

## 19-Psalms-21-Transcript

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well welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study and today we're up to Psalm number 49 God willing we'll cover Psalm 49 in Psalm 50 it's open with the word of prayer and get into this evening study our Heavenly Father that we pause before our study to acknowledge you as we always do but to thank you Lord and ask for your blessing upon our study that you would deepen our understanding and deepen our conviction and our faith would thank you Lord we ask this blessing in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus the Christ amen we're up to the Psalm number 49 let's jump right in and well God willing cover Psalm 50 as well and they did see just in the chat miss Melissa you were asking about what Bible does this church read from really this is a personal decision all of the Bible's that we would read from in English for all translations and therefore they are going to lack some level of accuracy in terms of capturing the original voice of the text what it was in Hebrew and Aramaic or in the Greek coin in Greek me personally I stick to the King James there wasn't period in my ministry where I read from the New King James just because it was easier to read from and I thought you know when I study I'll study in the King James for what I preach I'll teach from the Ming King James but I have found now that I have a bit of understanding of original language but the King James is more faithful to the original language it's not perfect but it's more faithful it's more accurate and it's also just more of beautiful it's more poetic so it

me personally I will be with preaching from and reading from the King James but again it's just the translation that the Word of God the New Testament was revealed in claiming Greek the Old Testament primarily in Hebrew and part of Daniel in Aramaic so thanks for the question

so I'm 49 when to the chief musician a psalm says 400

Essam of the sons of korah so this is not King David as most of the songs are written from David this one is from the sons of Korah and then we get into the song here this notice this all you people here all you inhabitants of the world so this is quite unusual we know that these people are these tribes of Israel this nation of Israel was brought out of slavery is brought from by the nation of Egypt and being brought from slavery God established them then as a very special nation and we need to read the Bible with that understanding that that God is in covenant with the people of Israel and much of the conversation in the Bible in between God and his people Israel however hear very clearly this is a script or a text that is addressed it's in a whole world and this is also very breakthrough because in these ancient times the understanding of the peoples of the earth was that gods were local and so each peoples had their God and and they all should say that God I should say their gods unfurl and Israel was just breakthrough and unique in the sense that they were monotheistic there was only one God and he was not represented by any sort of Idol and not only were they monotheistic which was totally revolutionary but he was the God or he is the God and in their time was the god of the whole

earth that he wasn't just governing a particular real estate he was governing the whole earth and now the audacity here the psalmist to address the whole earth that this is the Creator this is the God of the entire earth and so all peoples of the earth are being called to attention here this all you people give ear all you inhabitants of the world and now even further both low and ha both rich and poor together this is something for everybody and you know we should really be mindful of Revelation which is a similar language in in revelation 6:14 when the heavens departed as a scroll when it is rolled together and every mountain and Island were moved out of their place within a very traumatic time when God shakes the heavens and the earth and the kings of the earth and the great men and the rich men and the chief captains and the mighty men and every bondman even the slave even the poor so rich and poor all peoples of the earth and every free man they hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains so something is happening now at the end of days which concerns the whole earth and the heavens are being shaken and the earth is being shaken and the whole earth is being terrified this is what the psalmist is pointing to and they said to the mountains and the rocks fall on us and hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb and most people think of Jesus Christ as this very soft loving tolerant person and quite the opposite he is coming and he has zero tolerance for the sin on the earth and then when we look at what's around us the earth is soaking in iniquity and Jesus Christ is furious he is full of wrath and we Christians we

have the holy spirit who have committed  
our lives to him we can't be confused  
you know that the Jews were confused  
when Christ came to earth  
first time they looked in their  
scriptures and they saw this mighty  
warrior the Messiah the king coming to  
crush their enemies and establish the  
kingdom so when he came as a lamb they  
weren't looking for that when he came in  
peace they were not looking for that and  
so they didn't recognize him now I would  
say Christians today we have the same  
problem but in a sense the opposite  
problem you know we now know Christ was  
on earth and he was this very peaceful  
man

he was very forgiving he was he came as  
a lamb and sometimes I think we project  
into the future this same lamb coming  
but he's coming really as a lion the  
conquering Lion and he is coming with  
great finger and great wrath he came as  
the Savior now he's coming as a warrior  
and I think he just you know as a  
Christian I think we can just be  
forgetful we can maybe the ignorant of  
the Scriptures and the prophecies and  
we're looking for this loving lamb to  
return when Christ is coming with Great  
Spirit and the agenda that we should  
have as followers of the way is to hide  
ourselves from this wrath to separate  
ourselves from this perverse generation  
to understand the great anger that the  
Lord is returning but I I think for many  
of us we don't think this way when we  
are confusing the first coming and  
thinking that he's coming again the way  
he came the first time and so when he  
comes you all recognize him the same way  
the Jews didn't understand the forth  
coming  
so they were looking for the personality

in the second coming  
so we sort of have the worst problem of  
being of the tribe of Judah so these  
people they realize that how angry he is  
and they wanted to hide from the wrath  
and so the psalmist now is calling out  
to all people of the earth because this  
is what's coming and it concerns  
everyone and then he goes on to say some  
49 verse

my mouth shall speak of wisdom the  
beginning of the wisdom the beginning of  
wisdom is the fear of the Lord so he's  
telling the whole earth listen up  
he's got something to say there's an  
understanding that he has that concerns  
the whole earth my mouth shall speak of  
wisdom and the meditation of my heart  
shall be of understanding so there's  
something that he has there's a depth of  
knowledge understanding and wisdom that  
he has come to that concerns the whole  
earth and he's calling the attention of  
a whole earth to listen to what he has  
to say he's about to impart and you know  
we studied this in Psalm 25 earlier but  
it said the secret of the Lord is with  
them that fear him so he says here that  
he is going to speak of wisdom we know  
that from the Scriptures to beginning  
the wisdom and the fear of the Lord and  
those that fear the Lord  
the psalmist says that the secret of the  
Lord is within that fear him and he will  
show them his covenant so it is through  
this fear of God that we begin to  
develop wisdom and through this fear of  
God that God shares with us what he's  
doing what's going on but the people are  
confused tremendously today so much fake  
news is coming at them in fact I was at  
a business meeting  
khloe's felt and these are business  
executives and we got on the topic of

