

19-Psalms-44-Transcript

[Music]

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[Music]

well welcome brethren to another
wednesday night bible study and tonight
god willing we'll cover
psalms 90 and 91. we are now in book
four of the psalm
um what shall i call that the name just
this case you might
call it um names escapes me
so we're now in book four of the overall
uh hymnal
of the of the psalms and this is going
to be 17
psalms um i think this corpus is the
word i was looking for
um 17 psalms so from psalm 90
to psalm 106 uh will represent book four
and then after this book god willing
we'll get into uh the first part of the
book of isaiah we did second isaiah
so god willing will go to first isaiah
and then come back
and finish book five of the psalms so
welcome glad to have you
let's open with a word of prayer and
then we can get into
psalms 90 and 91 for this evening
heavenly father we come before you and
just thank you lord god for your
loving kindness for your great mercy
toward us
father it's a time of great confusion
the world over
and yet father we're not confused
because we have the light of your word
we have the the the guidance from your
word and from these ancient
texts we just thank you so much father
that you've put it in our hearts
to have a desire to want to study uh

these books
and to gain wisdom from these books
father
we pray that you'll bless our study this
evening help us to draw closer to you to
walk more closely
with jesus christ in his name we pray
amen
let's get into the study for this
evening brethren we're
covering psalm 90 but i want to go back
just before we cover psalm 90 just to
remind
us of where we were before we took the
break we finished with psalm 89 and then
we went into the
finishing off the prison epistles but
here
in psalm 89 just as a reminder
let's go back to psalm 89
and it opened as a masqueil as a
writing of wisdom a teaching psalm of
ethan
the ezra height and he says here
i will sing of the mercies
of the lord forever the cassette the
loving kindness
of god he's just so overwhelmed by this
he'll sing of it forever
and with my mouth will i make known
thy faithfulness to all generations
actually the faithfulness the cassette
to all generations so
he's just so overwhelmed by god's
faithfulness he wants to make it known
to all generations that's how the psalm
begins but it doesn't
end with the same tone and so we have to
read between the lines as we
if you go back into the archives as we
did to understand what is the psalmist
really saying here
in psalm 89 but after saying that he
will declare

god's faithfulness to all generations in
verse 34 he says my covenant
will i not break so god will not break
his covenant
nor alter the thing that is gone out
of my lips so so this is god's
faithfulness to his covenant he will not
go back on his covenant once i have
sworn by my holiness
that i will not lie unto david
so so whatever this covenant this
davidic covenant is
god absolutely will fulfill it and we
can trust in that
his seed shall endure forever
and his throne as the son before me
so god is saying i absolutely under no
circumstances
will i go back on my word to
david that his seed shall endure
forever and that his throne
will be as the sun before me it will be
established
forever that is what god promises
he says it shall be established forever
as the moon and as a faithful witness
in heaven sila so case closed we can
meditate on this we can take this to the
bank
but then there's this sharp turn in
psalm
89 beginning here in verse 38 he says
but you have cast off and abhorred
so even though you promised this to
david when we look at our situation now
you have actually cast off and abhorred
you have been wroth very angry
with your anointed now listen to this
you have made void the covenant
of your servant this same covenant that
we were trusting in
you've made it of none effect you've
made it void
you have profaned his crown by

casting it to the ground this is the
crown of david
that you you said it would be
established forever and now you've made
void this covenant
and you've you've made you've profaned
his crown you've
you've basically made it made it useless
you've made his crown useless
vain by casting it to the ground you
you've done this lord
he says lord where
are your former loving kindnesses and so
the psalms are all about the cassette
the the loving kindness of god and now
the psalmist is wondering
where are your forming former
lovingkindnesses
which you swore unto david
in your truth what's happened to your
god
the throne the throne is thrown down
there's no more throne
you made a covenant with david what has
happened
he says remember lord the reproach of
your servants look
how we're suffering now how i do bear in
my bosom
the reproach of all the mighty people
these these powerful enemies
wherewith your enemies have reproached
oh lord
wherewith they have reproached the
footsteps
of your anointed so there is this
catastrophe
this the psalm ends it opens with with
singing of the the faithfulness of god
and to all generations but it ends with
this this catastrophe that although
there's this covenant in place with
david
something has happened and and the

covenant is broken
and and although david's throne is to be
established forever god himself
has profaned it has made it of no effect
and then he ends by saying blessed be
the lord forevermore amen
and amen so what do we this this is how
book three ends
with this crisis or this apparent crisis
because the the way the psalmist opens
the psalm
he's actually not in crisis but the way
it ends
there is a very very deep concern
from the covenant community that god has
in fact forsaken them now i was doing a
little bit of research
and one of these um
one of these churches of god
has come up with a solution
is is actually uh propagating that
the throne of david in fact is still
standing
because god says that he will never lock
a man to sit on the throne before him
and so the throne actually left
jerusalem
through jeremiah it went to ireland
then the royal family of the united
kingdom
sat on that throne but they have now
violated their position on that throne
so the throne through a different stone
has now
transferred to this church of god
organization
and he in fact sits on
the throne so he he's the one that sits
on the throne so hopefully you can see
this image i think there may be some
problem with the internet tonight
but it's just an image of a magazine
called royal vision
with new stone new throne and so

this individual is claiming
to his followers that he in fact
is the new king of israel and judah
and that they are they are in effect his
subjects
but he's the new king because god
promised david that he'll always have a
man to sit on his throne
this is the kind of concoction and the
kind of insanity
that people can come up with when they
do not read the text
carefully so when we read the text
carefully
god himself profaned the throne of david
and the community is in this crisis
because they were they they were in
covenant
and they thought they could take that
covenant for granted they thought that
nothing could ever happen to them
because they were the covenant people
when in fact if we read the covenant
carefully
they would be shattered and scattered
because of their unfaithfulness if they
break the covenant
and so the covenant would in fact break
them but that
ultimately does not mean that god is
unfaithful to his covenant in fact it
shows that god is faithful
because he has multiple covenants and
there's the davidic covenant there's the
abrahamic covenant there's the mosaic
covenant
and he's faithful to all these covenants
and they all have to interoperate
and so psalm 90 now as we come into
psalm 90
it in fact is a response
to psalm 89 psalm 90 and 91 even 92
are in response to the crisis of faith
that that psalm 89 or book 3 ends with

