

19-Psalms-46-Transcript

[Music]

greetings brother and welcome to another
wednesday night bible study so great to
have you
all with us to this evening uh it's just
amazing how
we're still able to gather even if it's
just virtually
but it matters and we're able to
encourage one another and strengthen one
another so thank you so much brethren
for joining this evening
god willing will cover um psalms 94
and 95 this evening
at least that's the plan uh assuming the
technology will hold out
and uh we're in the enthronement psalms
so all of these psalms that so far in
this um
book four have to do with the victory
of christ as king over the earth and in
fact if you missed
our service on sabbath uh hopefully most
of you are following us on sabbath as
well as wednesday night bible study
uh deacon jan gave a wonderful message
on um the psalm 2
which is the the declaration of christ
as king
and uh god himself declaring christ his
only begotten son
and and this was an amazing message and
it really does tie into
what we're covering in terms of these
enthronement psalms because that was
the psalm psalms 1 and 2 really set the
theme for the whole saltery
so if you missed that brethren it's in
the archive
please don't it's one of those sermons
that is fundamental
and should not be missed let's open with

a word of prayer
and let's get into psalm 94 and 95 for
this evening
our heavenly father great god almighty
we come before your throne as we always
do lord faithfully
just thanking you that here we are
in the year 2020 as we count time
thousands of years later than the
writings that we're about to study
together
we just thank you father that you've put
it in our hearts
to desire to study your word
and and we thank you god for the
stability that it gives us
in such an unstable world truly father
you are our light you light our way
you're our rock
you're our salvation we rejoice in you
father and we rejoice in the opportunity
that we have to study uh to be
strengthened and established in your
truth
and we just pray father that as iron
sharpens iron
even though we may not be able to
fellowship personally
that we can still even if it's virtually
find creative ways to support one
another
edify one another and then point one
another
to the return of christ thank you father
we ask your blessing now in jesus holy
name
amen so yes brethren we're going to
cover psalm 94 and 95 this evening
so psalm 94 uh verse 1
it just jumps right in there's no
introduction here it's just
uh oh lord god to whom vengeance belongs
oh god to whom vengeance belongs
show yourself so it it starts out with a

very strong
declaration to say that and
it's repeated and then you know in
hebrew poetry we see repetition
for style but often for emphasis and
this is clearly for emphasis
oh lord and you can almost hear the
desperation the way
the psalm begins and again remember
these are the enthronement psalms
the acknowledgment of christ as king the
rightful ruler
over the earth oh lord god to whom
vengeance belongs
o god jehovah to whom vengeance belongs
it's really
clear vengeance belongs to god this is
not our purview
to take revenge it belongs to god and
because it belongs to god the plea
the earnest plea of the of the the
worshipper
is for god to show himself which means
he's hidden
and he says in isaiah that he will hide
himself from jacob
and so jacob is in trouble because god
is hiding himself
and now this faithful worshiper
understanding that vengeance belongs to
god
is calling out to jehovah to show
himself
lift up yourself you judge of the
earth so so here
the worshiper of jehovah understands
that god is not just the god of israel
he's the god of the whole earth he's the
god of the whole universe
and it doesn't matter whether the human
being
acknowledges the god of israel or not he
is still the judge of the earth
and it's irrelevant what men believe or

don't believe
what is relevant is reality and the
reality is
this god is the judge of the earth and
this worshiper understands this
and is pleading for the god of israel to
show himself and
to judge the earth and to put the earth
right render a reward
to the proud so so you know
people human beings can be very nasty
and and this is uh clearly uh our the
case
for us today in today's world uh we are
seeing
incredible levels of wickedness and
mischief
and we are living through un you know
hear this
throughout 2020 i think we've heard this
so many times the word unprecedented i
think it's the
the word of the year unprecedented we
truly are
living in unprecedented times in many
ways and in many ways nothing is new
under the sun
so there are things that we can search
for in the scriptures
to see the patterns of behavior that
just are cycles that just keep repeating
themselves
although they keep getting more and more
extreme ultimately culminating
in a time of trouble for jacob the likes
of which throughout the entire
history of mankind the world has never
seen
so i think it's appropriate as we uh
heat up
to this final you know
climax it's appropriate to use the word
unprecedented
and we are seeing this unprecedented

mischief so he says here
lift up yourself you judge of the earth
so so in other words god
is very humble and he's hidden and he's
not
he's not lifting himself up right now
satan is lifting himself up
but the the psalmist understands there's
going to be a time
when god is going to present himself to
mankind and judge the earth
and at that time he's pleading for god
to render a reward to the proud
now this speaks to our time even though
this is written thousands of years ago
we as christians today and quote unquote
the modern world our
current world this is entirely our
situation
we are helpless before these powerful
governments
and and you know we are like sheep to
the slaughter and they will decide
whatever
edicts and judgments they make being
very anti-christic
you know designing these edicts to go
against christ
they hate jesus christ and they want to
prevent the worshipers of god from doing
what god
you know it's like pharaoh let my people
go that we may worship our god
and so we find ourselves in the same
predicament and and with the same plea
that that vengeance belongs to god we
know this and we want god to show
himself
and to judge the earth now if we look in
the new testament
we don't we don't really want to use
this this language old testament new
testament so there's the hebrew bible
and then there's the the gospels and the

