

19-Psalms-52-Transcript

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greetings brother and welcome to another
wednesday night bible study

uh sorry about the opening there just
clicked on the wrong button

so it looked like we were going to study
colossians but in fact it is uh

psalms tonight uh god willing will study
uh psalms 104

and it really is a good idea to go back
into the archives because all of the
scriptures tie together

and the more we understand one book the
better we'll understand

another book and so we just have to be
constantly going back through
the different books as we increase our
understanding

and especially the book of revelation
as i mentioned um this evening god
willing will cover uh psalm 104.

uh such a beautiful psalm and as i was
studying this psalm

i couldn't help but think of my my aunt
her name is eldica

and i'd appreciate your your prayers for
her um

she is every year on my birthday when i
speak to her

uh she will always remind me that i was
a newborn baby in a basket

at her wedding and she always just gets
a little chuckle out of reminding me of
that so

sort of think of baby mooses but instead
of on the river uh

at a wedding so this year though

uh when i called her and i spoke with
her and i had to remind her

that i was at her wedding and she just
did not remember she said sorry she
doesn't remember
her mind is not flat her mind is going
funny she said
and then shortly after that uh two days
later uh she was out
at the bank and fell and really struck
her head
very very hard and so there's internal
bleeding she's in the hospital now
and i just appreciate your prayers for
her again her name is
eldika so thank you for that brethren
also just a quick point that we had
mentioned
um getting together with some of you who
have been following us for a while and
we
we know you uh kind of virtually but
have never met uh we're going to be
doing we were planning on doing a social
this sunday but the timing didn't work
well
and neither does next sunday so we're
going to put this off uh for this
i believe the date is the 21st uh i
think the third sunday
in uh february so uh you know reach out
to us and we'll be reaching out to some
of you
and just looking forward to uh getting
to know you face to face and we have a
platform that we'll be using for that
let's open with the word of prayer and
then get into tonight's
study heavenly father we we come before
you lord god almighty
and just praise you we praise you father
for
your glorious character
and your glorious works and your great
mercy
toward your people and ultimately toward

all of mankind
i thank you father for bringing us into
this covenant relationship with you
thank you for watching over us thank you
for your mercy
and thank you father that no matter how
chaotic this world is in which we live
that we can be solid by standing on the
solid rock
and we can we can take consolation and
comfort
in your promises to the fathers the
patriarchs
thank you lord god almighty a bless our
study
deepen our understanding and deepen our
faith and conviction
we pray in jesus most holy name amen
amen brethren so let's um get into the
study
for today and uh we want to
look at psalm 104 but um
before we go to psalm 14 psalm 104 is
kind of a sister to psalm 103
they open and close in a very similar
fashion i remember with psalm 103 it
opened with bless the lord o my soul
and all that is within me bless his holy
name
and then it concluded with bless the
lord all his works in all places of his
dominion
and then it went on to say bless the
lord o my soul
now this psalm 103 was really an
exhortation
to to praise god now psalm 104 is going
to open in a similar way
but it's more about looking at the
creation
and understanding how powerful god is
from the creation
and the psalmist now when we when we
read this psalm you just get a sense of

great intimacy
and awe and really knowing god through
through his works um and and i just
think of
again these are sort of in this
enthronement victory
book of the saltery so just try to think
of the time now god is on earth
and his people know him they're no
longer strained
estranged from him they know him and
they're able to
serve as physical priests on the earth
to the rest of humanity
and and the condition today in isaiah 8
and verse 17
isaiah writes and i will wait upon the
lord
and he describes him as he that hides
his face
from the house of jacob so this intimate
knowledge of god that we're about to
read
in psalm 104 jacob doesn't have this
understanding today
they don't have this intimate
relationship with god today
but it's coming and that's his promise
to abraham that's his promise to jacob
in fact when these men are resurrected
they will see god's promises fulfilled
and so we are going to see a time when
the children of israel
will in fact know god with the intimacy
that we're about to read about
but here isaiah says i will look for him
and and
to fulfill that to sort of looking
forward to that time when this will no
longer be the case where god hides his
face from jacob
jeremiah says and they shall teach no
more every man his neighbor
and every man his brother saying you