so if we now go to psalm
89 or psalm 90 it says
a prayer of mooses the man of god so they
are now
saying that this is from mooses but
they're putting it juxtaposed
to the crisis of faith
in the period of psalm 89 and now we can
look to mooses to understand how do we
respond
to this crisis so a prayer of mooses
the man of god lord you have been
our dwelling place in all generations
the eternal god so so he's been our
dwelling place
this is where we dwell in all
generations
it doesn't matter what what is happening
there's always going to be
uh god's ability to to be there for
us as long as we repent or the people of
the covenant repent
and turn to him you've been our dwelling
place in all generations and so just
again i should have said when we're
talking about this uh this idiotic
leader this this false teacher who is
claiming
that he is the new king on the throne of
david
that um excuse me but the northern
tribes of israel
were divorced god they broke covenant
with god god cut them off
so they are divorced and they remain cut
off
until christ's return when he'll join
israel and judah together
into one stick so the covenant remains
in judah
and within judah now there's this crisis
of faith
because the throne of david god himself
has profaned it

within judah so now
moses is showing us that god has been
our dwelling place
in all generations the eternal god
is your refuge and underneath are the
everlasting arms
and he shall thrust out the enemy from
before you
and shall say destroy them so moses
understood something
that even though the enemy might get the
upper hand for a period
it's only for a period and that god in
fact is in a
an eternal covenant with his people
so even though the enemy gets the upper
hand god will in fact turn them away
and restore the dignity to his people
but there may be a period
where the throne is profaned
before the mountains were brought forth
or ever you have formed the earth and
the world
even from everlasting to everlasting
you are god so moses is going all the
way back
to the beginning and all the way forward
into eternity
and god is established forever
you turn listen to verse 3 you turn
man to destruction so if the if
in psalm 89 they find themselves
in a crisis of faith there's a reason
for it
there's a reason for it and moses makes
it very very clear
that god himself turns man
to destruction that that is god's doing
but there's a purpose for it if the
community is in crisis
and feels abandoned by god and
overwhelmed by their enemies
there's a purpose for that and he says
you turn men to destruction and say

return you children of men
that's why they find themselves in the
situation that they're in
at the end of psalm book 3 and psalm 89
and then listen to this now this is the
sort of we we know this verse quite well
but in the context of what we just read
in psalm 89
and how psalm 90 is juxtaposed to psalm
89
for a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it has passed
and as a watch in the night so verse 4
of psalm
90 isn't just hanging in the air
in mid-air by itself it's it's it's
in response to look look at verse 3
you turn man to destroy so if in psalm
89
at the end of psalm 89 the community is
in a crisis of
faith and wondering what happened god
has profaned the throne
he's made void the covenant what is
going on here
well read the writings of moses and read
what god
said he would do if the people were
unfaithful
and god will do exactly that because he
is faithful
but what he is doing is ultimately
driving his people to faithfulness they
may have to suffer
they may have to go deep into the
darkest hour of the soul
before they will fully turn around and
be fully repentant but god
has a plan and he knows the the inner
workings of the heart of man
and he's going to purify the sons of
levi so that he can have a true
people of god to represent him in the
earth

you turn man to destruction and you say
return you children of men
for a thousand years are in your sight
as yesterday so even if the destruction
lasts for a thousand years for mankind
to god that's like a day
so while the community is in crisis for
a period
to god this is nothing because what did
moses say
he says even from everlasting to
everlasting god is from everlasting to
everlasting
so if there's a period of time where the
throne of david is profaned
this is nothing compared to eternity
because god will in fact restore the
throne of david
and the son of david will sit on that
throne
eternally and david will reign with him
eternally and so in the eternal
scheme of things the fact that god had
to drive these people into deep crisis
in order to turn them around a thousand
years
it's like yesterday it's nothing
for a thousand years in your sight are
but as yesterday when it has passed
and as a watch in the night that's all
it is like a watch in the night
so this period of crisis like a watch in
the night
and and this is obviously quoted in in
the new testament second peter 3 and
verse 8 peter says but beloved be not
ignorant of this one thing
that one day is with the lord is a
thousand years
and a thousand years is one day and
we're going to see this
theme of a thousand years repeated in
uh book four as really pointing us to
the millennium

but without even in the millennium the
millennial reign of christ
it's like a day and then it's into
eternity
so peter himself quotes this back to
psalm 90
you carry them away as with a flood
this is what's happening to god's people
god god allows it
god drives the people into crisis
because of their unfaithfulness
you carry them away as with a flood they
are as asleep
in the morning they are like grass which
grows up in the morning it flourishes
and grows up
in the evening it is cut down and
withers
this is the human condition and somehow
even god's people don't understand this
when we're in the glory of our strength
we're in our prime years
even though we're god's people we're the
covenant people
we somehow think we go on forever
in this mortal existence and moises is
saying
men are like grass we we um
show up we have our glory and then we're
gone
so um this is this is the situation that
we're in
so let me just um stop sharing my screen
for a moment
and then i'll reshare it because i just
it seems like there's some problems with
the
the internet tonight so hopefully um
you will be able to
follow along here but i'm on verse 6
of psalm 90. in the morning it
flourishes
and grows up in the evening it is cut
down and withers

for we are consumed by your angry
and by your by your anger and by your
wrath are we troubled
this this is what's going on in psalm 89
if mooses could foresee it in fact
before the people even went into the
promised land mooses could foresee
their trouble and mooses has a very very
deep
understanding of the relationship of the
covenant community
with jehovah
so we're destroyed by your anger
this is why he profaned the throne of
david
and by your wrath are we troubled
and the lord said unto mooses bring
aaron's rod
again before the testimony i just want
to just check something here
yeah so we're just just having some
problem with the the internet i'll
continue here just for the sake of the
archive
because it looks like uh it's working
fine on my end
and so i think it'll be fine in the
archive so sorry if there's some trouble
with the transmission but hopefully you
have your your bibles handy
and you can follow along there if it's
not scrolling on your screen
so so when he says here in
psalm 90 verse 7 that where the covenant
community
is destroyed uh by
god's anger and by his wrath they're
troubled
he think of what he wrote here in
numbers 17
in the torah number 17 and verse 10.
number 17 and verse 10 and the lord said
unto mooses
bring aaron's rod again before the