apostolic writings
if we look at the apostolic writings
here in ii thessalonians
1 and verse 6. i want to quote this to
see the immediate link
and then i want to read it in context he
says seeing
it is a righteous thing with god to
recompense
tribulation to them that trouble you
remember we are grafted into israel
and there are them that trouble israel
inspired by satan
and it's a righteous thing when god
comes to judge the earth he will put the
earth right and it's a righteous thing
with god
to recompense tribulation to them that
trouble you and deuteronomy 30 is really
the key
uh to understanding the patterns of the
bible and moses wrote there that
when israel repents and turns to god
that god will then show himself mighty
on behalf of israel and gather israel
from the four corners of the earth
and all the curses of the deuteronomic
uh covenant that israel was suffering
when god finally redeems israel upon her
repentance
those curses he will then turn on
israel's enemies
so they will suffer the curses outlined
in deuteronomy
now we who are of the first fruits
community
we are the first fruits in repentance
and so god will show himself mighty on
our behalf
and he says here seeing it is a
righteous thing with god
to recompense tribulation to them that
trouble you so we're heading into this
time of great tribulation

but this tribulation ultimately will be turned on those who persecute god's people
now let's go back and just read the context
of this verse we see that the same predicament
that we read of in psalm 94 as god declares himself king or the psalmist is pray
praying to god to declare himself king of the earth and judge of the earth
this same predicament we are in now and it's a righteous thing for god to take vengeance on the enemies of his people
now let's just read the christian context now
uh for the same predicament from the apostle paul to the thessalonians he says this we are bound think of the apostle saying this we
are bound to thank god always for you you brethren as it is appropriate
why because that your faith grows exceedingly remember this is in the context
of this time of tribulation for god's people and god's people having to be patient and wait for god to turn the situation around and put this tribulation
on god's enemies the enemies of israel in the context of this time of great suffering and persecution
paul says he has no choice he's bound he's obligated to give thanks for the brethren why
because that your faith grows what exceedingly this time of trouble that we're entering into and so you know everybody's saying oh

2020 what a terrible year can't wait to
see the back of it
you know let's let's let's um move into
2021
soon we'll be hearing happy new year
happy new year oh happy new well they
said happy new year in 2020
why do they think 2021 will be better
than 2020
what are the indications that indicate
to us that
oh 20 um 21 is going to be so much
better
than 2020. or are all the indications
that
there's there's no relief that it's just
going to go from bad to worse
so here in this time of great trouble
the brethren's faith grows
and it grows exceedingly so we need not
think of these times of trouble
as as terrible for the church if we read
the text carefully
the time of trouble is a time that the
church's faith
can grow exceedingly preparing for the
return of the king
and the love of every one of you
all toward each other abounds oh wow
this is absolutely amazing that in this
context of great persecution
not only is the brethren's faith growing
it's growing exceedingly
and not only is their faith growing
exceedingly but the love that they have
toward each other
abounds this is so encouraging when you
read
with the prophetic word that at the end
time brother will betray brother
it's so encouraging to see that not all
he said many he didn't say all
yeah many but not all and that there's
always a faithful remnant

and so any time of trouble that we're in
and we're going into
we have to see it brethren as a
wonderful opportunity for our faith
to grow and not just grow but grow
exceedingly
and the love that we have toward each
other to abound
we have to understand that satan
operates at the level of
moods and attitudes
dispositions dispositions of fear
and envy and hatred
all of these come from the influence of
the demonic world
and christians must not be caught up in
these negative sentiments
so if we are fellowshipping with
brethren and we find ourselves
full of you know attitudes of hostility
this is going to spill over to our
relationship with god
the scripture tells us that so we have
to
be immune to this and go the other way
to allow not only our faith to grow
exceedingly but also our love
for one another he goes on to say
your your your love your agape
of every one of you all toward each
other abounds this is like
paul is on cloud nine to see how in this
time of persecution
their faith is growing their love is
growing so that we
ourselves glory he says
we ourselves glory
in you in the churches of god
why for your patience
and faith in all your persecutions and
tribulations that you endure
those who endure to the end will be
saved brethren and here we're seeing an
example of brethren

who were facing in their time
unprecedented times
in their time terrible persecutions and
tribulations
and what happened their faith grew and
their love grew
and paul was bound his his gratitude
grew
because of what happened amongst them so
the apostles themselves are glorying in
the churches of god
for your patience and faith so this is
the time for us to develop patience and
faith
in all the persecutions and tribulations
we haven't got started yet okay
there's a scripture that says if you
cannot run with the foot man how are you
going to run with the horses
so this is only beginning and people
like oh happy new year 2021's just
around the corner it's gonna be better
can't wait to say goodbye to 2020. no
we're ready for even worse in 2021
we're ready to give everything up and
stand for christ
and no matter what happens you know the
way the hebrew mind is
the day begins at sunset what does that
mean
it means when the day begins everything
goes darker
and darker and darker and yet we have
hope
that the light will conquer the darkness
that's the way the hebrew mind should be
structured
so we as we study these scriptures we
are prepared
for the worst a lot of people are going
to be losing their minds
a lot of people are just have this
superficial hope and it's founded on
nothing