the news and one of them just said how negative the news is and that's true they are trying to generate fear and I guess that generates attention and advertising but he stayed at how negative the need is and therefore he says he Tunes it out he said he doesn't listen to the news he doesn't read to me he said years ago every morning he said his fingers would be black from the ink he would buy a paper and with gold any die he would just read the news every day every morning he says now he doesn't touch it doesn't look at it doesn't read it and he said if anything significant happens he says people will tell him you'll hear from the people and if he hears you know two or three people or four people coming to him with something then he'll go and check it out other than that he doesn't care he doesn't want to know and I just thought wow that is so and then everybody then agreed there was probably eight business leaders and they all agreed that they'd do the same thing and I was just astonished and the scripture that you know Jesus says that the end time is gonna come as a snare upon the whole earth and I just realized that because people don't have the whole story they see all of this news as bad news but because we have the good news we understand the whole story we can digest what's going on and we can look at all this news in it it sounds like bad news and it certainly isn't in the short term it is bad news but because we can put it in context of the Covenant and what God is doing we can digest it and in fact when Christ's shared with us what's going to happen he gave us undiluted revelation is undiluted the book of Revelation it is undiluted and

and if you didn't understand the whole story if there's a lot of bad news in there but Christ gives it to us on dilutive because the end of the story is so good it's all leading to such good great eternal news so that way because he's given us the vision of the future we can digest whatever is happening in the present but because others don't have this vision of the future they can't handle it they can't handle it and I think there's Christians again we need to be careful that if we don't have our focus on the big picture and how this all ends we can end up like these movies businesspeople who don't want to hear any news because all bad news we need to see the big picture have the vision so that we can digest and put everything in context but he says here that it's the fear of the Lord that leads us to uncover the secret cept along there are the secret of the Lord the world doesn't understand what's happening and what's happening the secret has to be with his covenant with Israel so this psalmist now one of the sons of Korah leading the worship of God in music and in song he's got wisdom he's got understanding he has special knowledge and he wants to share it with the whole world continue in verse 4 he says I will incline my ear to a parable I will incline my ear to a parable I will open my dark singing upon the harp and again to miss Melissa's question about translations I realized King James it uses Old English it's like I like Shakespeare people take a while but in a study Shakespeare it takes a while for them to get into it but once they get into it they realize the beauty of the

poetry here with King James are the real beauty of the poetry but just sometimes it can be a little hard to understand but it's a more accurate translation and in fact some of the modern translations the underlying manuscripts that they're drawn from is incorrect it's not proper it's a deviation and some of the newer translations if you study them side by side they are diminishing Christ they are really diluting Christ and that's why to me when I preach now only use the King James he says I will incline my ear to a parable so there's something that he has is that there's an understanding that he has that comes from the fact that he's leaning in and he's uncovering something secret wrapped up in a parable and then he says I will open my dark singing upon the harp so having achieved this understanding that is not available to everybody it's available to those who fear the Lord

so having achieved this level of understanding he's so rich in his understanding that he can now take it and put it to song put it to music and there's just something about music that something about poetry that it's more memorable it's more engaging than if it if it's in music you can listen to it over and over again and really meditate on it and really penetrate what is it saying what is me what is the artist saying there's something special about taking wisdom and putting it in music and so he is so full of this wisdom that not only can he share it he can actually share it in song so he's going to listen to his dark saying it's not some of that he's negative but that it's mysterious he's gonna take this mysterious understanding that he has and he's gonna put it to use it he says now what's



understanding that he has in verse five he asked this question why should I fear in the days of evil when the iniquity of my heels shall calm past me about it again but it's fascinating this worshipper of yoga has such a rich understanding of how things are going to unfold and it wants to share and it affects the whole world he wants to share with all world but he says that the evil or the days of evil are coming and as he looks into the future and sees the days of evil coming he asked the question why should I be afraid there's a real understanding of the Covenant commitment of you hold up and so he says why should I be afraid in the days of evil and then that's a be pattern I said in the be phrase the days of evil when the iniquity of my heels just surround me about so he's looking forward into the future he's seeing the days of evil and he's acknowledging that it's his own sin that has brought this evil upon him that he has not led a perfect life that he has fallen short of the glory of God and because he has fallen short this iniquity is coming upon mallanna but he's acted at the same time saying why should we be afraid that there is something that he is own iniquity has caused they cannot escape it but even though he cannot escape it he doesn't need to be afraid so we can see the language of redemption embedded in this poetry he goes on to say now he's going to separate so there's the days of evil are coming clearly the people of God are going to suffer the wicked are going to rise in power but he says this with his dark sayings is the understanding of the mystery they that trust him there well and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches none of them can by any

means redeem his brother nor give to God a ransom for him so he's looking at the future and he's seeing that there are some very powerful people on the earth very wealthy and very powerful and they boast themselves they glorify themselves in their wealth and then he says you know what despite all their money they do not have the power to redeem their brother and what if this message that he has impacts the whole earth it's going to impact everyone and you could have all the money in the world but you're not going to be able to save your brother why you can't even save yourself there's going to come a period in the future a point in the future when it's gonna be all about Redemption who's in and who's out and no amount of money can buy Redemption so even though there are going to be those who are very powerful and very wealthy upon the earth he's looking into the future and saying you know what it's useless it's vain in Jeremiah Jeremiah has a counterpoint to this and in Jeremiah 9 verse 24 he says but let him who glories glory in this and this word glory the Hebrew word halal it's the same word that's used in the song of boast allow them that allow themselves in the multitude of their riches they can't do anything that they're useless in Spain but Jeremiah says let him who allows halal admits that he understands and knows me but I am the Lord which exercises Kison loving-kindness covenant love loving-kindness judgment and righteousness in the earth for in these things I delight says the Lord again the secret of the Lord is with them that fear him he's going to reveal to them his covenant and so Jeremiah is among