testimony
to be kept for a token against the
rebels
the covenant people of god to be kept
for a token against the rebel
rebels and you shall quite take away
their murmurings from me
that they die not and mooses did so as
the lord commanded him so did he
and the children of israel spoke unto
mooses saying behold we die
we perish we all perish this is the
relationship
of the covenant community with god that
that he
he will not hold back on his his his
destruction of these people as they
deserve
it goes on here in verse 13 whoever
comes anything near unto the tabernacle
of the lord
shall die when we're into relationship
with jehovah this is
serious business and these people needed
to understand that god is holy
and they are meant to be a holy people
and they cannot fool around
whoever comes any near anything near
unto the tabernacle of the lord shall
die
shall shall we be consumed with dying
and so mooses here in this prayer clearly
understands this
relationship of the covenant community
to the covenant keeping god
and i think for for many we just can
take god for granted
and think of that god is just this big
cuddly teddy bear and we can do whatever
we want
but god is bound by his word it's
impossible for him to lie
so he he follows his word to the t and
and and there are multiple covenants and

he's being faithful to all of them
it's just amazing how all of them come
together in christ
verse 8 of psalm 90. you have set our
iniquities before you
our secret sins in the light of your
countenance so moles understood this
there's human nature
everybody wants to be thought well of
and there's human nature
and and people are doing things but
they're they're hiding it
and moles is saying you've said it right
in front of us it's right in front of
our face
no secret now and in fact in jeremiah 17
and verse 10
god says i the lord search the heart
so he searches your mind he searches my
mind
i try the reins even to give every man
according to his ways and according to
the fruit
of his doings so this is the answer now
psalm 90 is showing us
in in detail what happened in psalm 89
and why the people were in this crisis
of faith
how faithful god is verse 9
for all our days are passed away with
your wrath
we spend our years as a tale that is
told this is
a prayer of moles thousands and
thousands of years ago
and it precedes the crisis of psalms
the days of our years are three score
years
and ten so that's 70 years
and if by reason of strength they be
four score years
yet is their strength labor and sorrow
this is life that that this this um
this the life here is very very

difficult
and it's work but it's also sorrow
and moses is saying look somebody will
live 70 mostly 70
that's our allotment some may live to 80
if they're really healthy
but even if they live to 80 that extra
10 years
labor and sorrow now moses himself
in deuteronomy 34 and verse 7 and moses
was 120 years so when he hit
80 he had another 40 years
of labor and sorrow so much sorrow in
fact for moses
that because of the grief of the
children of israel
that they gave him he was unable to
enter the promised land
he could see it but he was not he was
unable to enter it
so moses was 120 years old when he died
his eye was not dim nor his natural
force abated
so there's an extra 40 extra 50 years
really from three score years and 10
an extra 50 years of labor
and sorrow
verse 11 of psalm 90
who knows the power of your anger
again this is answering what's going on
in psalm 89 with a prayer of moses that
precedes the crisis
because moses could see the future
who knows the power of your anger even
according to your fear
so is your wrath that god is real
and i think now even christians today
are like ancient israel
in that we take god for granted we think
that you know because of christ
god is just all mercy when if we read
the book of revelation carefully
jesus christ is full of wrath that the
things that are going on the earth

today anger him intensely
and he's going to unleash that wrath
upon the earth
so i think any christian who portrays
god
simply one dimensionally as as purely
merciful
and cuddly teddy bear that christian
doesn't know god
that that as merciful as god is he is
also wrathful
and and if we understand god in this
multi-dimensional excellence
that he's excellence in every aspect of
his character
then we won't play with god we will
approach him very humbly
and when with with a great sense of awe
and and gratitude who knows the
power of your anger
and the children of israel repeatedly
triggered god's anger stimulated his
anger
who knows the power of your anger even
according to your fear
so is your wrath it's appropriate for us
to to have this great awe of god
what's the conclusion so teach us to
number our days
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom
so so once we realize that we are
immortal it is a strange thing we have
this uh
electrical chemical existence and and we
feel in this
temporary existence as if we will live
forever
it's a very strange phenomenon and yet
all of us
know we will die but we just don't
accept this
but moises is saying you're praying that
we learn to understand that we will die
that we learn to number our days okay

three score year and
ten how much time do i have left how
much time do you have left
and that's like best case scenario we
might make it there or maybe a little
bit
further four score years uh best case
scenario
we could die tonight we could die
tomorrow so if we
if we have this
have a real sense of this
then we'll apply our hearts to wisdom
you know there's people running up and
down tonight doing all kinds of things
but we're here studying god's word
because we have this sense that
this is this is not ever this is like a
dream and one day we're going to wake up
and enter the real world the eternal
world
hopefully if we are faithful so teach us
to number our days that we may apply our
hearts unto wisdom
here in deuteronomy 32 in torah mooses
writes
of israel for they are a nation
void of counsel neither is there any
understanding in them so you can see
these ancient israelites
they felt like they will live forever in
their temporary state
and and mooses prayer is that we would
understand we're temporary
and in that temporariness and that
realization of our temporariness
that we would we would develop wisdom
and understanding
but here of ancient israel he says they
are a nation void of counsel
neither is there any understanding in
them oh that they
were wise that they understood this
that they would consider their latter

end
that that was mooses's prayer
in here in psalm 90 that that the
covenant people would
learn to number our days and in torah he
says that
if only they were wise if only they
understood this
that they would consider their latter
end back to psalm 90
return o lord how long and let it repent
you
concerning your servants oh satisfy us
early with your mercy that we may
rejoice
and be glad all our days so despite this
understanding of god's wrath and his
anger
mooses allah also understood his mercy
and in the presence of their
unfaithfulness and in the presence of
his wrath
mooses could pray for god to return
and to repent concerning his servants to
change his
the situation of the relationship
between the covenant people
and god which has been characterized by
god's wrath by their unfaithfulness
and god's wrath mooses is now praying for
a change
oh satisfy us early with your mercy
that we may rejoice and be glad all our
days this is what mooses wants
make us glad according to the days
wherein you have afflicted us so this is
the answer now
to psalm 89 that there's this crisis
and this crisis of faith and there's
this pondering
what has happened to the covenant and
mooses responds by praying
make us glad according to the days
wherein you have afflicted us