and they're full of fear they're they're
afraid of the invisible
they're afraid of this pandemic but
they're not afraid of the god of israel
god is invisible who cares he doesn't
exist because he's invisible the
pandemic is invisible but it's real
and you know the state the new religion
of the world or at least the western
world is statism
you shall have no other god before me
says the state
and everybody bows down they can't bow
down to god
but they'll bow down and they'll be
obedient to the state they can't fear
god but they'll fear the pandemic
we cannot be we cannot be hijacked this
our way of thinking
cannot be hijacked by this epidemic of
fear
we must not be fearful we must be
grounded and people must see in us a
great hope
despite the things that we will see
around us
he goes on to say
so that we ourselves glory in you in the
churches of god for your patience
and faith in all the persecutions and
tribulations that you endure
now these persecutions and tribulations
that you're enduring that the brethren
are enduring how does paul
characterize them he says this is
a manifest this is an obvious token
of the righteous judgment of god
the fact that you are facing all of
these persecutions and tribulations
faithfully and that your faith in fact
is growing
exceedingly and your love to one another
abounds
while you're enduring this persecution

well this is an
obvious token of the righteous judgment
of god
god is doing something and he's using
you in the process
and so it's obvious to paul and the
apostles this is an obvious token of the
righteous judgment of god
that you may be counted worthy of the
kingdom of god he who endures to the end
shall be saved
and it is through much tribulation that
we enter the kingdom
and this persecution that you are
suffering patiently because you have a
vision
you're not caught up with the here and
now you're seeking those things that are
above
that you may be counted worthy of the
kingdom of god you think it's like
i do nothing i just call myself a
christian i put my feet up
i i have all the advantages always all
the time i never suffer inconvenience
and then i just waltz into the kingdom
the eternal kingdom of god
the glory of the kingdom of israel no
i think there's a price to be paid and
god is working
this opportunity for us in in the midst
of a
perverse and crooked generation to stand
out as lights
and to be found worthy of the kingdom of
god so some are going to be counted
unworthy
and some are going to be counted worthy
let's be among those
that are counted worthy for which you
also suffer
so so you're going to be counted for
this worthy kingdom
but you're being you're suffering for it

because of your faith in the way
today the let's be right up to date
these marxists
hate christ you know years ago when i
started to study all of this
uh it was clear to me we are on a
spectacular collision course with islam
islam is this global movement they want
to take over the whole world
and they hate the god of the bible and
we love the god of the bible
and and i could just see we're on a
spectacular collision course
and now in the past few years as i've
been studying marxism
we're on a spectacular collision course
with the marxists
and the marxists and the islamists are
cooperating with each other they hate
each other
but they hate christ more so they're
cooperating with each other
and we're on a spectacular collision
course with both
all to the glory of god that we we will
just stay true
and this is a manifest token of
our salvation he says
that we may be counted worthy of the
kingdom of god for which you also suffer
seeing and this is now we led up to the
verse we started with
seeing it is a righteous thing with god
to recompense tribulation to them that
trouble you
so if we are suffering not for lying or
stealing or murdering or
committing sexual immoral immorality
immortality sorry immoral immoral
immorality
uh we're not suffering for that we're
suffering
for the kingdom we're suffering for
christ's sake

and god says look it's a righteous thing
or paul says it's a righteous thing with
god
to recompense tribulation to them that
trouble you
and to you who are troubled rest with us
when the lord jesus shall be revealed
from heaven
with his mighty angels do you hear psalm
94
lift up yourself oh god reveal yourself
show
yourself well he is we're waiting for
jesus to be revealed to be revealed
means he's hidden people have no idea
they they take him for granted that
you can make jokes about jesus all day
long never joke about muhammad but you
can laugh at jesus all day long
lift yourself up oh god show yourself
because he's hidden and because he's
hidden people don't take him seriously
but brethren i know you do
i know you do and when he's revealed our
glory and our salvation is revealed with
him
when the lord jesus shall be revealed
from heaven with his mighty angels
why is he coming with so much might he's
coming to shed blood
and these false ministers who only
present jesus christ
as this cuddly big brother who who just
accepts everything and tolerates
everything
they are false ministers they are liars
and they are deceiving the people
and yeah many will deceive many yes
god is forgiving yes god is merciful
and yes god is coming to shed a lot of
blood and
crack open a lot of skulls and and
destroy the wickedness
and the rebellion of mankind and show