these that has the secret of the Lord  
that if we're gonna boast in anything  
what we should boast it is that we know  
the Lord  
we understand him and we know that this  
is the true glory this is this is the  
eternal joy everything else is vanity  
everything else is passing away except  
this that if we truly understand and  
know him and that we understand that he  
exercises covenant love the secret of  
the Lord is with them that fear him and  
he will reveal to us his covenant and  
when we understand God when we study the  
Scriptures the understanding we should  
come to is how deeply committed God is  
to his covenant how deeply committed he  
is to his bride Israel that he set his  
heart on Israel  
he loved the patriarchs and he entered  
into a covenant with the patriarchs and  
he will never break it  
despite the unfaithfulness of the  
descendants of Israel God is committed  
to Mary  
and so we need to understand this that  
this is who God is and we should glorify  
it in the sense that we know this we  
understand God and this is why the  
psalmist says why should I be afraid but  
I see the days of evil coming but I  
understand the Lord that he exercises  
covenant love to set loving-kindness  
judgment and righteousness and so  
righteousness we could say rightness and  
so it's right if he has made a covenant  
with the patriarchs it is right that he  
fulfills that covenant and so he's going  
to exercise loving-kindness judgment and  
righteousness in the earth and so it's  
going to affect all peoples of the earth  
and he delights in these things this is  
why the psalmist understands this and  
why he's not afraid in proverbs 5:21 the

Solomon writes for the ways of men are before the eyes of the Lord and he ponders all his goings his own iniquities shall take the wicked himself and again the psalmist acknowledges that that his own iniquities that this is but he's not afraid because of Redemption his own iniquity shall take the wicked himself so the rich now who don't have an understanding of the Lord in the future they are going to be taken in their wickedness in and no amount of money can save them his own iniquity shall take the wicked himself and he shall be held with the cords of their sins he shall die without instruction so there will be no instructions and there's no wisdom for him there's no understanding for him he dies like a brute beast despite all as well he shall die without instruction and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray so very clearly the psalmist has a wisdom here that he wants to share with the whole world and in a sense I believe he wants to invite the whole world to this Redemption he says Psalm 49 continuing in verse 8 for the redemption of their soul is precious so he says that the wicked despite all their well they can't redeem their brother the Canon redeem themselves and and that reason they can't redeem their brother is the redemption of their soul is precious and then it ceases forever if you cannot redeem it it's gone so the only one that is able to redeem the soul of America because his soul is perfect because he came and he led a sinless life and so there is this requirement of the shedding of blood to cover sin anciently Israel understood but they had to bring these animals and sacrifice the animals

and shed the blood of these animals so that the life was in the blood and like the life and this is how they could be right with God but they had to just keep doing this over and over and over again to the disc kept sinning they could not save themselves because they they are sinful they're not innocent but Christ Canaan is the creator to shed his blood and because he's the creator of all his blood is worth with more than all the creation together and so those of us who accept him as Savior his blood can cover us and so anybody who doesn't accept Christ there's no blood there's no sacrifice that can be made that can cover and atone for them so the redemption of their soul is precious and if it can't be redeemed it's cut off forever that's it that he should still live forever and ever and not see corruption so the only way we can do that again is it for redeemed by Christ for he sees that wise men died likewise the fool and the Buddhist person and leave their wealth to others so it's a very strange thing on this we come on this earth we live for a while some of us live you know less than 10 years someone was live over 90 years but it's still temporary and even those who live over 90 years they look back on their life right they look back on their lives it's just the breath is just goes by so quickly that to us you know so 90 years sounds like a long time but to them it's like wow I mean facing death now and so whether we live 10 years or less or 90 years or more the whole thing is just the breath it's quick and we see those around us die constantly just surprisingly people die also the fool and the brutish person perish and they leave their wealth to

others so however much wealth we accumulate you know with the saying you can't take it with you so we go to the brandy we leave it to others we have no idea how they will administer the wealth what they will do with it and we have no say so we might have been very wise and accumulating and being careful and then we pass it on and some fool inherits it and within a year it's all gone we have no say we have no understanding but those of us who are watching you can see this is true in fact Solomon in Ecclesiastes spoke of the same observation it came into the same understanding the vanity of vanities says the preacher of vanity of fantasies everything is vanity what does a prophet a man of all his labor which takes Under the Sun one generation passes away and another generation comes but the earth abides forever so Solomon just saw this like one generation is here the accumulated wealth and then they pass away another generation comes inherits that well who knows what they do with it and there's just one generation comes and goes another one comes into all one coming though but he says the earth abides forever and just again those who think they're going to heaven the earth abides forever God is coming to earth and in Revelation 21 it's very clear that not only Christ is coming to us but the father is going to do it as well and they're going to dwell on the earth and so the earth abides forever so we're not going to heaven heaven is coming to earth Psalm 49 verse 11 their inward thought is that their houses shall continue forever it's a very strange thing but there's just even though we're temporary so we exist because we are breathing oxygen or