and the years wherein we have seen evil
let your work appear unto the
unto your servants and thy glory
unto their children so remember moyses
was not just
the law giver the great lawgiver he was
also a prophet
and he could look into the future he saw
the present situation
but god also gave him insight and
foresight
to understand the future and he could
now pray here in psalm 90
that god ultimately would turn the
situation around
and this comes if and we've read this so
many times i think we should
be able to recite these by heart by now
deuteronomy 30.
what is the purpose of god's wrath
and how does his wrath satisfy the
covenant
because god ultimately is faithful to
his company never lies he will not lie
to david
he will not turn his back on his
covenant
and it shall come to pass when all these
things are come upon you he just read
them
the blessings and the curses
all of these curses he just read it all
out to them
and then he says to them it shall come
to pass when
all these things are come upon you the
blessing and the curse
i can see the future it's not rosy
it's you're going to get both you you'll
start out well but then you're going to
fail
the blessing and the curse which i have
set before you
and you shall call them to mind among

all the nations
where the lord your god has driven you
you shall be shattered
and then scattered and when that happens
you'll finally remember what i taught
you
and you shall return unto the lord your
god
because of this that is the purpose of
these curses
not to destroy you but to turn you
around
to make you realize you are in covenant
with the great god of the universe
and when you come to realize this for
you to repent
and accept the relationship that you are
bound
by and you shall return unto the lord
your god
and you shall 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 and so here in psalm 90
he says let your work appear unto your
servants
and your glory unto their children well
god says in moses wrote here in torah in
psalm
in deuteronomy 30 that once they repent
and return to the lord their god and
obey his voice
according to everything that moses
commanded then
they and their children when they do
this
with all their heart and all their soul
that's when they'll finally be blessed
and restored and gathered from the four
corners of the earth
where they've been scattered let's
conclude psalm 99 says
and let the beauty of the lord our god

be upon us
and establish you the work of our hands
upon us yet the work of our hands
establish you it
so israel has a purpose and mooses
understands that these covenant people
have a
purpose and he's praying here that the
beauty of the lord god be upon them
and when we turn to a second isaiah
especially isaiah 60
we see exactly this but boy do they have
to go through this crisis
in fact um jeremiah and and daniel
describe it as the worst time ever
no nation ever will suffer
the way the covenant people will suffer
that it it's the time of the the the
trouble for the covenant people
and it's unprecedented not to destroy
them
to turn them around as i said previously
we can think of the great tribulation
as the great rest of the great
redemption the great restoration
psalm 91 is also part of the answer
to psalm the crisis in psalm 89 that
book 4 ends with
at the end i will um

[Music]

cross-reference some verses but i don't
want to interrupt the flow of the psalm
it's a psalm we're all very familiar
with but i'd like just to read it in its
entirety
before commenting on it and i hope that
the video issues are
are improving as i say i'll just
continue here
for the sake of the archive
so psalm 91
and verse 1. he that dwells
so so we saw that earlier with
psalm 90. it's about dwelling here now

you know god is our dwelling place
forever but here now he says he that
dwells in the secret place
of the most high shall abide
under the shadow of the almighty
okay great so i understand the
scriptures thanks pastor murray the
scriptures are scrolling a bit better
now
but again as i say at least for the
archive we'll have it
he that dwells in the secret place of
the most high
shall abide under the shadow of the
almighty so think of the beauty of this
poetry but
it's about dwelling it's it's not this
sort of superficial relationship it's
being settled
in the secret place of the most high
really being in relationship with him
and he is the most high
that the reward for that is we shall
abide under the shadow
of the almighty he's the most high
and he's the almighty and we are so
close to him
that we can abide under his shadow
anybody who's far away
can't be under his shadow
he says i will say of the lord
he is my refuge and my fortress and it's
interesting psalm 91
opens with no authorship it does it's
not ascribed to anybody so we don't know
it's an anonymous song we don't know who
wrote it
my guess is king david wrote this but it
doesn't say
but here certainly the person has a very
deep understanding
i will say of the lord so so he is my
refuge and my fortress my god
in whom i will trust so just in two

verses god is referred to as the most
high
he's referred to as the almighty as the
lord
and as my god so a very very rich
understanding of who god is
and our place with him and and his
oversight
over us surely
he shall deliver you from the snare of
the fowler
and from the noise and pestilence it's
interesting to me
that many of the brethren who will quote
this psalm
are the very same people that when you
speak of the snare of the fowler
the first thing they'll say is oh
conspiracy theory conspiracy theory
everything's a conspiracy theory there's
never any conspiracy fact
we never say conspiracy fact it's always
conspiracy theory they're sort of
dismissive
there's no such thing as conspiracies
and yet the bible says
that surely he shall deliver us from the
conspiracy
of the bird catcher you know the perth
the fowler the person who's catching
birds
does so secretly stealthily
conspiracy if it's more than one of them
the bird has no idea what's coming
and surely i hope by now brethren
we can see that there are people on this
planet
who hate christ and hate those who
choose to
so there is such a thing as conspiracy
fact
and and later on there's verses that
we're very familiar with that people
love brethren love to quote

but the same brethren you talk about any
sort of conspiracy all conspiracy theory
never conspiracy fact
surely he shall deliver you
from the conspiracies that the secret
designs
of the bird catcher the fowler and from
the noisome pestilence so interesting
that we're studying this psalm now
during this pestilence and the
designs the hysterical government
responses around it
but he'll deliver us from
shall you trust and you know it reminds
me here of christ in in matthew 23
that the tale end when he says to
jerusalem that this was his desire
that oh how i wanted to gather you as a
hen gathers her chicks under her wings
but you wouldn't have it so your place
is left unto you
desolate so god's will here for those
who dwell with him
is to cover us with his feathers and you
get the sense of this gentleness
and this is what we have to understand
about god he's he's multi-dimensionally
excellent that that as
wrathful as he is that's how tender he
is
and so if we can come into this secret
dwelling place of the most high
we can we can experience his tenderness
and covering us with feathers you just
think of how soft that is
he shall cover you with his feathers and
under his wings
shall you trust there's this real sense
of
confidence of who god is invisible
and most people mock him
the name of jesus christ is mah
muhammad a man a flawed mortal
you don't dare say anything about him