mankind

his might he is so patient he's been
patient for thousands of years
but he's going to reveal himself and
he's coming with mighty angels
as a warrior to shed there's going to be
blood all over his garments this is the
christ we worship
not just this you know hippie in flowing
white robes and sandals who
who you know just wouldn't hurt anybody
that's not a true picture a
representation
of the christ that we serve he says when
the lord jesus shall be revealed from
heaven with his mighty angels
inflaming fire this is how god is
returning
this is who we're looking for if we're
not looking for this god
we're looking for the wrong god because
this is the god that's going to appear
with his mighty angels in flaming fire
taking vengeance on them that know not
god
this is psalm 94 come to life by the
apost of the apostle paul
in flaming fire taking vengeance on them
that know not god
and that obey not the gospel of our lord
jesus christ
and there are many of those who shall be
punished
with everlasting destruction from the
presence of the lord
and from the glory of his power so when
christ appears when his
his presence comes it's a destructive
presence
for many and it's a glorious presence
for some for the few many are called
fewer chosen
but for those few that are chosen this
presence we look forward to

and it's a presence of our glory and
salvation
now paul writes something similar to the
philippians
another righteous growing congregation
here and here in philippians 1 27 and
the study of philippians is in the
archive but i'll just break in just to
show the
the parallel he says only let your
conduct be as it becomes the gospel of
christ so the way we should behave
brethren especially through these times
of turmoil and trouble
is to be appropriate to the good news of
christ so if we understand the gospel
the gospel of the kingdom the gospel of
christ the gospel of the kingdom of
israel
if we understand this and we look
forward to it then our behavior
should be in accordance with that vision
now paul says that whether i come and
see you
or else be absent i may hear it or
affairs
so so it's a similar situation now your
ministers would desire to come and be
with you
physically and teach you and encourage
you
but circumstances being what they are as
they were in paul's day
we can't do that and so whether we are
able to come and see you the you know
the the
lockdown is lifted and the restrictions
are relieved
and we can come and visit whether we can
do that or not
or we're absent because of this lockdown
we may hear of your affairs that you
stand
fast in one spirit and i just saw

i know our brethren out in kawartha
lakes uh they have been meeting in each
other's homes
you know just doing everything being
creative how can we continue to be
together our brethren in ottawa
have up to now been able to meet uh in
in a hall
here in burlington we've not been able
to do that but we've been very creative
in how we can still teach
really the world we get messages now all
over the world
such encouraging messages from the
brethren so much support
thank you so much for that brethren i
always share your letters and your
emails
uh with my brothers and we're so
encouraged by it
and and just to know that wow you know
when we began this journey
back in march and we said you know we've
got to keep we've got to feed the flock
we've got to find a way
and we just did everything we could to
keep the service rolling
we had no idea that god is going to open
this door use this
setback to open this door so that we can
preach around the world
and have this growing following and so
it's so encouraging when we see we're
all standing fast
in one spirit with one mind striving
together
for the faith of the gospel and that
requires creativity
that means that whatever the obstacles
are because we are oriented all the same
way
we just figure out a way around these
obstacles and then he says this
and in nothing terrified by your

adversaries
fear fear is the pandemic today
i would never believe that so many
mature
adult human beings could be twisted
around
so quickly in a matter of days hours
weeks a few months less than a year
the whole human population has gone
insane
and is willing to bow the knee to ba'al
and do whatever they're told
be why because of fear you know when
hitler uh when um i forgot who was
uh i think it was um i'm forgetting the
the
leader of under hitler his name when he
was asked how did you get so many
germans to follow you
during the nuremberg trials he said fear
fear and that's what's happening now
people are so irrationally fearful
this this is a disease this called it's
a real it's a real thing
but if you're under 70 and relatively
healthy
you have a 99.9 chance of recovery
i have a brother-in-law who actually has
comorbidities
and he was hit hard by this covid19 i i
feared the worst and in two days he was
back on his feet
so you know this is this this is people
get sick so no
the state cares for humans so much
that nobody must get sick and nobody
must die
even though they're now making judgments
and making decisions
that are going to cause many to die and
many to suffer but they just care for us
so much
and and adult humans within a matter of
a few months have lost their will have

lost their sense
have lost that that spirit that fighting
spirit that human beings should have
they're so passive
but in all of this we who follow
christ cannot be governed by fear
so these are adversaries these are
people now who
hate us who want to destroy us
and paul says to the philippians in
nothing
are you terrified by your adversaries
we're not governed by a spirit of fear
we can be calm cool rational look at the
situation
see the situation for what it really is
we're not going to pretend it's not a
real
um uh virus we're not going to pretend
that we cannot die we're not going to
pretend that we cannot
suffer persecution we look at all of
that in the eye
and say do your worst because we stand
in christ
we stand in christ and in his word and
it's solid
god cannot go back on his word and
therefore we cannot go back
on our faith in nothing terrified by
your adversaries
which is to them an evident token of
perdition there it is again
so the fact that they come with their
worst
and we are non-plussed we're just calm
cool and collected
because we have a very clear vision the
fact that there's this
uh interaction of the adversaries doing
everything they can to take down the
followers of christ
and the people of israel and the
followers of christ