should know the
for they shall all know me he says from
the least of them
unto the greatest of them says the lord
for i will
forgive their iniquity and people want
to say how how evil the jews are and
that they couldn't possibly be god's
people no they are god's people
and he will cleanse them he will purify
them and he will forgive their iniquity
and remember their sin no more so as we
fast forward
into the future we are going to have
these tribes of israel
and specifically the tribe of judah in a
very um
prestigious position an exalted position
on the earth
and then people around the earth will be
saying you know you're a jew i want to
hold on to your garment and go with you
to jerusalem and be taught
about the god of israel from you
so this all of that to say there's quite
a
solid understanding of god and this is
written thousands of years ago
and there's quite a solid understanding
of who god is in this psalm
now i said it it reminds me of my aunt
eldika
because every time i call her she's such
a genuine person and she just has this
awe of god
and she will always find in in our
conversation
to remind me of how mighty god is
and so she'll point out just how vast
the creation is
and that this god we serve looks after
the entire creation
and and while she tells me and she tells
me like in every conversation i have

with her
while she tells me this it's like she's
realizing
herself just how profound
our god is and and this that's what
we're going to read here
in psalm 104 just a great sense
of how profound our god is
so he says here bless the lord
o my soul so similar to psalm 103 which
we're going to see a different uh
take on it here where he's going to
really focus not so much on continuing
to exhort
people to praise god but just to point
out how powerful this god is
bless the lord oh my soul oh lord my god
you are very great and again this is my
my aunt uh when i talk to her she's just
she's in awe
of god and what how he holds the whole
creation together
and she'll remind me of how many people
there are on the earth and that he looks
after all of these people
she says he says you are very great
you are clothed with honor and
majesty this is somebody who knows god
and understands god and is able to say
god is clothed with
honor and majesty
who covers yourself with light
as with a garment who stretches out the
heavens
like a curtain so so he he he covers
himself with light the way the way we
put on clothes
god puts on light and this is how
glorious he is
and then he's able to stretch out the
heavens the way we would we would
stretch out a curtain
who lays the beams
let's get my mouse working here who lays

the beams of his chambers
in the waters who makes the clouds his
chariot
who walks upon the wings of the wind and
i don't think
the psalmist here is speaking
figuratively
i i think this is real he makes the
clouds his chariot
and and he's returning with the clouds
and and ezekiel had a vision of him
coming in
in a chariot and he walks upon the wings
of the wind
and and we will we will be born into his
family we will be just
like him and we will also operate in
this fashion
he says who makes his angels
spirits his ministers a flaming fire
this is how powerful the this angelic
realm is
uh it is an extremely powerful creation
that he has made in the angels and then
this the
apostle paul believe it's paul in
hebrews
quotes this very thing when he is
talking of the glory of jesus christ
and he quotes in psalm hebrews 1 and
verse 7
and of the angels he says who makes his
angels spirits
and his ministers flames of fire so he
is also quoting this psalm
but he's quoting it to position how
great
jesus christ is and the psalmist himself
is saying the same thing
oh lord you are very great extremely
great
you you make these angels that are so
incredibly powerful and glorious and
you're the creator of

this power he says
who laid the foundations of the earth
that it should not be removed forever
and i think this is a very
important psalm that the earth itself
is the foundation or or he laid the
foundations of the earth and listen to
what he says
that it should not be removed forever
so the earth is forever and i saw a bit
of discussion uh today in the chat
or sorry in slack about um
the earth and whether in the future
god will turn the earth into something
spiritual
as opposed to material and i think
brethren we just have to be very very
careful it's a good question but we have
to be careful
about how we think about the earth that
the earth is something that god glories
in
the material earth and matter
is something that matters to god and we
need to be careful that we
don't fall into this sort of and it's
something that's easy to do
to fall into this platonic way of seeing
creation
and the platonic or the greek way of
seeing creation
is that matter is evil matter
is just completely something that should
be despised
and and satan put this into man so that
man rejects the earth the way he did
and is seeking to live in heaven in this
spiritual realm
and have no regard for the earth the way
he had no regard for the earth
but god created the earth and after
satan rejected it
god came to earth and made a replica of
himself