but jesus christ
our great savior our great god mocked
the world over
he's invisible now but
to those of us who know him he's real
just because something's invisible
doesn't mean it's real in fact people
have no
evidence of jesus christ he shall cover
you with his feathers and under his
wings shall you
trust there has to be a trust or under
his wings
what we've experienced being in the
secret place of the most high and so we
can have this confidence that we're
under his wings
under his wings shall you trust his
truth
shall be your shield and buckler this is
why we study god's word
that we're not tripped up we understand
we've been studying from genesis to
revelation
and we have this whole sense of what
god's word is and what it's all about
and because of that that's our shield
and buckler
that people who don't know god's word
you know we have uh the other day this
um the president select
uh was quoting the book of palms the
book of palms
you know these people don't know god
they want to position themselves like
they do
and then they have scholars who can pick
and choose little verses to try to trip
us up
but if we know the whole scriptures and
we're constantly studying them
and he's revealing to us what they
really mean this is our shield and our
buckler

and so no matter no matter what we can
have
great confidence i'm not sure what's
happening with the internet tonight i'm
getting a couple of times where
i'm just seeing like it's having
difficulty with the transmission so
hopefully
you have your scriptures with you and
you're able to follow along
verse 5 you shall not be afraid
for the terror by night nor for the
arrow
that flies by day these next two uh next
few verses
these are the verses that brethren love
to quote
and i want to say that i want to take a
bit of exception to how they're used in
the church
so let's read them and read them
carefully you shall not be afraid
for the terror by night so so things
will happen
and then speaking here to ancient israel
there was terror by night
and the psalmist is saying you don't
need to be afraid nor for the arrow
that flies by day so there's terror by
night there's the snare of the fowler
there are secret things that happen at
night and then in day there's open
warfare
but you who dwell in the secret place of
the most high
you need not be afraid nor for the
pestilence
that walks in the darkness and here we
are in a time of pestilence and christ
prophesied this and more to come
nor for the destruction that wastes at
noon day
and certainly the world that we're
living in right now is

so unstable it is so unstable you know
soon
uh we're here at the tail end of
a year of of uh you know the word
unprecedented has been used so much to
describe this year
uh and so people will now come into
2021.
uh oh i'm glad 2020 is behind us happy
new year
looking forward to the new year why
this instability will only lead to
greater instability
that the changes that we have
experienced are only going to lead to
more change
and i know a lot of people with the the
us elections a lot of christians
think it's nothing who cares one guy's
in another guy's out they're all corrupt
who cares
brethren we should care the scriptures
tell us they in fact command us to pray
for the king
so that we may go about our work that we
may continue to preach the gospel
and i think clearly at the last four
years
we see a man who is working hard i'm not
saying he's perfect
working hard for the american people and
and
created an economy that the world has
never seen before
the whole world the history of mankind
has never seen this economy
and people don't understand the
importance of an economy
but we're gonna find out it looks like
you know from what i can see that uh
there will be a change in administration
there's a chance that there may not be
it's not over yet uh but
there's a good chance just because of

the corruption and the powers that be
that they will in fact get their way and
get their man in place
and america is going to go down america
is going to be sold out
and i think we're going to see as
christians what it means
when we have a socialist government in
place in america
and as america goes it's america's not
just another country
you can have corruption in a small
little country and it really doesn't
matter it's that that's sort of limited
that's what happens in that country
but you get this kind of corruption in
america
and this communist or socialist takeover
of america
in effect or will affect the whole world
and it will affect the whole christian
world
and in my opinion from my observation
most christians most brethren
are not ready for what's coming and they
comfort themselves
with psalms like this taken out of
context that oh nothing will ever happen
to me nothing will touch me
it's all it doesn't matter when we're
not ready we actually need more time
we need more time to strengthen our
backbones
to prepare for martyrdom
and to preach the gospel so that more
can be converted
and more people can repent and get right
with god
but we know it's going to get cut off at
some point and then it is what it is
and many people who talk a good game
well we'll find out
we'll find out we'll see who's who but
this matters and the scriptures say pray

for the king
pray for the king so that we can lead
a quiet life and we can we can do the
work of god that's what the scripture
says so we can't
just be all it doesn't matter when the
scripture tells us what to do
at the same time we're not going to
fight brethren over this
you know that we are seeking higher
things and that's why we pray for the
king because we're seeking higher things
but as far as this world goes we're dead
to it we're
unresponsive to it nobody can recruit us
into their thing because we're we're
recruited already
into god's army
he says
you shall not be afraid for the terror
by night nor for the arrow that flies by
day
nor for the pestilence that walks in
darkness nor for the destruction
that wastes at noon day and this god's
people should be fearless
we should know where we abide and who we
dwell with
and we can fight face anything
fearlessly
easier said than done we are wired for
fear
that that's why we're alive because
we're wired for fear and fear takes over
in order to keep us alive to keep us to
avoid
tragedy but now with the holy spirit
we have to control our fear we have to
overcome our fear
and look death in the eye and say christ
is king
christ is lord
he says here again this passage that
brethren love to quote

out of context i may add a thousand
shall fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand but
it shall
not come near you so this clearly is a
verse
of ancient israel it's an anonymous
author
but it's written with a specific context
and a time of tragedy and warfare for
israel and this is encouraging those
faithful
at this time now can we lift this
passage and apply it in a modern context
of course but we have to be careful we
have to apply it in a modern context
not by itself but with all of the other
scriptures that can be applied with a
modern text
context so that we can come to a right
understanding of what is this saying
and so let's keep this in mind a
thousand shall fall at your side
ten thousand at your right hand but it
shall not come
near you okay let's keep that so i guess
the question is
can this be can this can this scripture
be abused
can it be quoted out of context can it
be
uh given can it be quoted in a sense to
give us false hope
and and cause us to do things that we
should not do
so let's
so what does this mean does this mean
that god's people will never be touched
and that all this destruction is going
to be around us
you know i just came back and my wife
and i just came back from the uk
which is suffering from this pestilence
of covet 19.