being calm cool and collected this is an
obvious token
of their perdition of their destruction
but to you of salvation and that of god
same thing he was saying to the
thessalonians
that god is orchestrating this that this
is a great
opportunity for us don't be discouraged
brethren
be be invigorated this is our time
it's going to get worse on the outside
but faith is going to grow
on the inside it's going to get worse on
the outside but the love
the true love the true brethren the
love that we have for one another is
going to abound
we're going to find creative ways to
support and strengthen one another
each one doing according to their gift
and each one needing
what the other has and the body working
together in love to edify itself
and all in preparation for the appearing
of the lord jesus christ
he says he goes on that this is an
obvious
to him when he looks at the situation of
the persecution
of the persecutors and the persecuted
and sees what's going on it's obvious to
him
that this is a token of their
destruction and your salvation and this
is the working of god
for unto you it is given in the behalf
of christ this is a gift to you brethren
this is our gift that that what's going
on now there's a select few people
that have been given this opportunity in
the behalf of christ
not only to believe on him
but also to suffer for his sake

have you lost your job are you worried
about losing your business
maybe you've lost your family maybe
you're all alone
all of this suffering because you will
not
back down from the oath that you have
made to christ
and and god the apostle is telling us
that this is a gift from god this
suffering
is a gift that others don't have others
will suffer too
this kind of broad stroke judgments that
the
the states are making not the united
states but the state governments
that are making they're destroying many
lives
but the other people are just their
lives are being destroyed for no reason
just because those in power want to have
fun
in the uh under the auspices and maybe
you know let me be fair
not all i think some really think
they're trying to make a difference here
but there are there's a lot of mischief
going on here let's not be naive
and many are suffering but those who are
suffering because
of christ this is a gift in the behalf
of christ
not only to believe on him but also to
suffer for his sake
so just wanted to show you this psalm
94 which is looking forward to the
enthronement of christ
it's alive and well with us today and
and and the emotions of the psalmist
we can we can express these emotions as
well there are righteous emotions
he says
verse 3 lord

how long shall the wicked
how long shall the wicked triumph this
is like he's pulling his hair out he's
looking at the situation and saying how
long o lord
we know that then we know you're going
to act we know it's a righteous thing
for the god of judgment to act but how
long
you know it puts in mind of revelation 6
when the fifth seal is open and the
saints cry out how much longer o lord
and they're given white robes and
they're told to rest a while just a
little longer
until the number is complete more
martyrs
more brethren need to be given this
opportunity
to suffer and pay the ultimate price for
christ so that they can have the
ultimate reward so just be patient a
little longer
how long shall the wicked how long shall
the wicked triumph they're triumphing
they're they're winning psalmist he's
not denying they're winning
he just wants to know how much longer
how long
shall they utter and speak hard things
they speak hard things
and they get away with it they speak
blasphemies
and they get away with it and all the
workers of iniquity
boast themselves all of them left
right marxist islamist all of them
are workers of iniquity and they boast
themselves
they're very pro remember um satan
wants to be like the most high so he
wants to lift up himself
and he's now working in men to the
reward for serving him is he'll

lift remember his offer to christ i'll
give you all of this he wants to lift
men
up and appeal to their vanity
because he wants to be worshipped
and so he's willing to give them this
sort of temporary
honor if he can be honored which will
also be temporary
now verse 6 they
break in pieces your people
and the hebrew speaks to this this is a
good translation
they break in pieces your people oh lord
and afflict your heritage and and you
know as you read this as i read this i
can certainly see in my
mind's eye these suicide bombers
who hate the jews
they despise them the jews and they're
willing to destroy themselves in order
to take out as many jews as possible
and they literally break these people in
pieces
you know this religion of peace and i
you know there's a piece of you over
here and a piece of you over there
religion of peace and they're constantly
doing this
they break in pieces your people are
lord and afflict
your heritage now as i was reading this
psalm
initially that's what came to mind but
as i continued to read the psalm
it became increasingly clear to me that
the enemies of god's people
that the psalmist is referring to while
it can refer
to these you know broader movements and
and uh
evil governments and and and ideologies
it just became clear to me these are
god's people

this this is within the covenant
community there are evil people
and you know as we read this the story
of israel
and judah these are evil people
let's let's not pull punches the bible
doesn't pull punches
i think we can get into this sort of
mindset that you know if they're israel
they're righteous
if they're jewish they're righteous
that's not what the bible says
the bible says god is righteous and
these people are
so stubborn and so evil that
if we read the bible carefully we should
see how
god god should have given up on these
people ages ago
he should have dropped them ages ago and
taken up with you know the arabs or some
other people
because these people are wicked and then
i was reading jeremiah this week and it
just shocked me
at how angry god is or was
with his people because he's done
everything for them done everything to
set them up for success
so that they in turn could set up
mankind for success
and despite him giving them every
advantage
they took every advantage and turned
against him
they took every advantage and betrayed
him
and you feel the pain of god god is
emotional god god had a
plan for them and they betrayed him
with wickedness and evil and iniquity
and and the anger of god toward these
people
and somehow people read the bible and

