks the bowl and cuts the spare
asunder he burns the cherry
in the fire be still and know that I am
God I will be exalted among the heathen
I will be exalted in the earth so this
is what the psalmist says and this is
again is confirmed by Isaiah so here we
see that he makes the Wars to cease he's
going to break all the instruments of
war and he says to Israel and to the
whole world be still and know that I am
God I will be exalted among the heathen
so God said from the beginning that he's
chosen Israel to be his representative
nation he's chosen Israel to be the head
nation of the whole earth and he will be
exalted among the heathen in Israel so
it is always his intention and he has
not changed his mind he has not changed
his covenant to be glorified in Israel
so he says here I will be exalted among
the heathen I will be exalted in all the
earth in Isaiah 60 second Isaiah 60
verse 18 again confirming what the
psalmist is saying Isaiah sees and says
violence shall no more be heard in your
land wasting nor destruction within your
borders but you shall call your walls
salvation and your gates praise speaking
to Jerusalem all the violets will be
ended and the gates of Jerusalem will be
known as praise and God will be exalted
in all the earth from this specific
piece of real estate this specific plot
of real estate Jerusalem caret
continuing in verse 11 of psalm 46 the
Lord of Hosts is with us the God of
Jacob is our refuge and I just wish that
we had the music and the choir singing
all of this and you could just imagine
how soaring these verses are after all
the suffering that Israel has come

through all the suffering that Jacob has endured to finally God to finally have this remnant that is ready to truly represent him in spirit and in truth and and now there's this justice triumphant exaltation that the God of Jacob is our refuge and the Lord of host is with us so there's some sort of dispute in the land and there's this abomination that makes desolate and and there's this claim that God is in the desert and people are running after Christ in the desert but it's all false it's all lies because God had never abandoned his people despite what it looked like and despite their unfaithfulness God has never been unfaithful and he will ultimately bring these people to a full union with himself and they are now boasting in the whole earth the Lord of Hosts is with us that is he's not with you he's not with the enemies he's not with those who claim that he was with them no he's with his people so that ends psalm 46 met another psalm of triumph is Psalm 47 - the chief musician a psalm for the sons of Korah oh clap your hands all you people shout unto God with the voice of triumph and again these are people who have come through great tribulation great trauma because of their unfaithfulness to God and through this trauma God has turned them around think of Deuteronomy 30 and what and the prophecies of Moses Deuteronomy 31 - 6 the prophecies that Moses saw are now being fulfilled and now it's time to after all this turmoil and trauma and warfare isaiah 40 says her Jerusalem's warfare has finally been accomplished well it's been accomplished now and now they can rejoice o clap your hands all you people shout unto God with the voice

of triumph for the Lord Most High is terrible he's awesome he's ferocious and he's in the corner of Israel he's acting for Israel so shout for the Lord Most High is terrible he is a great king over all the earth this is amazing and certainly for it for ancient Israel to have this God that is not just a god over their land which is the way most of the ancient peoples they all had their different gods and they believed in different gods but they all thought their gods were local and Israel is the only nation that came on the scene and learned from Moses and through the teachings of Moses that their God is not just a local God he's the God over the whole earth and there is no other God truly except this God and he's going to put down all these other false gods because he's the God of the whole universe and now that this this creator of the whole universe not only is the creator and the the king of the universe he's the king of Israel he's the God of Israel and so all the peoples need to know this that God has a relationship with mankind and it's through the people of Israel and nobody else for the Lord Most High is terrible he is a great King not just over Israel it's a great king over all the earth he shall subdue the people the Gentile peoples under us this is this is Exodus 19 Exodus 19:6 he shall subdue the people that the Gentile peoples God is going to come and he's going to subdue the Gentile peoples under Israel and so it's you know we have to be very very clear about this God is not doing this because the Israelite peoples are such wonderful people God is not doing this because somehow in their genetic makeup their DNA is