eating food and so there's this chemical  
electrical dynamic that keeps us alive  
but it's all temporary but it doesn't  
feel temporary  
it feels very permanent and so we get  
drunk on this perspective that will live  
forever but somehow we're not gonna die  
or our death is far away and it can come  
suddenly out of nowhere no one knows  
when they're going to perish none of us  
know it's just sort of miss this  
mysterious equalizer that hangs over all  
of us we could go at any minute and so  
he's saying here as he observes men  
especially the foolish man the man that  
doesn't have a relationship with you  
over that and that has a lot of wealth  
that has a lot of power that their  
inward thought is that their houses  
shall continue forever  
and their dwelling places to all  
generations and then he says this they  
call their lands after their own names  
and I thought this was very fascinating  
because I was just I was in Prague Czech  
Republic the other day and in fact they  
were just in the process I had that  
wasn't even but had I've been able to  
stay they were celebrating what we call  
The Velvet Revolution in thirty years  
since the fall of communism and it's  
just amazing nobody believed that  
communism  
Paul and where we stayed the hotel we  
stayed at had a clear line of sight and  
a few - it's a metronome now but back in  
the day it was a huge statue of Joseph  
Stalin and so it was very elevated and I  
think was the biggest statue of Stalin  
in the world and so everybody was just  
under the gaze of Josef Stalin and the  
ancient Egyptians did this excuse me the  
ancient Babylonians did this the  
Assyrians did it

the Persians did it it has really glorified himself and they became Nezzar built this great image but the other thing they do in the song it says it here is they called their lands after their own names and it's amazing I just know it's looking at Wikipedia and these are all the lands that are called these are all the cities that are named after Joseph Stalin so we see all these cities here that are named after Joseph Stalin but it doesn't stop there so you mean all these cities are people name these cities after him but in addition to all these cities that were named after him is this village you know mania that's named after him and then there's all these other places that are named after him and even outside the communist bloc so in the Czech Republic these are all the different places that were named after him in East Germany these are all the different places that were named after him in Hungary in Poland in Romania in Slovakia in Belarus in Estonia in Georgia in Russia in Western Europe outside of Europe and even in China there's all these places that are named after him and this is exactly what the psalmist said that men do these great men these powerful men they think that they they will never die back there these these geographies that are named after them will never go away and it's just quite quite fascinating and so the psalmist says here in Psalm 49 and verse 11 they called their lands after their own names they believe their houses and their dwelling places will continue forever but it's not true you know that statute is great towering statue that looked like it would be there forever it was torn down during the Velvet Revolution yeah it was all of



think of the statue of Iraq's Saddam Hussein that was great towering statue styled himself after Nebuchadnezzar in the land of Iraq in the land of Babylon and he died and they tore down his statue and people life goes on life moves on and this psalmist is he looking into the future he's just realizing the kingdom is coming and there'll be no trace you know without that image that prophecy that Daniel had the dream that Nebuchadnezzar had that Daniel interpreted where the stone struck the image and it grounded into dust and then the wind came and blew all the dust away and there was no trace of it left and that stone then go into a huge mountain or Empire so the fact that there was no trace left all these dwelling places in the future world there'll be no place called Stalin but we no trace of this unrighteousness kingdom will cover the knowledge of the air a lot of the world will cover the whole earth so they think that they they will last forever that dwelling-places will live forever that they're doing something permanent and they're not nevertheless man being in honor abides not he has like the beasts that Paris against Alden with this man that was in great honor but he didn't abide they tore down his statue Saddam Hussein Nebuchadnezzar are the Pharaohs all these great men think they're in honor in the last birth they don't nevertheless man being an honor abides not he's like the beasts that perish there's no difference you know dog that just dies on the skin hit by a car and dies on the side of the road this is ultimately the fate of the this their way is their falling yet their posterity approved their sayings again that statue that I spoke up the

biggest statue of Stalin in the world it was erected after he died so it was his posterity that erected that that statue of Stalin so their way is falling and even though their way is falling there their posterity the people who come after them still believe in them and want to promote them but ultimately it's all vanity and it all gets washed away and in Luke here just mindful of the parable that Jesus spoke about where there's this rich man who just can't get enough and he's gonna build bigger barns to store his his wealth and he will see says I will say to my soul soul you have much Goods laid up for many years take your ease eat drink and be merry agree you've made it you've accomplished but God said unto him you fool tonight your soul shall be required of you then who shall these things be or who shall those things be which you have provided so is he that lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God so that's exactly what the psalmist is talking about is seeing the same insight that Christ gave when we was here that these people just acquire so much well and they feel so comfortable and so safe in their wealth not realizing the wealth can't redeem them their wealth can't save them you can think of this man Steve Jobs how wealthy he was and he was stricken with pancreatic cancer and all the money that he had apples the first trillion-dollar company all the wealth that he had he couldn't save himself and so Christ says that everybody wealthy and builds up treasure but not toward God he's like this fool the psalmist goes on to say like sheep they are laid in the grave so he was a real understanding here and sometimes I think we can get discouraged People of God we might be suffering

poverty we might be suffering  
persecution we might be suffering lack  
of power weakness but this psalmist has  
a wisdom and an understanding looking at  
the whole picture not just the present  
looking into the past look through the  
present looking into the future looking  
at the whole picture and seeing that the  
wicked it's just it's just a moment they  
have the glory for a moment and then  
it's all over so he is not afraid verse  
14 like sheep they are laid in the grave  
so they're just like sheep just think of  
a farmer or even think of a sheepdog  
guiding the Sheep to a specific  
destination in India a gate the farmer  
has it gave it to you think to see about  
the graze but then they have to guide  
them back into the gate and there's a  
specific path but they want to get them  
to interest and they'll just kind of  
follow each other and they go into the  
ends of the gate and they're in the  
proper pen  
well that gate is the gate of death and  
all these people are just being  
shepherded to death there are also being  
separated too to be a ceasing of their  
existence like sheep they are laid in  
the grave death shall feed on them death  
shall feed on them and the upright shall  
have dominion over them in the morning  
so even that language speaks of  
resurrection so even though they may  
have put the righteous to death in the  
morning  
the righteous are coming back to life  
and the righteous are going to help  
dominion over everybody real  
understanding real wisdom real insight  
but the psalmist has and he's putting it  
to music so well unfortunately we've  
lost the poetry in the Hebrew we have  
also lost the music the musicality that