say oh if you're jewish you're righteous
or if you're israel you're righteous
even today
you know if you're christian you're
righteous no
no christians are not righteous
christians are evil
all of us are evil we have this evil
inclination
the only difference now is we have the
holy spirit
but that can't be taken for granted it
has to be stirred up it has to be worked
it has to be developed
it's like a muscle a spiritual muscle
that has to be strengthened
but brethren if we're not doing our
study if we're not praying if we're not
exercising this muscle will we be strong
against the adversary
so do we think just because people are
in the church they're super righteous
mankind the heart of man is desperately
wicked who can know it
and cursed is the man that trusts in man
all we know is
god is righteous his holy spirit is
righteous
and he those who repent and are grafted
into the first fruits covenant
and given the holy spirit that spirit is
given to us
so that we can be righteous that through
the holy spirit we can be righteous
and so the storyline when we come to
understand it
and i hope i don't know people don't
fully understand me when i'm trying to
teach what
god's word teaches israel
is an evil tribe
judah is an evil tribe and i'll go
further and say the church
is evil many will betray

we're dealing with human beings cursed
is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh you know his arm so
what we can rely on is the holy spirit
the spirit of god
this is what we rely on and this is what
transforms mankind
and this is why the first fruits harvest
is our hope is the hope of mankind
is the hope of that's a good way of
putting it the hope of mankind
is the first fruits harvest of israel
that this is the harvest that god will
finally have his way with
if we yield to him if we don't
then we don't he says
so this breaking in pieces
it seems to me this is within the
covenant community
he says they break in pieces your people
oh lord
and afflict your heritage they slay the
widow
and the stranger and murder the
fatherless yes
this is wicked governments yes these are
people who follow wicked ideologies but
yes
this is also within the church let's see
both sides zechariah 14
this is external this is outside the
covenant community
behold the day zechariah 14 1 behold the
day of the lord comes
so we're looking forward to this day
when god raises himself
and judges the world it's coming and
when it comes
or as it comes judah your spoil
shall be divided in the midst of you
judah god told them you're a wicked
people
and you're going to suffer this is the
narrative we have to understand

and we can't make excuses we just have
to accept this is the reality
judah spoil as just prior to the day of
the lord
judah's spoil shall be divided right in
the middle of her she'll
shall be helpless to defend herself
for i will gather god is orchestrating
this
because of the covenant god is faithful
to his covenant
i will gather all nations against
jerusalem to battle so this is what we
have to look forward to
we have to watch the middle east and see
how
the sentiment of the world you know
after world war
ii it was never again never again and
there cannot be anti-semitism now we
watch
as that sentiment disappears and it's
going to be replaced with a sentiment
that
the jews have no right to be in
jerusalem
that this is you know white privilege
and they've got we've got to get rid of
them
and the whole all nations will agree
with this god is allowing satan to stir
this up
for i will gather all nations against
jerusalem
to do what to battle this is the
jerusalem brought this upon
upon herself and the city shall be taken
this is then and this is this is the
murdering of the fatherless and
all of this and the houses rifled
and the women ravished and half of the
city shall go forth into captivity
and the residue of the people shall not
be cut off from the city

so or they should read that even so half
the city will go into captivity
but the remnant of the people
shall not be cut off from the city they
will not be successful
you know from the river to the sea
palestine must be free the code means
every jew must be destroyed
but the scripture says they won't be
successful there will be a remnant of
the people that will not be removed from
the land
and then at that time when just when
they are desperate and they realize they
have no hope but god
then shall the lord go forth and fight
against those nations
when he as he fought as when he fought
in the day of battle
so the same way he brought down pharaoh
is the same way he's going to see
we're going to see god rescue his people
why because he's righteous
and he will not go against his covenant
and so christ enables him
to fulfill the covenant the promise that
he made with abraham
even though the people were unfaithful
that through the blood of christ they
can be redeemed
and they will be as long as they repent
according to moses writing in
deuteronomy 30.
now that is external so psalm 94
clearly applies externally what about
within the covenant community
well we look at habakkuk why do you show
me iniquity
and cause me to behold grievance for
spoiling and
violence are before me and there are
that rays of strife and contention this
is within the community
and habakkuk is wondering why is there

this wickedness
within the covenant community and and
and
violence even therefore
the law is slacked and judgment never
goes forth
so we see what happens to societies when
they play loose with the law
and they don't judge equitably
judgment never goes forth for the wicked
does surround the righteous
therefore a wrong judgment proceeds
so this is all what's happening then god
says you know what
don't worry habakkuk you know god
habakkuk accuses god of doing nothing
but god says no no don't worry i am
doing something look around you
i'm raising up these nations to destroy
my people and so we just saw that in
zechariah
so yeah these nations will be punished
but they are actually the assyrian is
the rod of god's anger
and he is so angry with his people
because they are so wicked
and so he has to drive them to
repentance the the covenant curses
the purpose of the covenant curses is to
correct them to drive them to repentance
back to psalm 94
now so yes it applies externally and
internally
but as we read continue to read the
psalm in my view
it applies more internally this has more
to do with the covenant community
than outside in fact it's the
faithlessness within the covenant
community
that causes the curses to come from the
outside and enables the wicked to be
successful
and overpower the covenant community