superior to everybody else and he's not doing this because they're just the you know just super righteous people no quite the opposite these are very very wicked people these are people who have failed God not once not twice but hundreds of times but God has not failed them and more specifically God has not failed Abraham Isaac nor Jacob the father's God made a covenant with the father's and despite the wickedness of the children of Israel despite the unfaithfulness of the children of Israel God is faithful and he's made a promise and it's impossible for him to lie and so he's going to bring these people into this state that he has promised to the father's where they shall be the Covenant of people he will be glorified in the covenant people in all the earth and so now it's happened and there's this great celebration that this terrible god this mighty warrior has subdued the Gentile the powerful Gentile people's glut has come and subdued them under Israel and the nations under our feet and this is exactly what Moses said that as they entered into this covenant disorder bah bilateral agreement between God and Israel that if they did what he said that they would be unto God a kingdom of priests priests the job of a priest is to facilitate the relationship between man and God to represent man to God and to represent God to man there this liaison between God and man and God's intention having promised this to Abraham was to have this nation of people who would facilitate the relationship and the salvation and the redemption of all mankind and so this is why God has come now to subdue the peoples he allowed the Gentiles to be

powerful over his people to bring his people to true repentance but once they come to true Repentance's Deuteronomy think Deuteronomy 30 God then acts through them pours out his spirit upon them circumcised as their heart writes this renewed covenant in their heart and then uses them to bring the people to salvation this is a great mystery and it's a great plan but these people become the bride of Christ and then Christ and his bride and works together to bring the rest of mankind into salvation so Moses writes in the Exodus 19:6 you shall be unto me a kingdom of priests a holy nation these are the words which you shall speak unto the children of Israel continue in Psalm 47 he shall choose our inheritance he shall choose our inheritance for us the excellency of Jacob whom he loved so God entered into this covenant agreement with Abraham with Isaac and with Jacob and he loved Jacob he says in Malachi 1:2 how he loved Jacob hated Esau but when entered into covenant love with Jacob and because of that he will choose the the exaltation of Jacob because of this covenant love that he entered into Jacob with God is gone up with a shout the Lord with the sound of a trumpet and think here 1st Thessalonians 4:16 when Christ returns with this mighty trumpet sound and he goes up with a shout this is it this is the end now God has gone up with a shout the Lord with the sound of a trumpet sing praises to God sing praises sing praises unto our King sing praises again just imagine the triumphant musical sound that the choir is making and the instruments are making a great joy as they celebrate the redemption and the salvation in the God of Jacob for God is

the king of all the earth again this theme that has just repeated this is not just the God of Israel it's not just a local God he is the God of all the earth and I'm just gonna pardon me while I just make an adjustment here I'd be a little bit dark but I just want to make sure I don't lose battery power and I only have a few things that I can plug in at once so pardon the darkness here but he's saying here that he is the God and the king not just of Israel but of the whole earth and that is like a mighty breakthrough concept that God is the god of the whole earth he says God reigns let me just see if I can make this a little bit brighter a little bit he says god reigns over the heathen is so they can have their false gods but these are false gods the true God reigns over the whole earth and God reigns over the heathen God sits upon the throne of His Holiness the princes of the people are gathered together so these now are the children of Israel the princes of the people are gathered together even the people of the God of Abraham for the shields of the earth belong unto God he is greatly exalted so there's just been this miraculous turnaround and Israel is now exalted and the only way this could happen is because of the intervention of Jesus Christ here in Isaiah again second Isaiah 42 verse 8 he says to isaiah i am the lord that is my name i am yahweh that is my name and my glory will I not give to another neither my praises to graven images so Judah Israel these are names that contain the great name of God and because they have his name he says he's not gonna give his name to anybody else so all the Gentiles can gather together the whole earth and gather