goes with it but he had all of this wisdom packaged in poetry and some of something that he'd be very catchy to beat with sin was great joy and yet it's built it's embedded with all this wisdom like see they are laid in the grave death shall feed on them these are wealthy people but they're being led to the grave and death is going to feed on and the uprights have dominion over them in the morning and their beauty shall be destroyed in the grave from their dwelling but God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave that's why he began in his introduction well why should he be afraid even though this iniquity this evil is coming upon the land he's not gonna be afraid why is he not afraid he looks at the wicked cease their situation then he looks into the future and he sees his situation because of the covenant faithfulness of God he says but God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave for he shall receive so there's clearly an understanding of the redemptive work of the Messiah he shall receive me Selah and in terms of this understanding of the Resurrection which clearly the psalmist had Paul speaks of this in first Corinthians 15 great chapter you wanna understand the resurrection first Corinthians 15 but the verse 19 he says if in this life only we have hope in Christ we are of all men most miserable so if you tie this back to the psalm the psalmist is looking at this great evil that's coming up on the land that's going to overtake him and he's saying to him so why should I be afraid you know my own sins have actually caused this but I have hope in Redemption so if there was no Redemption you have these people who are so wealthy and so

powerful and they're just living off the fat of the land and then here we are suffering being persecuted the having our rights taken away from us and so the conclusion Paul comes to is you know if all there is is this life and the wicked are doing so well and prosperous and we are being persecuted and we're suffering if all there is is this life you know what being a follower of the way being a follower of Jesus Christ it's a bad deal it's a very bad deal we are he says of all men most miserable Paul was shipwrecked he was stoned he was whipped he was imprisoned he was starving he just suffered so much abuse and insult but all of this in the context of a future resurrection he says I count all of this is nothing this is nothing to it but if there is no future resurrection if this is all there is it is this is what it is to be a Christian he's saying you know what we are of all men most miserable and we today like now we live in a very prosperous Western civilization but it's coming down it's death by a thousand cuts and there's some very treacherous people on you know here we are November 2000 and 19 and I've been watching the the hearings the impeachment hearings and it's fascinated by God to me how can anybody watch TV Hollywood this is far more entertaining in in an interesting way because this is how Satan works this is wickedness this is this is great immorality that's taking place right before our eyes and and being able to see how this wickedness unfolds and hell even you give a man a gavel and he gets drunk and intoxicated on power and and this is this is the trouble with human beings and power you know even when Israel were they wanted a king and God

says you can give you a king but here's what's gonna happen because human beings getting drunk and intoxicated with power and certainly watching these impeachment hearings we're seeing great evil great evil and we're seeing how the Communists have infiltrated they said back in the 60s that they this is their objective to infiltrate one of the political parties and they have clearly been very very successful and communism is a great evil tipping people we just is just a word communism we don't understand just how incredibly immoral communism is but they're going to be inflicting great persecution once they get into power eventually the

West will fall and will fall into the hands of the very wicked people and when it falls into their hands

Christian will be of all men most miserable and if this is all there is what the psalmist says why should I be afraid because he's looking out into the future and he's realizing there's more than this life and those who are powerful in this life they're just being led to the grave they're just death is going to feast on them and they're going to there's no one that can help anybody else but he knows that he will be leading he will be resurrected he will be with his Lord his Lord will receive him as he will us if in this life only we have hope in Christ we are of all men most miserable but now Christ is risen from the dead and he has become the firstfruits of them that slept so the fact that Christ and it's proven that he rose from the dead he's the firstfruits of those that sleep that means that others are going to rise from the dead as well in Revelation 20 John sees all of the sins of the future and shares it

with us but in says he saw Thrones Donna  
saw Thrones it and simply because he  
leads with this these drones are  
spectacular he saw these sort of  
spectacular Thrones and they sat upon  
them he saw people sitting on Thrones  
any judgment was given unto them a great  
amount of power the gavel was given to  
these people because they're trustworthy  
with power they can take this power and  
not use it to advance a personal agenda  
they will take this power and judging  
righteousness but judgment was given  
unto them and he says and I saw the  
souls of them that were beheaded for the  
witness of Jesus but if this life was  
all there is and they're beheaded for  
the witness of Jesus they would be of  
all men most miserable but this life is  
not all there is  
there is a future there was a  
spectacular future  
and so although they were slaughtered in  
this life you know what in the long run  
that was a blessing that was an  
opportunity for testimony and to be  
faithful in Christ so it's not just this  
life and so they were beheaded for the  
witness of Jesus and for the word of God  
and they had not worshipped the Beast  
neither His image nor that they received  
in mark upon their foreheads or in their  
hands and they lived and reigned with  
Christ a thousand years he goes on to  
explain that this is the first  
resurrection this is a glorious  
resurrection and when they come up into  
this resurrection of God willing when we  
come up into his resurrection the second  
death has no power over us meaning it  
has power over others but not over us so  
this is what the psalmist is seeing that  
it's not just about this life if it was  
just about this life yeah when they were

in a miserable state but it's not. we  
thou not afraid when one is made rich  
when the glory of his house is increased  
and so God can do this you know God can  
give nations oil and they win the  
lottery and there when trillions of  
dollars and they can be very very  
powerful but don't be afraid of them  
when you when you see one in a rich when  
the glory of his house is increased and  
and God can allow that but don't get  
caught up with this lot behold Zechariah  
says in 14 there are 14 verse 1 in terms  
of again when someone is made rich and  
look at how they're made right here in  
Zechariah he says behold the day of the  
Lord comes and as the day of the Lord is  
coming he says to Jerusalem your spoil  
shall be divided in the midst of you so  
Jerusalem is going to have this power  
that will be shattered and whatever  
wealth is there will be taken away and  
so people are going to become rich at  
the expense of Jerusalem  
but says for I will gather all nations  
against Jerusalem to battle and the city  
shall be taken and the houses rifled so  
we're going to be wrong all the wealth  
will be taken the women ravished and  
half the city shall go forth into  
captivity but the residue of the people  
shall not be cut off from the city so  
clearly by what is happening to  
Jerusalem at this time others are being  
enriched while Jerusalem is being  
impoverished but the psalmist says that  
you shouldn't be afraid when one is made  
rich but in the end it doesn't matter so  
I'll let the present this little brief  
moment in time let it play out and  
whoever's gonna be wicked let them be  
wicked and whatever is gonna be  
righteous let them be righteous because  
what's playing out in the present has