because of the breach of faith within it
psalm 94 and verse 7 yet they say
jehovah shall not see
neither shall the god of jacob regard it
so it seems like these people
know the god of jacob i mean it's
possible it could be
you know those who are outside they
worship another god
and they say that you know the god of
jacob won't see it
but this sounds like people who know the
god of jacob is real
they're just saying he won't see it he
won't he won't do anything you know he's
he's been silent for so many thousands
of years
that uh you know he's like the the deism
where
yeah there's a god but he just doesn't
do anything he kind of set everything in
motion
but he doesn't do anything let's read on
now and just show
again how i really think this is clearly
speaking
within the covenant community he says
yet they say
the lord jehovah shall not see
neither shall the god of jacob regard it
then he says this
understand you brutish are you stupid
you fools among the people this this is
where i get the notion
that it is the covenant community why
because they're fools but they're among
the people
they're not outside they're amongst
you brutus you fools you stupid idiots
among the people and you fools
when will you be wise so you have the
instruction
you're in the midst of us you have the
same teaching

why won't you be wise when will you be
wise
and then he goes on to say to them he
that planted the ear
shall he not hear he that form the eye
shall he not see so these are people who
know that there is a creator these are
not atheists
these are people that know there is a
god of jacob they just
um refuse to think that he is potent
that he can actually do anything and and
the psalmist is warning them like
okay you acknowledge that he created the
eye do you think he's not seeing
you acknowledge that he created the ear
do you think he's not hearing
he that chast and this is really the
giveaway for me this is the tell
so he's speaking to a people and he says
to these people
look you know that this god
chastises the heathen so you have access
to the scriptures
you've seen what he's done in the past
we you know we read the book of judges
and how he raised up these judges we you
know read
uh moses conquest over pharaoh we see
joshua and the other judges and their
conquest over the enemies over the
heathen
so whoever he's talking to knows that
god chastises the heathen
and so he's reasoning with them to say
look he that chastises the heathen
shall not he correct do you think you're
going to get away with this forever
don't you think that he's going to
correct you as well just because you're
in the covenant community you think you
get to walk free
he that chastises the heathen shall he
not correct he that teaches man

knowledge
shall he not know the lord knows the
thoughts of man
that they are vanity so this again
is uh brought forward to the apostolic
writings
and here the apostle paul to the
corinthians reinforcing this
that the thoughts of men are vanity
it's like a you know uh abel evel
called breath because he's just a human
being
the mother just thought okay you're not
the one so you're just human being it is
here for a moment even if it's uh you
know
hundreds of years you're just here for a
moment and then you're gone you're like
a vapor
no matter how great men are they're
forgotten
he says for the wisdom of this world is
foolishness this is the apostle paul
first corinthians 3 19
the wisdom of this world is foolishness
with god for it is written he takes the
wise in their own craftiness
god's level is way above man and these
men
somehow think they can outsmart god paul
says he takes the wise in their own
craftiness
and again he quotes the psalm the lord
knows the thoughts of the wise
that they are vain so paul brings that
forward to teach the corinthians
therefore let no man glory in men
and then this is actually a problem that
we have uh
in the covenant community in the church
that we glory in men
different administrations different
pastors different
organizations and we want to puff these

things up
and paul is saying don't do that
therefore let no man glory in man for
all things are yours
so if there's any man that you want to
glory in
well the only thing the only reason he's
doing anything of note
is because of the holy spirit and the
only reason he's doing anything of note
with the holy spirit is the holy spirit
gives gifts
and those gifts are not for the man
they're for you
therefore all things are yours so why
are you glorying in men
and then going beyond that some are even
glorying in the uh
political colonel men and certainly
there are some men that
deserve respect if they're going to
stand up and fight against uh
very powerful uh evil people
and organizations yeah we want to you
know winston churchill comes to mind
uh we want to acknowledge what what the
world would be like
if men like this did not stand up
but don't glory in men men are just for
a moment
for all things are yours he goes on to
say
so so the christian just understands god
is orchestrating all of this
and giving us everything that we need
and we will need
men we'll need each other but all of
that is through god's orchestration
back to psalm 94 blessed is blessed is
the man
whom you chasten so this again
shows that the psalmist's mind
is internal it's within the covenant
community

and he's warning somebody to say look
you know
historically that god chastised the
heathen
don't you think he's going to correct
you as well do you think you can get
away with this
and that's actually a great message and
that's in psalm 94 and 95
we'll see that's really a takeaway
learning for those of us alive today
that god is real and he's going to show
himself
and we can't be behaving like the
heathen and think that somehow god is a
respector of persons
so he says blessed is the man
whom you chasten oh lord and teach him
out of your law so he's speaking to
somebody who won't be taught
who won't repent who thinks they can get
away with this who thinks they're crafty
and paul looks at the psalm and quotes
it and says yeah he
he takes the wise in their own
craftiness
so on the other hand
so kind of change gears now there is the
person there is the man
with evil inclinations as human beings
have
since the fall of adam there is that man
think of king david who acknowledges his
fault
who goes to god who pleads for more of
the holy spirit
and allows god to chasten and correct
him
the psalmist understands this and
blessed is that man
whom god chastens oh lord and teach him
out of your law
and this is quoted by i believe the
apostle paul in hebrews