from the earth to demonstrate just how
much he
he loves the earth and his vision and
plan for the earth
and so he says here that he laid the
foundations of the earth
that it should not be removed forever
and it's not just the earth there's a
whole massive universe
that is made out of matter and and god
has plans
for this matter uh matter was not made
uh for for temporary human beings
matter was made for the for for
spiritual beings
uh the the the temporary human beings
the
this is just a a six thousand year phase
in fact in job 38 in verse four when
when job was getting a bit uppity in
terms of his role in the earth
god says where were you job when i laid
the foundations of the earth and here we
just read that the foundations of the
earth
he laid them that they should not be
removed forever but god asked job where
were you when you when i laid the
foundation of the earth
declare if you have understanding
do you really understand what what i'm
doing with the earth
who has laid the measures thereof if you
know
or who has stretched the line upon it
whereupon are the foundations thereof
fastened
or who laid the corner stone thereof
like where were you job
well you weren't there in fact no human
being was there
but let me tell you who was there he
says
when the morning stars that's the angels

spiritual beings
before they had no clue about human
beings being created from the earth
but when when god created and brought
the physical universe into existence
the angels sang together and
all the sons of god shouted for joy
and where were you job when this
happened these were spiritual beings
and god created this physical matter and
they shouted for joy over the physical
matter
and we now are going to inherit this and
we're going to inherit all things with
christ
and so we are going to be spiritual
beings but we are going to inherit
this physical universe and and we're
going to unlock all the secrets of
matter
that that matter has tremendous secrets
imagine that that god himself
can come down to this ball of matter and
out of it
create a living replica of himself now
that gives you a sense of what is
what is embedded in this matter and the
type of
energy that can be released and the
science that the deep science
that needs to be understood to fully
unlock
the potentiality of matter
so so we need to reject plato and we
need to reject
greek philosophy that would want us to
despise things physical
god god rejoices over this and the the
angels when when he created
physical matter they rejoice because
they they saw the whole potential
of what can be done and what can be
unlocked and they were probably
astonished

when they saw god come to earth and make
a rep a living replica of himself they
probably didn't realize
that that was possible so
so this psalmist now is just amazed at
the foundations of the earth
and and what god has done he says you
covered it
with the deep as with a garment
the water stood above the mountains
and so you know this whole creation
before uh was covered in water and the
water stood above the mountains
at your rebuke and and through noah he
flooded the earth with water
but at your rebuke they fled at the
voice of your thunder they hasted away
and so that could refer to genesis
the creation account in genesis 1 could
also refer to the the the flood account
with noah
and what happened there and how he
caused the the waters to
to recede at your rebuke the waters fled
and water is powerful
water is tremendously powerful again
talk about the power of matter
water is an extremely powerful force but
at the word of god
they fled and you even think of christ
in the storm
when he just rebuked the storm and the
waters just subsided
at your rebuke they fled at the voice of
your thunder
they hasted away they go up
by the mountains they go down by the
valleys unto the place
where you have founded them and again
what the the subject matter here
is the waters and and the psalmist is
just
so amazed at god's way with the water
so so this is something again as we

consider how great
god is we need to consider just just the
waters
and how wonderful these waters are and
so if you just uh look at this
here to see just how beautiful and
powerful water is
and god god is the orchestrator of all
of this
that god looks after all of this it's
absolutely amazing
he says that and just keep
keep this image in mind and he says
here they go up by the mountains
they go down by the valleys unto the
place where you have found for them you
can see the water just falling into the
valley
and then creating a stream and going to
the place where god has designed
and goes to the place which you have
found it for them
you have set a bound that they may not
pass over
so as powerful as water is
uh and and how irresistible water is to
human beings water will have its way
with us
and yet god has set a boundary on this
water
that it cannot pass over the boundaries
that god has set for it
that they turn not again to cover the
earth and and what's amazing here as we
read this um
psalmist's uh praise of god and his work
in the creation
is is thousands of years ago
that the hebrews understood that god is
very much involved
in his creation that it's not that god
is just
uh you know first of all you know the
people who believe that there's no such

thing as god
the psalmist is able to look at the
creation the way my aunt does
and just think like wow she would always
say what a
mighty god we serve and this is what the
psalmist is of what a
mighty god we serve but he understands
as well the psalmist understands
forget the atheists they're fools but
there's also the deist
that says well okay we accept that this
creation
of course it has to be created it
couldn't just evolve or just come out of
nothing so we
we acknowledge that there's a creator
but then there the dia says well the
creator is more like a watchmaker
that he designs the watch but once the
watch is up and running
that's it everything just works and and
and
that the watchmaker is no longer
involved in the life of the watch
well here the hebrew mindset is fully
understand that that's just not true
that in order for the creation to
continue to function
the creator needs to be fully involved
and that's what he's showing here that
all of these um
powerful and awesome uh
just feats of nature that the designer
the creator
is very much involved and this just
brings him into this incredible state of
praise
of god so that the past powerful as
water is
oceans and seas and rivers and lakes
there are boundaries for this water
you have set a boundary that they may
not pass over