it's everywhere and every day now i get
an email from the government of canada
asking me are you sick yet
are you sick yet have you any symptoms
yet i never get an email from them
saying
you know you're making sure you're
taking your vitamin d your zinc your
vitamin c or you're looking after
yourself make sure you get enough sleep
making sure you get exercise no stay in
your house you're under a house to rest
are you sick yet
are you sick yet well no we're not sick
yet
so does that mean that psalm 91 is now
fulfilled
because the pestilence hasn't touched us
and no brethren in the church of god
will ever be sick from covet 19 is that
what this means
he says because we have to understand
how do we apply this verse or this this
passage
because you have made the lord which is
my refuge
even the most high your habitation there
it is again dwelling
in the secret place of the most high
because you've done this
there shall no evil befall you neither
shall
any plague come near your dwelling so
no plagues come near our dwelling is
that what this means
what does this mean how do we apply this
in a modern context
because clearly it applied to whoever
was writing it to whoever they were
writing it to
does it apply equally to us
nobody in the church of god will ever
suffer from covet 19.
nobody in the church of god will ever be

killed
will ever be martyred is that what this
means
for he shall give his angels charge over
you to keep you in all your ways so we
never have to worry
you never have to worry they shall bear
you up
in their hands lest you dash your foot
against the stone you shall tread upon
the lion and the adder
the young lion and the dragon shall you
trample under your feet
why because he has set his love upon me
therefore will i deliver him so god says
look this is why he set his love upon me
therefore i will deliver him i will set
him on high
because he has known my name so because
he's known my name
god says i will set him on high
he shall call upon me and i will answer
him
i will be with him in trouble i will
deliver him
and honor him with long life will i
satisfy him
and show him my salvation beautiful
psalm
quoted many many times by brethren
my concern is and we'll turn to luke in
just a moment
my concern with this psalm
is it tends to be quoted by brethren
who don't are not willing to suffer they
cannot cope with the idea
of tragedy ahead of a tragic road ahead
and i and what i say to us brethren
is this
we need to be ready we need to be
prepared
for this shift this change in season
and that you know
we may have to in fact suffer

and if we can prepare ourselves for
martyrdom
if we can prepare that no matter what
we will look death in the eye and say
jesus is lord
it's going to be far better for us to
come from that position
and then find oh we were spared
rather than from the position nothing
will ever touch me
i'm a child of god the church of god is
is in god's place
nothing will ever befall the church i
think this
um approach i think it's superficial
brethren
and i think when the church faces
tragedy
so so again in america america to me is
the special nation in the world
and because of their first amendment and
also the second amendment primarily the
first amendment and their value of
freedom
even though they're flawed that this
judeo-christian
influence that has influenced the
society they have spread that
around the world and there is a
judeo-christian
ethic and definition of right and wrong
that has influenced the world for
centuries
when america collapses so does that
point of view
and it will be replaced by a communist
perspective or an islamic perspective or
both
an atheistic perspective an idolatrous
perspective
where might is right and and no and you
can't say no one's above the law
people will be above the law the law
will be very flexible and applied

you know just arbitrarily
this is the world we're heading into and
christians will suffer
as we have in the past will suffer again
and again many
talk a good game but we're not really
ready
and and having this superficial approach
that no harm will ever come to us
is not preparing us for the worst
and christ wanted us to be prepared for
the worst so the first question we have
is
can this psalm be misapplied
well let's look at what happened with
christ he says
luke 4 verse 5 and the devil taking
christ up into a high mountain
showed unto him all the kingdoms of the
world in a moment of time
so at a certain point in time this is
what all the kingdoms of the world will
look like
maybe that time is just ahead of us now
under this global beast power
and this is the pinnacle of satan's
might and maybe this is the moment in
time
that satan showed christ to say this can
be yours
and the devil said unto him all this
power will i give you
and the glory of them for that is
delivered unto me
and to whomsoever i will i give it
if you therefore will worship me and
shall all shall be yours
and jesus answered it senator said unto
him get
you behind me satan for it is written
you shall worship the lord your god and
him only
shall you serve and he brought him to
jerusalem

and set him on a pinnacle of the temple
and said unto him if you be the son
of god cast yourself down from here
for it is written and then he quotes the
psalm that we just finished reading
so can this psalm 91 be misapplied
i think the answer is yes because satan
himself misapplied it
to christ himself he says
you know satan is a very clever being
for it is written he shall give his
angels charge over you to keep you
and in their hands they shall bear you
up lest at any time
you dash your foot against the stone
and jesus answering said unto him it is
said you shall not
tempt the lord your god so the verse was
being misapplied
and christ caught it and said no you
can't misapply that scripture
and when the devil ended all of the
temptation he departed from him for a
season
so clearly we can see the scripture can
be misapplied
in matthew 24 so so to apply it now to
to us as christians and say no harm will
ever touch us
a thousand will fall on one side and ten
thousand at another
but no harm will ever come to us and to
apply that in a
physical sense always all the time is
the misapplication of the scripture
and we know it's the misapplication
because of christ's own teachings to the
church
here in matthew 24 and verse 8 he says
all this
as we see these signs this is just the
beginning of sorrows
then shall they deliver you up to be
afflicted wait a minute i thought no

harm would ever come to us
when the lord himself is saying you're
going to be afflicted
and you shall be killed wait hold on a
second
we're your faithful disciples we're
dwelling with you
and now you're telling us they're going
to kill us but what about psalm 91 that
says no harm will ever come to us
well god's word cannot be broken so this
we have to make sense of psalm 91 in the
context
of christ's overall teachings to the
church
then shall they deliver you up to be
afflicted and shall kill you i
brethren i feel this this need in my
role
to prepare the church for the worst
and if the worst doesn't come at least
we were prepared
we resolved in our minds we were
resolved
we will go forward to with christ no
matter what
we're not expecting that everything's
going to be rosy and no harm will ever
come to us
and then when harm comes we're offended
we're shocked
i didn't sign up for this
rather than hey i'm expecting the worst
and when when hor when horror comes it's
like
hey is that all you've got i was
expecting even worse than that
so you do your worst i'm not departing
from christ
then shall they deliver you up to be
afflicted and shall kill you and you
shall be
hated of all nations for my name's sake
well wait a minute psalm 91 said because

we
we know his name we'll be safe christ is
saying because you know my name
you will be unsafe
and then shall many be offended
and shall betray one another and hate
one another this is the scattered mind
this is the panicked mind this is the
weak mind with no backbone
that when the trouble comes they freak
out
and they they are now so selfishly
minded
that it's all about preserving the self
as opposed to the mind that said i
understand what i've signed up for
and jesus is lord and and i'm just gonna
i understand i'm preparing myself
i'm strengthening my backbone so i can
be there for my brethren
and i would rather be crucified
for my brethren than to betray the body
of christ
and many false teachers shall rise and
shall deceive many we've got this
imbecile this this false teacher in one
of the churches of god
saying he sits on the throne of david
he's the new king
the new king can you believe this
brethren
these are the an example of the false
teachers when we get wrong ideas in our
mind and we don't study the scriptures
ourselves
many false prophets shall rise and shall
deceive many
and and we want to hear smooth things so
we go after you hey
you know you're the special people if
you follow me we'll all go to this place
of safety
and no harm will ever befall us when
christ himself is saying