together it doesn't matter God is the one that's made of his mind and he's chosen this unique set of people descendants of Abraham through the Covenant these tribes of Israel these are the ones he's chosen he chose Jacob you know he chose that he chose Isaac he didn't choose this male he chose a Jacob he didn't choose Esau and so he chose the descendants of Jacob and these peoples that came out of Egypt out of slavery he made a nation and he's just committed to being exalted in the earth through these peoples and that's what he's going to do and he says it very clearly here that he is not going to give his glory to anybody else that was Psalm 47 so the last Psalm in this set is Psalm 48 a song and Psalm for the sons of korah great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God so this is this very specific piece of real estate that the whole earth must come to think is a Cariah 14 window towards the end of zechariah 14 god says if that as the people of the earth will not come to Jerusalem to praise him during the feast of tabernacle on those nations there'll be no ring in fact there will be a Great Plague that will come upon those nations so the God of the universe is going to dwell in Jerusalem and he will be exalted in the people in Jerusalem and the whole earth will come to this nation of priests to understand and to learn you know they say as I think of Micah 4 or Isaiah 2 where they say come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord where we will learn of his loss but we will be taught the right ways and this is what we see in Zechariah 14 that if the people don't come in fact they will be cursed so

there's this specific real estate that is going to be called the city of our God great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God in the mountain of his holiness so these Gentiles cannot be stubborn they have to acknowledge that God is the God of Israel and he dwells in Jerusalem Beautiful's first situation the joy of the whole earth is Mount Zion imagine that so the whole earth is gonna change and and the whole earth will acknowledge Jerusalem is the city of peace Jerusalem is the city of praise the Zion is the City of God and it's gonna be beautiful for situation it's gonna be the center of the earth is gonna be the center of the universe beautiful for situation the joy of the whole earth is NaN Zion so what God does in Zion what God does for Jerusalem and what God does for the people of Judah and the people of Israel it's a blessing to the whole earth the whole earth just has to humble themselves and realize that it's God's intention to exalt Israel and to exalt Judah for their well-being on the sides of the north the city of the Great King imagine that Jerusalem will be known in the whole earth as the city of the Great King God is known in her palaces for a refuge for lo the kings of the earth were assembled they passed by together they saw it and so they marveled they absolutely marveled about this this is just an amazing development and the whole earth marvels they saw it and so they've marveled they were troubled and hasted away so you can imagine just think of the time of war when they're there to surround Jerusalem with armies and then God returns to Jerusalem and empowers his people and so their people

are troubled and they hasted away fear
took hold upon them there and pain as of
a woman in travail so suddenly something
happened and there was a turnaround
situation they thought they had the
upper hand and then suddenly they no
longer have the upper hand in fact
they're running for their lives
you break the ships of tarshish with an
east wind you can actually think of the
second world war where there were
battles that were won just because of
the sudden fortuitous change in weather
and so God is going to use even the
weather to turn back the heathen here in
fact in Zechariah 12 and verse 2 he says
behold I will make Jerusalem a cup of
trembling unto all the people so this
has been prophesied that the people even
though they think they have the upper
hand they want to destroy Jerusalem he's
gonna end it as a terrifying situation
for them and they will be full of
trembling behold I will make Jerusalem a
cup of trembling unto all the people
round about when they shall be in the
siege both against Judah and against
Jerusalem and in that day well I make
Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all
people all that burden themselves with
it shall be cut in pieces though all the
people of the earth be gathered together
against it so God means what he says and
Jerusalem he will be exalted in
Jerusalem that is his full intent to be
fully exalted in Jerusalem and
regardless of what all the people of the
earth regardless of what their designs
are his design and his plan is to exalt
Jerusalem and to establish his throne in
Jerusalem he says here
verse eight as we have heard so have we
seen in the city of the Lord of Hosts in
the city of our God God will establish

it God will establish it forever this is
the plan for Jerusalem and and Satan has
other plans

the foolish Gentile nations who are
caught up with him have other plans but
no plans will withstand the plan of God
who says that you know from ancient
times they need to Clare at the end from
the beginning and from ancient times
that which is not yet done saying my
plans my plans will stand and so God has
all these plans around Jerusalem and
here it is as we have heard we heard
these prophecies now we've actually seen
in the city of the Lord of hosts in the
city of our God God will establish it
forever Selah