12 and verse 5 have you forgotten
the exhortation which speaks unto you as
children my son
despise not you the chastening of the
lord
nor faint when you are rebuked of him
and as
this you know world unfolds and
certainly the nations of uh israel and
specifically judah
have caused god great anger
and wrath upon this people and we live
in this world
and as christians first fruits israel
we're going to get caught up in this
dagnet
and god is this multi-faceted thinker
and although he's angry with judah and
causing all nations to come against
judah
and christians may suffer in this
changing world
but as christians suffer it's part of
the program
we're called to suffer for his sake and
that as we go through this calmly
accepting god's will
patiently enduring all of this
is to our salvation and so we're blessed
if we accept
this chastening and we do not faint when
we're rebuked of him
for whom the lord loves he chastens and
scourges every son whom
he receives because there's a purifying
process we can't just be with god as we
are
there is a process and there's something
about suffering
that works patience and patience works
hope
so there's a process here for whom the
lord loves he chastens and scourges
every man

every son whom he receives if you endure
chastening again paul spoke of this
endurance into the thessalonians and to
the philippians
and to the corinthians and all in all
his writings if you endure chastening
god deals with you as with sons
for what son is he whom the father
chastens not
but if you be without chastening think
psalm 94 there's this there's this group
of people
that are without chastening but if you
be without chastisement
we're of all our partakers then you are
bastards not my words i'm reading the
bible then you are bastards and not sons
so back to psalm 94
so he says you know god blessed is that
man
whom god chastens and instructs out of
the law
that you may give him rest from the days
of adversity
until the pit be digged for the wicked
so all of this that's going on around us
and it's going to accelerate
as we remain calm and faithful even if
it causes us to have to pay the ultimate
price of martyrdom
which some of us it's clear you know as
the world accelerates some of us
may have to do this it's okay we're all
going to die anyway
but some of us will have this gift
of suffering for christ's sake and then
being glorified a level that is
unimaginable
it's not we cannot comprehend it i has
not seen
nor heard what god has in store
but he will give us there will be rest
and that's you know we
looked last week at the psalm that that

honored the sabbath that looked forward
to this sabbath rest
and some are not going to enter this
rest just as anciently this was the case
but if we are chastened if we allow god
to correct us
if we if we are rebukable uh god will
give us rest
from the days of adversity that are
coming until the pit be digged
for the wicked then he goes on to say
here
he says listen to this very very
carefully
this this puts paid to replacement
theology listen to this
very very carefully listen
for the lord jehovah will
not cast off his people
neither will he forsake his
inheritance well what do you have to say
about that
that when i when i read this this was
like wow there it is
the word of god cannot be broken and
there it is let's read it again together
so he says that there are those
in the covenant community that will be
chastened
so yes there's the first fruits covenant
community but there's also the fall
harvest
and when all these nations gather
together against judah that is a
chastening
and deuteronomy 30 shows us that all of
this is leading to a great repentance
so the great tribulation is leading to
the great restoration and the great
redemption
and these people will repent and god all
of this is happening
why because god will not forget the
covenant

so so the fact that these people have forgotten the covenant that does not mean god walks away this is not like a contract that god says oh you're not a faithful wife i'm i'm done with you i'm going to find somebody else. no it's a covenant god has covenanted himself that means he can't get out he's covenanted he's given his word so he can't get out so he he will not cast off his people so all those who say god is done with the jews the jews are his people and he will not cast them off for the lord will not cast off his people neither will he forsake his inheritance jacob is god's inheritance that's why this is a time of trouble is even the time of jacob's trouble it's especially the time of jacob's trouble why because he will not forsake his inheritance god will inherit jacob and he will not cast off his people that they will in fact say blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord now think of what jeremiah the prophet said he said for i know god he quoted god saying this i know the thoughts that i think toward you judah you know christians take this and just quote it out oh i know the thoughts that i think toward you says the lord now in context this is speaking of judah and judah is losing hope and god is saying look i know the thoughts that i think to god god has thoughts towards judah he will not cast off his people he will

not forsake his inheritance
and so jeremiah is able to tell them god
says i know the thoughts that i think
toward you says the lord
thoughts of peace and not of evil not of
destruction
and to give you an expected end in the
end
god declared the end from the beginning
and from ancient times that is
that which is not yet done saying my
counsel my plan
shall stand and then he says to judah
you are my witnesses
you're going to be my proof that i am
god when you're able to declare to the
nations
it all happened exactly as god declared
thousands of years ago he says
psalm 94 verse 15 but judgment shall
return unto righteousness
and all the upright in heart shall
follow it i'm going to stop there
brethren i there's so much more to say
uh we have the rest of psalm 94 to cover
and then
psalm 95 but these are really powerful
psalms
let's rejoice in the god of israel he is
the faithful god nobody can withstand
his purposes
so god willing we will continue this uh
next week we'll finish off psalm 94
and then get into psalm 95. uh
brethren it's it is a very difficult
time when one part of the body suffers
we all suffer
let's be encouraging and edifying one
another and finding every possible
creative way we can
because we don't get a rewind when this
is over it's over
and god has created us for good works in
christ what a mighty god we serve

god bless you brother