harm will come if you're going to follow
me
in matthew 10 and verse 20 28
he says and fear not them which killed
the body
this is a command that these people who
can kill the body
we're not supposed to be afraid of them
fear not them which kill the body but
are not able to kill the soul
but rather fear him which is able to
destroy both soul and body
in gehenna are not two sparrows sold for
a farthing
and one of them shall not fall on the
ground without your father
but the very hairs of your head are all
numbered
god knows us we dwell in this secret
place with him
and he knows what he's doing and if we
ask him for
bread he's not going to give us a stone
if we ask him for an egg he's not going
to give us a serpent
so if crisis comes we need to understand
it's all good for us in the end
and we need to trust him so there's a
level where psalm 91 can be read on a
physical level
but then there's a level where we read
it on an eternal level
fear you not therefore you are of more
value than many sparrows don't be afraid
brethren when this crisis comes
and lo it will come it's coming
all of this instability is leading to it
we need to be ready take the time now to
be ready
and if god grants us more time wonderful
let's get even stronger and strengthen
each other
but if the time is short and we we enter
into this

horrible time of crisis let's not be
like the ancient israelites who became
unfaithful and betrayed
let's be like christ's faithful
disciples
and apostles and understand that all of
this
in the grand scheme of things this is a
hiccup
fear you not therefore you are of more
value than many sparrows
think not that i am come to send peace
on the earth
i came not to send peace but a sword
so that's what we're heading into in
revelation 6
and verse 11 white robes were given to
these martyrs every one of them
and it was said unto them that they
should rest for a little season
until their fellow servants also and
their brethren
that should be killed as they were
should be fulfilled
what an honor brethren if we should be
counted
among these martyrs this is this is the
highest honor
for a christian so running around
feeling like
nothing will ever harm us and then being
surprised
when the world turns against us this is
not the way to go
instead we don't want to be morbid here
but we wanted
moses taught that he he prayed that we
would learn to number our days
and that we would look at the world that
we live in and realize how anti-christic
it is
how these people hate christ they
pretend they know him but they quote the
book of palms

displaying to the whole world that they
know nothing about god
and yet people fall for them anybody can
dress up in a suit anybody can put on a
nice dress anybody can put up pur put on
perfume and cologne
and look and smell nice but god searches
the hearts
what an honor if we should be killed as
these martyrs were
god will give us the highest honor that
he can
so rather than this fearful no backbone
christian
we should be resolved i signed up for
this
and i understand how glorious god is
and i'm not going to allow any man to
take me away
from glorifying my god in luke 21 and
verse 17 he says
you shall be hated of all men for my
name's sake
psalm 91 says he knew my name and that's
why i'm going to bless him
but for us the christian the blessing
we're looking for is eternal
it's spiritual we're not caught up in
this temporary life of three score years
and ten
maybe four score years
even a thousand years is like a watch in
the night to god
but there shall not a hair of your head
perish so we will be hated of all men
for god's
sake his name's sake but not a hair of
our head shall perish and yet he tells
us
we'll be killed some of us will be
killed clearly there's a spiritual
dimension to all of this
in your patience possess you your souls
the same thing we read in revelation

twice in revelation
that the patience of the saints that's
how we possess our souls
patience being this long endurance
enduring to the end
understanding that no matter what's
going on around us
even if brethren are perishing and even
if we perish physically
that eternally we will not perish not a
hair of our head will perish
so psalm 91 has to be taken from a
spiritual dimension a spiritually mature
dimension in john 16 and verse 1 he says
these things i've spoken unto you that
you should not be offended yet in
matthew 24 many are going to be offended
but god tells us these things so that we
won't be offended
we won't fall into sin they shall put
you out of the assemblies
these are god's people we're obviously
in you know we're not in the pagan
synagogues
we're in we're in the assemblies of
god's people and and many will betray
so they'll put the faithful out yes the
time comes
that whoever kills you will think that
he does god's service wait a minute i
kill why are we talking about killing me
i was just reading psalm 91 and said
i'll never be killed
now why why why is god telling me about
somebody will kill me
and think that he's doing god's service
we've got to be spiritually mature
and be prepared for this christ is
telling us all of this so that we will
not be offended even though many will be
offended
in the end time and these things they
will do unto you because they have not
known the father nor me

but these things have i told you that
when the time shall come
you may remember that i told you of them
we have to remember have these words in
us
so as these things unfold we're like
yeah you know what
this is exactly what christ said would
happen rather than be terrified
rather than lose faith because god told
us this is exactly what would happen
before it happened and now it's
happening
i i'm doubling down my faith is actually
stronger this is evidence it's like when
ancient israel was suffering
this crisis of faith rather than losing
faith they should have been reading the
torah and saying you know what
my faith is even stronger now because
god is doing exactly what he said he
would do
so when we see this crisis our faith
should be stronger because this is
exactly what god told us
would happen and these things i said
unto you not at the beginning
because i was with you now acts 9 15 and
sister mary and i
mentioned this on sabbath i don't know
if you were with us on sabbath but you
had asked this question
last weekend i couldn't find the verse
but this is the verse
that showed that paul was not
exclusively an apostle to the gentiles
in acts 9 and verse 15 but the lord said
unto him go your way
for he is
a chosen vessel unto me
to bear my name so paul knew god's name
and he was declaring god's name in psalm
91 tells us of the special blessing for
those who know god's name

he says to bear my name before the
gentiles
and kings and notice this and the
children of israel
so paul was an apostle not just to the
gentiles but also
to the children of israel and then
notice what god says to what christ says
for i will show him how great things he
must suffer
for my name's sake how do you reconcile
this with psalm 91
where god says because he knew my name
that he will not suffer these things
and yet paul how did he end his life he
was beheaded
in second timothy 3 and verse 10 but you
have fully known my doctrine manner of
life purpose faith long-suffering
charity patience
you live very righteously persecutions
afflictions so paul was suffered
which came unto me at antioch and at
iconium and lystra
what persecutions i endured but out of
them
all the lord delivered me so he suffered
but he said god delivered me out of them
all
and yet how did he end his life
yes and all that will live godly in
christ jesus
shall suffer persecution buckle up
brethren
let's be ready and let's rejoice
that we have been chosen to live in this
in this era
in this this what a great time to be
alive
this is an amazing time to be alive and
if we're holding on to material things
boy we're going to have a rough ride
because these people these are
socialists