eternal consequences into eternal deep  
eternity eternal consequences so don't  
be afraid and such a ruse one should not  
be afraid

the faithful because he says the residue  
of the people shall not be cut off from  
the city so in Matthew 24 prices in Luke  
I believe is 13 says through Salome he's  
surrounded by armies in 1924 he says and  
in Luke he says that that's when you  
know that the abomination that makes  
desolate is gonna make those in desolate  
but in Matthew 24 he says that when you  
see the abomination of desolation make  
sure that you read the prophet Daniel  
and you understand what that is and why  
it is because the people will not be cut  
off it's gonna come in it's gonna wipe  
the the city clean and make a city  
desolate but as ayah 6 says that when I  
win Jerusalem is made desolate that's  
when the blindness of Jerusalem will be  
lifted and the curse of blindness will  
be lifted so the residue of the people  
will not be troubled and that's why the  
psalmist said why should I be afraid  
there is a covenant love that God has  
for his people and he will not  
disappoint he says about the wicked for  
when he dies he saw carry nothing away  
they again was where the saying I guess  
from you can see the with you so when  
all this wealth and power that he had to  
accumulated when he dies he shall carry  
nothing away his glory shall not descend  
after him so he can't take his glory  
with him though while he lived he  
blessed his soul and the wicked now the  
way of doing how you think about by  
Nebuchadnezzar blessed his soul built a  
great statue to glorify himself the next  
what we could do though while he lived  
he blessed his soul and men will praise  
you when you do well yourself he shall

go to the generation of his father's  
they shall never see light so again he's  
dealing with the temporary the temporal  
versus the eternal we have to be focused  
on the eternal and whosoever was not  
also it so revelation 20:10 dealing with  
this temporal versus the eternal in  
Revelation 20 verse 15 we see the final  
judgment he said it's very clear whoever  
was not found written in the book of  
life was cast into the lake of fire so  
these folks who are very powerful very  
wealthy now isn't of all the glory they  
have all the pleasure they have all the  
well if you're not written in the book  
of life you'll be thrown into the lake  
of fire you'll cease to exist forever  
back to Psalm 49 man that is an honor  
but doesn't understand he's like the  
beasts that perish so so don't so he's  
looking at these people in honor and how  
they're exercising their power and you  
know what you're like a dog and just  
like a dog that perishes so when a beast  
perishes there's no resurrection beasts  
are not made in the image of God there's  
no resurrection then when an animal dies  
that's the end of its life when a human  
dies is made in the image of dog there's  
still hope because there is a  
resurrection but if you don't know God  
then if you're not written in the book  
of life  
you're like a beast of parishes you'll  
be just

Sofia in fact Malachi says this in verse  
three is not that for verse 3 you shall  
tread down the wicked for they shall be  
ashes under the soles of your feet in  
the day that I shall do this sent the  
Lord of hosts so again this life is  
temporary but it's temporary as a  
platform for death for developing  
eternal existence but if we don't have

eternal existence than we're like a  
beast and when we die we just perish  
that's the end of this it's not that  
we're burning in hell forever because  
that's another false doctrine that even  
though you die you live forever no when  
you die you die so there is a death  
that's just the end and it's like the  
beasts so 150 we'll just go through that  
one in the time we have left Psalm 15  
this is a psalm of a soft so we've been  
looking at this Psalm the sons of Korah  
now this is a psalm of Asaph again I'll  
be talented leading musicians he says in  
Psalm 15 the mighty God even the Lord  
has spoken and called the Earth from the  
rising of the Sun onto the going down  
there uh so again this is something that  
is calling the attention to the whole  
earth to look at this so Jerusalem is  
going to be on the lips of every human  
being the whole earth is going to know  
that God has chosen Jerusalem and so we  
see in Psalm 49 we see here in Psalm 15  
oh he says out of Zion the perfection of  
beauty God has signed so God the God of  
the creator of the universe is going to  
shine out of Zion he has a specific  
relationship with a specific piece of  
real estate  
on planet earth and he's returning to  
that very specific piece of real estate  
and the whole earth is going to know  
that the Creator is actually on earth  
and ease in Zion and he's going to shine  
as the perfection of beauty out of Zion  
he says our God shall come and shall not  
keep silence so he's hiding himself now  
he is silent now but there's a time when  
he's going to burst forth and he's going  
to shout on behalf of this  
our God shall come and that's why I  
didn't psalm 4096 and why should he be  
afraid he understands the covenant the

covenant love of God even though we've been unfaithful he understands that God is faithful our God shall come and so not be silenced

a fire shall devour before him and they shall be very tempestuous round about him so again let's not get confused let's not be looking for Jesus Christ the lamb let's be looking for the wrath of the lamb or Jesus the conquering Lion of the tribe of Judah he's coming to unleash his wrath upon the earth and he says he's a he's a consuming fire and this is use of using language from the Torah into her army for Deuteronomy 4 verse 24 he says for the Lord your God is a consuming fire he's a destroying fire even a jealous God as of the song the psalmist agrees with the Torah and says when he comes the fire shall devour before him