again another pause we have thought of
your loving-kindness again that word
loving-kindnesses cassette and the way
is just to think of it as this covenant
commitment this this covenant love and
commitment that God has to act in the
best interest of Israel forever we have
thought of your loving-kindness your has
said Oh God in the midst of your temple
according to your name Oh God and here
this is again these are the called the
elohist ik solver Ahava they use Elohim
according to your name Oh God
so is your praise unto the ends of the
earth and I just try to sometimes
imagine this you know you move around
the earth today and human beings just do
not know God they just don't know God
and they don't care about God and they
have all these false concepts of God but
a time is coming a new a new world a new
age is coming when the whole earth is
going to know God and the whole earth is
gonna be full of the praises of God and
and that's going to emanate from
and people are going to be going to
Jerusalem to really understand and learn

from the teachers of God it's going to be an amazing future so in this time the psalmist sing that according to the glory of his name that the cording to the glory of his name according to your name Oh God
so is your praise unto the ends of the earth your right hand is full of righteousness so God always acts in righteousness God always acts according to his word so that's why earlier in the psalms says as we have as we have heard so we have seen because God does what he says
and we know it's impossible for him to lie in fact here we according to his name we see in Isaiah again second eyes I always studied this thing there was so much there but now coupling it with the Psalms we see they reinforce each other Psalm 40 isaiah 40:8 in verse 11 God says for my own sake for my own sake even for my own sake will I do it for how should my name be polluted so again the people of Judah the people of Israel they carry the name of God he's in covenant with them and he's saying he's going to now act even though these people have been unfaithful God is now going to act on their behalf and to bring them to salvation for his name's sake he's made this covenant with Jacob these people carry his name and therefore he will do it for his name's sake and then his name will be exalted in all the earth and he says I will do it for my how should my name be polluted and I'm not going to give my glory to another so there's no other nation that can carry the glory of God back to Psalm 48 verse 11 let Mount Zion rejoice let the daughters of Judah be glad because of your judgments so God always does righteousness and these judgments that

he makes are according to his word so we go back to Torah we study the Torah and we know exactly how this God you know this God is not mysterious in the sense of you know you look at these pagan gods you look at the great example is Islam where this Allah is just so mysterious and he's so unknowable and you could do your best and and you just do everything right and at the end of your life he will still crush you you just have no idea I think I was able Bakr we said that he you know he had one foot in the grave and he was still terrified no idea what Allah would do to him and then this is the angst that all these pagan nations and Islam is just sort of the consolidation of all these different pagan gods and religions but all of them share this their gods are unknowable their gods are capricious their gods do whatever they want and they play with mankind and just for just for fun and entertainment they torture mankind and this is the angst that men have lived with in the relationship with their gods not so with the God of Israel he makes himself known he makes his laws known and then he makes it clear that nobody is above the law so when people break the law the law breaks them and at the same time he has mercy on mankind so Moses Moses who is the great lawgiver he himself broke the law and God says okay you cannot enter the Promised Land he didn't say well it's Moses oh well what are you gonna do if it's Moses let him in which is again the this notion of these pagan gods they just do whatever they want there they're not held to any standard so you look at Muhammad and he did everything he was a he led his people in idolatry he bowed down and worshiped idols and worship Satan and

and was overtaken by Satan now law says
oh it's Mohammed what are you gonna do I
love Muhammad so much he's above the law
so so most of these pagan gods people
are just in fear of them and they don't
know them the God of Israel he makes
himself known he puts it in black and
white he puts it in print this is what
I'm looking for
this is this is how to please me and and
not only that if you displease me if
you're not able to carry this out you
know what because of my covenant love I
will actually come to earth and I will
do all of this and demonstrate that it
can be done and I will be your personal
Saviour so if you're unable to do this
you can have salvation in me and I will
restore you because of this great love
that I have for you so now we're reading
this Psalm and we see the confidence
that the people of God the people of
Israel have in the God of Israel that
all evenly says even though the whole
earth be shaken even though the
mountains go into the sea we will not be
moved because we're in covenant they
come to this realization
we're in covenant with a God who loves
us we're in covenant with a God who
believes in the rule of law and that's
actually a whole other subject when we
talk about the rule of law all these
nations these Western nations that have
the rule of law it's it's a legacy of
Israel of their influenced by the God of
Jacob that nobody's above the law and
this is this is unique to actually have
a nation established on the rule of law
and nobody's above the law but we're
actually we're see we're watching this
in the Western nations today being
thrown away and and we are returning to
the ancient ways instead of the rule of