oh everybody everything must be equal
yeah
everybody must be equally impoverished
except for the few elite and all the
wealth will be concentrated there
and all these social justice warriors in
the church wait until you get your wish
wait until you see what you've been
supporting
because satan wants to take everything
away from everybody
and especially the ability to worship
christ that's the main objective
everything else is sort of it's a snare
of the fowler
so everything else is a cover and all
this social justice
and all these these different uh slogans
that we get behind
it's the work of the devil and these
same brethren have no idea how to suffer
for christ
only to covet what another man has
yes and all that will live godly in
christ jesus shall suffer persecution
are you ready or are you are we laboring
under this false belief that we will
never suffer
everyone else will suffer but not us
because we're special
boy we're special to live in this end
time and if we can just get
through this this next period of time
however long it is but it's going to be
short
and ultimately great tribulation is only
three and a half years 42 months
and if we can just do our part nobly
and faithfully the the reward
is incomprehensible it's eternal
and it's incomprehensible
we just have to be faithful through this
spot of trouble
but if we're thinking like i'm just so

special no harm will ever come to me
then when when the crisis falls
we're offended christ says many are
going to be offended
so all that's will live godly in christ
jesus shall suffer persecution
that the society is going to change in
such a way
that if you want to walk with christ you
will be identified
you'll be clearly marked and we will
suffer persecution
but evil men and seducers shall wax
they're gonna
they're gonna wax they're gonna gain
worse and worse
deceiving and being deceived so so the
people of god are gonna go
down and the deceivers are going to go
up but the deceivers themselves are
being deceived
they're being used so a lot of these uh
socialist
supporters of socialism don't understand
how it works
you support the cause until they don't
need you anymore
and in fact often it's the most the
strongest supporters of socialism
that once they get into power they need
to get rid of those people first
because they believe too strongly in the
cause and these people are very cynical
but you brethren continue you in the
things which you have learned
and been assured of regardless of what's
happening around us
regardless of the persecutions that all
those in christ must suffer
we must continue in the things that we
have learned and been assured of
knowing of whom we have learned them so
ultimately our teachings come from
christ himself

they may come through men but the men
expound the word of god they don't make
things up
like oh there's a new stone and
therefore there's a new throne
and therefore i'm the king and you
should worship me
and if you follow everything i say and
do everything i tell you and give me
money
then you can come to the place of safety
with me what nonsense
that that's that's not in the word of
god that's out of this guy's imagination
many false teachers
but us brethren let's continue in the
things which we have learned
and been assured of knowing of whom we
have learned them
but watch you in all things endure
afflictions
we need to be ready endure afflictions
do the work of an evangelist and and if
we look at ephesians 4
the church comes together to do the work
of ministry
do the work of the ministry church do
the work of the ministry
use your gifts edify the body do the
work
make full proof of your ministry and we
can say that as a church
we must make so here is speaking to the
individual but the individual is a
member of the body
and that member that evangelist in
ephesians 4 tells us that the evangelist
is there
to strengthen the body so that the body
can do its ministry
and so as a church we need to make full
proof of our ministry
and now what does he say the same person
that says god delivered me

out of all these afflictions
this man who lived so devotedly to god
who dwelt in the secret place of the
most high
what does he say now i am now ready to
be
sacrificed
i thought no harm would come to you paul
you you were you knew god's name
you were declaring his name you were
faithful to him
what do you mean no no no harm will come
near you paul
you know if we were to say to paul no no
harm would come near you he would say
get behind me satan
you do not savor the things of god
for i am now ready to be sacrificed
and the time of my departure is at hand
i have fought a good fight
i have finished my course i have kept
the faith
i've kept the faith henceforth
there is laid up for me a crown of
righteousness
which the lord the righteous judge shall
give me
at that day so you know when he's saying
no harm will come to me
he's not thinking of this life
this this is just a a wrinkle in in the
scheme of things it's a little hiccup
it's a little spot that's going to be
removed a thousand years is but a day
and most men will live three score years
and ten
maybe four score years what's that to
god and if we have to suffer for a few
weeks a few months a few years
what's that to god when he wants to give
us eternal glory
and paul saw that he said okay this is
my time
i'm about to be beheaded i'm about to be

sacrificed
but you know what from from here on in
there's a crown of righteousness which
the lord the righteous judge will give
me at that day
and then what does he say and not to me
only
but unto all them also that love his
appearing
and this is the key brethren this is the
key that we don't get psalm 91
thrown at us out of context in a way
that gives us false hope
a false hope that when the crisis comes
and lo it is coming
when the crisis comes because of this
false hope we lose faith
rather we can look at psalm 91
understand that the the
original context for it and then pull
principles from it forward
into our modern context people of the
holy spirit
that even though physically we may go
down as paul did
not a hair of his head will perish so
paul understood that that he'd be back
he'd be sitting on a throne with god
with a crown
and not a hair of his head would perish
as he goes into
eternal life so this crisis at the end
of book three
crisis of faith psalm 89 does not end
well
there's a crisis of faith it's answered
in psalms 90 and 91 as book 4 opens of
the book of psalms
and so brethren hopefully you as i did
enjoyed
uh studying this um
this passage or these these passages
psalm 90
and 91 god willing next week will

continue
in the book of psalms and and really
brethren i can only
uh implore you let's get ready
this is an amazing time to be alive
there's so much instability in the world
and that means that the future can come
very rapidly
when there's so much structure and
stability then the prophecies kind of
come
slowly gradually but when there's so
much instability
they can come quickly overnight you can
wake up tomorrow morning and suddenly
the whole world as we found in
in the early part of 2020 we wake up one
day in the whole world from one week to
the next from one sabbath to the next
the whole world changes
and that's the time that we live in now
and what this time requires
is men of faith and women of faith
let's count ourselves among them let's
follow paul's example
who followed christ into eternity
jesus christ is lord god bless brethren
you