Taurus is a devouring fire and the same thing that Paul says in Hebrews our God is a devouring fire he's coming to destroy water in Zechariah again to this this imagery of God being a fire to destroy but here in Zechariah we see that fire being unleashed through his covenant people as it comes to redeem them in Zechariah 12 and verse 6 in that day will I make the governors of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood so even though all these armies are going to be surrounding Judah and Jerusalem and they're coming in to destroy the holy people when God finally asked he's in the way remember that the people will not be cut off he's going to come and save his people and can give him supernatural power to fight back and he says they'll be like a hearth of fire among the wood there will be no resistance from the Gentiles and like

the torture fire and a sheep and they shall devour all the people round about - our God is a consuming fire but here we see beings actually empowering these people to be this consuming with him on the right hand and on the left and Jerusalem shall be inhabited so the remnant of the people will not be cut off Jerusalem you know the whole world wants to destroy them God says if it were if he did not act no soul will be saved alive on the right hand and the left in Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place even in Jerusalem that's the exact opposite agenda of the peoples of the earth and so the psalmist is flying out all you peoples of the earth he's inviting the whole earth this opportunity to repent and that's where again God says this gospel this this good news will be preached to the whole earth as a witness so we have a message like the psalmist for the whole earth it concerns the whole earth Jerusalem concerned the whole earth and we have good news about Jerusalem that God the Creator is coming to return and he's going to shine from Zion and so Jerusalem shall be inhabited this is good news Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place even in Jerusalem despite the fact that Satan has has hypnotized the whole world to be against Jerusalem this is the good news and we have a message for the whole earth all you peoples of the earth Tinky and we will open a mountain a parable and we will share dark sayings that nobody understands but the secret is with those who fear the Lord and he's gonna show the Covenant and that's the good news he shall call to the heavens from above and to the earth that he may judge his people it's all about his

people it's all about Deuteronomy 30 and God fulfilling his covenant and finding the remnant that will be faithful and gathering this with this faithful he says here gather my Saints together unto me

so he's judging his people he's looking for that remnant the Israel that he can enter into a new covenant with a renewed covenant gather my things together one to me those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice so there are those that are being driven to repenting and these are the ones who's going to gather and this is what he meant when he said in Matthew 24 he shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet and they shall gather they shall gather together his elect from the four winds from one end of heaven to the other so God is faithful and this is see this is what he's doing he's going to be gathering his elect in Revelation 7 and the Hall of Revelation 7 we see the 144,000 but in it didn't that when he when he when John turns he says excuse me and I after this I beheld and lo a great multitude which no man could number of all nations and Kindred's and people and tongues so the psalmist has a message in Psalm 49 in Psalm 50 we see a messages for the whole earth and this wisdom that goes out to the whole earth results in representatives coming from all nations being grafted into Israel but this covenant love that God is going to exercise in the earth even though it's exclusively with Israel all nations will be grafted representatives from all nations will be grafted into the nation of Israel and will be able to represent God so it is a message for the whole earth of all nations and Kindred's and people and tongues they stood before the

throne and before the lamb clothed with white robes and palms in their hands so this Redemption even though it's exclusively for Israel there is the opportunity for the Gentiles to repent and to be grafted in to Israel from all nations back to Psalm 50 and the heavenly shall declare his righteousness for God is judged himself Selah here all my people and I will speak so now is a message for all peoples but now it's specifically for his people here are all my people and I will speak O Israel and I will testify against you I am God even your God so God is the God of Israel but Israel is very unfaithful and so now it listen this is the end this is your God speaking and he's going to testify against you

you've done wrong but he says I will not reprove you for your sacrifices or your blood offerings so they've been deficient Israel should be in this special relationship with God but God is not going to correct them for their deficiency that should have been continually before him this is the only nation that God has a relationship with and they should have been continually before him as the kingdom of priests but they haven't think they've been unfaithful this says he's not going to reprove them for that he says they will take no Bullock out of your house nor he goats out of your faults for every beast of the forest is mine and the cattle Upon A Thousand Hills so God was not looking for this relationship with Israel where they're sacrificing these different animals in relationship with him because he needed it God is holy and he created a mechanism for sinful humans to dwell with him that despite their sin there was a way for them to be cleansed

of the sin and to be holy people before him so they neglected all of that and they did not fulfill the covenant but because he is in covenant and he promised he's gonna fulfill it despite their wickedness and so he's not going to bother reproving them for all of this the whole everything is his I know all the fowls of the mountains and the wild beasts of the fold of mine if I were hungry I wouldn't tell you because the world is mine and the fullness thereof while I eat the flesh of bulls or drink of the blood of goats so do you think that if you look at the wilderness in the outline of holy living and how to dwell with God so in the end of Exodus God moves in as the neighbor to Israel isn't there the tabernacle and he dwells in and Israel is with him and then Leviticus shows how to live how to live in the presence of God but he's saying like did you think that I needed all of that this was for you not for me he so he says this is not he didn't do this for himself and he says offer unto God Thanksgiving this is what it's really about this is really the spirit of the law this is where the understanding of the New Covenant one is in our heart offer unto God Thanksgiving and pay your vows unto the Most High again this is coming from the Torah verse 21 or 23 deuteronomy when you shall bow a balance and Lord your God you shall not slap to pay it you don't mess about what comes out of our mouth we're going to be held accountable to it that's what Christ says you know what let your yea be yea and your nay be nay don't don't go overboard with watch it comes out because it's gonna be held accountable for everything that comes out of our mouths



so Deuteronomy says when you know when you make about about to the Lord you'd better pay it for the Lord your God will surely require it of you and it would be a sin for you so there's something very special about the word God created the whole universe with the word and we enter into covenant agreements think of marriage with the world and God binds us together with the word and and what we say matters so don't be frivolous in entering into balance God will require so be grateful and live up to your vows verse 15

Psalm 50 and call upon me so you make these vows and call upon me in the day of trouble I will deliver you and you shall glorify me

so again God has never abandoned Israel for despite their lack despite their inability to fall to be faithful God is still going to work with them and he want them to come to him in the spirit of gratitude and to call upon him in the day of trouble that's like a massage why should I be afraid I understand the company

and in this covenant we can call upon him Israel from coliform in the day of trouble and he will deliver Israel he will he has not abandoned Israel and you shall glorify me so again we've read many times Deuteronomy 30 that it will come to pass when all these things are come upon you the blessing and the curse we've just finished reading Deuteronomy this comes after Deuteronomy 28 and 29 the blessings and the curses they Moses says I can see in the future and it's all going to come upon you both the blessing and the curse which I've set before you and you so call them to mind from all the nations where the Lord has driven you and you shall return to the