law it's the rule of the ruler rule of
the ruler is like these capricious gods
they do whatever they want they play
with mankind they kill mankind by the
tens of millions because they just get
to do whatever they want and so be very
very careful you know when you depart
from the God of Jacob and the rule of
law beware for what comes and replaces
it when it's the rule of the ruler and
the ruler just does whatever he wants
very dangerous territory were entering
into as we are uncoupled from the rule
of law
and the judeo-christian foundation of
Western society so the psalmist says let
man Zion rejoice let the daughters of
Judah be glad because of your judgments
walk about Zion and go round about her
and this reminds me of
beautiful song the walls of Zion it's
just a wonderful beautiful song the
walls of Zion but he says here walk
about Zion and go round about her tell
the towers thereof is just such a
beautiful sight that you have to come
and behold it and then proclaim it
mark you well her bulwarks consider her
palaces that you may tell it to the
generation following and all this after
the mighty destruction and the
abomination that makes desolate and it
looked like all hope was lost but no
then the God of Israel acted and
restored Jerusalem and built up
Jerusalem and even the Gentiles had to
help bent it in the restoration project
and now she sits most beautiful for this
God is our God for ever and ever
you can just hear that the triumphal
tone in these Psalms 45 46 47 48 all
taken together we just see how wonderful
this King is how beautiful his
commitment is and how he's restored his

people and he's restored Jerusalem and the cities of Judah for this God is our God for ever and ever he will be our guide even unto death so we just have to trust him behold I'm sorry this let's just um go to the Isaiah 62 again second Isaiah to see this reinforcing the message that we see here in Psalms as I a 62 verse 11 behold the Lord has proclaimed unto the end of the world say you to the daughter of Zion so somebody's got it here and they're able to tell the daughter of Zion so the daughter didn't really think of the end times eye on those who are in Zion at the end time say you to the daughter of Zion behold your salvation comes I would say that's good news I would say this is the gospel this is the good news of the kingdom when the disciples asked Christ will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel this is what they were looking forward to behold your salvation comes we say to Zion say you to the daughter of Zion look I know it looks terrifying but behold your salvation comes behold his reward is with him and his work before him so he's coming to restore Zion because there's a work of redeeming the whole of mankind that's ahead but first he comes to establish the nation of priests to facilitate this relationship for the rest of mankind so he says here again verse 12 of Isaiah 62 and they shall call them the holy people so the Gentiles are going to call these people the holy people the redeemed of the Lord and you shall be called sought out a city not forsaken so we put all of these Psalms together with our understanding of what is here in this in in in second Isaiah so what we read in second Isaiah would just come to the

Psalms and it all makes sense the Psalms are actually part of this prophetic framework and this this working out of salvation that God hasn't has in place for mankind

beginning with the Jew first with the rest of Israel and then ultimately with all mankind so again just to finish off in Psalm 48 when this is now it's established walk around Zion go around about her and tell the towers thereof how beautiful it is mark you well her bulwarks consider her palaces that you may tell it to the generation following for this God is our God for ever and ever he will be our guide even unto death so they just are so confident in this God that he's just gonna look after us even unto death II and then after death yield and resurrect the people of Israel and they will be fully established eternally well this is this joyous tone in the psalm so even all the lamentations that we read in the Psalms you know if we put the whole story in order this is how it ends it ends with the tone of triumph that we've just experienced in these four Psalms taken together so this is the sure word of God this is the good news that we have to fully

and understand so it becomes part of our proclamation that as the world changes and and these powerful nations are beginning to collapse and new kingdoms are rising up Gentile kingdoms are arriving rising up and the people of God are going to suffer mercilessly in the midst of all of this we have good news that God is the God of Israel he's the God of covenant and he's coming he's coming to restore his people and to marry his bride he's faithful Jesus Christ