Lord your God says something brings me to repentance and you will obey his voice according to all that I command you this day you and your children with all your heart and with all your soul is this whole sense of gratitude and his real they've been driven to real heartfelt repentance that then the Lord your God will end your captivity they have compassion upon you and he'll return and gather you from all the nations this is what Matthew 24 what Christ is speaking about you're going to fulfill his word so you know what God will hold us accountable to what we say he certainly holds himself accountable to what he says and he says he will gather his people from all the nations worth of where he has scattered them if any of yours are driven out to be out in most parts of heaven from there the Lord your God will gather you and from there will affect you I will just wrap up now with Psalm 15 back to Psalm 15 but to the wicked God says what have you to do to declare my statutes so God is not interested in hypocrisy that's why Moses said when you come to true repentance then you will gather you and glorify himself in year but God says to wicked what have you to do to declare my statutes this hypocrisy or that you should take my covenant in your mouth seeing that you hate instruction so they the Christ says that lawlessness is coming tourists miss is coming to hate Torah and you cast my word behind you when you saw a thief then you consented with him and you've been a partaker with adulteress so this is the way of going it's an easy to just see people supporting the wicked you gave your mouth to evil and your tongue friends

deceit I sort of think of the the  
impeachment hearings when I read this  
but this is dealing with people not just  
America but Judah you give your mouth to  
evil and your tongue frames the sea you  
sit and speak against your brother you  
slander your own mother's son this is  
what you do you Steve speak against your  
brother

then you slander your own mother's son  
Christ warns us in Matthew 10 that the  
brother shall deliver up the brother to  
death and the father the child and the  
children shall rise up against their  
parents and cause them to be put to  
death and they then shall many Matthew  
24 says many shall be offended and will  
betray one another and will hate one  
another in verse 12 and because Torah  
lessness lawlessness shall abound the  
love of many shall wax cold so what is  
looking like this is saying that you  
have to train your brother how can you  
do this is the spirit of pain in  
Habakkuk a bad cook was looking at this  
and he says Oh Lord how long shall I cry  
and you will not hear you can cry out  
unto your violence and you will not fear  
these this is the covenant community  
brother being violent against brother  
murdering brother and God is not doing  
anything and he says why do you show me  
iniquity and caused me to behold  
grievance for spoiling and violence are  
deforming and there are the wise up  
strife and contention  
so Habakkuk is seen as timing brother is  
against brother and there's deceit and  
it's this horrible time and God is not  
doing anything and he says because of  
this the law is slapped together the  
Torah is slapped and judgment never goes  
forth so this is the Torah lessness  
so the wicked does come past us around

the righteous therefore wrong judgment precedes and we can certainly see entering into this time but then God answers and says we hold you among the heathen and regard and Wonder marvelously well I will work a work in your days which you will not believe throw it for told you so God is gonna rise up being wicked to come and destroy his own people and the psalmist in Psalm 49 says he's not gonna be afraid you know it's gonna be he says for though I raise up the Chaldeans and says that veteran instigation so they're going to take their work Psalm 50 these things you have done so this wickedness from his people and he says and I've kept silence you thought that I was all together such a one as yourself but I will reprove you and set them in order before your eyes God is going to have a relationship with Israel whether they like it or not so he's going to work with them that he's committed now consider this you that forget God lest I tear you in pieces and there being none to deliver so Psalm 14 I went out to the whole world but now Psalm 50 is focusing specifically before the day of trouble comes ought to his own people and saying you've got to you've got to repent and and and be right with God but God wants to use you to be glorified so God says consider this lest you that forget God and so the idea is they knew God and now they've forgotten him lest I tear you in pieces invitation to repentance and there be none to deliver whoso offers praise glorifies me and to him that orders his conduct correctly will I show the salvation of God so the secret of the Lord is with them that fear him and so

there's people see here the opportunity  
for repentance again to Habakkuk when he  
was complained to God I come I don't see  
you acting and then in the back of 2  
verse 2 he says the Lord answered me and  
said write the vision and make it plain  
upon table  
that he may run that leads it so there  
is a message here for God's own covenant  
community to say be careful you that  
forget your God because God is coming to  
crush you and you better repent before  
it's too late  
so the message of Ibaka is preserved for  
the end time so that we court to preach  
the gospel in the end time can retrieve  
the message of the backup portray it to  
the people of God and say you know run  
meaning repent be quick to come back to  
God for the vision is yet for an  
appointed time this is going to happen  
and there's an appointed time for it but  
at the end it shall speak and not lie  
though it tarries wait for it you can  
count on it  
god delays and that's just his mercy it  
didn't it is will have no man perish but  
it's coming though it tarries  
wait for it because it will surely come  
it will not tarry so that's a great way  
for us to end as we look at Psalm 50 and  
he says to do the ends and sound 50 just  
consider this you who forget your God  
lest I tear you in pieces and how will  
he do that by raising up that bitter and  
hasty nation the Chaldeans  
and they will come in and tear his  
people apart and there'll be nobody to  
deliver but whoso offers praise  
glorifies God and to him that orders his  
conduct a right will I show the  
salvation of God that song 49 and Psalm  
15 pastor Murray's gonna join me now in  
the chat answer any questions there the

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any questions and thoughts and comments  
feel free to share them there what a  
wonderful God what a faithful God  
he keeps covenant when we understand  
covenant number one we can digest any  
amount of baggage we have to focus on  
the allegheny can put our head in the  
sand but everything that we see  
we see it's all leading to this eternal  
boy that God is coming  
it's gonna go Dimas people you're gonna  
be glorified in his people and  
ultimately he's gonna bless the whole  
earth through his people Jesus Christ is  
Lord and he's faithful  
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