that they turn not again to cover the
earth even though the earth was fully
immersed
in water it's impossible now for this to
ever happen again
you know every time we see the rainbow
we know god's promise
that this will never ever ever ever
happen again
the earth is going to be covered in fire
that we know that
but water will never cover the earth
again and this this is the promise of
god so
i i think it'd be easy to prove the
bible a myth and
and nonsensical just by showing being
able to predict that one day
the whole earth will be immersed in
water again and the scripture the hebrew
here says absolutely impossible it won't
happen that there are boundaries to the
water
he says he sends the springs into the
valleys
which run among the hills and again you
get the sense of the
the water falling into these valleys and
then and then um
running along the valley into a spring
uh and this is this is beautiful and and
all of this water as it you know
evaporates and then comes back down and
it fills the
the reservoirs he says here and this is
again
just every time i read this i just think
of my aunt what a mighty god we serve
she she he says here they give drink
these waters give drink to every beast
of the field
the wild donkeys quench their thirst so
this is somebody who's really just
taking into

the whole account and how the whole
creation just works
harmoniously together and he's looking
at this and saying wow
this is amazing the waters are
controlled
and in the boundaries that god has
set for them they give drink to every
beast of the field
and the wild donkeys they're out there
running and doing everything that they
do and they get thirsty
and they can quench their thirst with
this water
he says by them the waters shall the
fowls of the heaven
have their habitation which sing among
the branches
so the trees rely on this water in order
to grow up
and then provide shelter or lodging for
the birds
somebody that's just taking into the
whole way the creation just works
seamlessly together and he says
which i say this is now christ when he
was on earth
so just think about what the psalmist
observed how these trees provide
lodging for the birds and when christ
himself the creator was on earth
in matthew 13 32 he says which indeed
is the least of all seed speaking of the
mustard seed but when it is grown and it
depends on the waters to grow
when it is grown it is the greatest
among herbs
and becomes a tree so that the birds of
the air
come and lodge in the branches thereof
so this psalmist as he's looking at the
creation
and he's realizing just how amazing how
well designed

the whole creation is and how these waters that once covered the entire earth have now been controlled and and and in instead of just destroying the earth they're controlled and they bring life to the earth and he's observing how the wild animals are able to be nourished from the water but even trees grow up as a result of the water and then the birds that fly through the air they have a place to land in these trees because of the water and then when the creator himself is on earth he he gives us this parable and he himself observes the beauty of the design that he himself created but he's pointing out just how harmoniously and beautifully all of this works in order to make the point that he's making about the the mustard seed back to um psalm 103 104 verse 13 he says that god god is actively involved in the creation we can't fall into this deist mentality that yes god created everything but he's not involved anymore it all just sort of runs automatically no the psalmist is saying no in order god is not just the creator he's also the sustainer and he says he waters the hills from his chambers the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your works so all of this works from from god is active making all of this happen and sustaining it and then again in this observation of what is going on in the earth what does he say he says this

let me just go back a little bit mouse
seems to be acting up
he says this that he causes the grass
to grow for the cattle and again you can
just uh imagine this
that the cattle the these beasts of of a
burden these beasts of the earth
he causes the grass through this
miracle of the water this miraculous
nature of the water
that he then causes the the earth uh
or the grass to grow uh for the cattle
and the herb for the service of man and
and so many of our medicines actually
depend
upon these herbs and and these herbs
serve us
and this is all in the creation that he
may bring forth food
out of the earth this is what god is
doing that that the whole creation can
benefit
from what god does and not only that
but and wine that makes glad the heart
of man
so the psalmist acknowledges that wine
is a blessing of god
and unlike some religious religions that
teach that men mustn't touch alcohol
and that they're very strict and you
know they'll punish you
if you touch alcohol you know the he the
psalmist and looking at what the creator
has done
is acknowledging that even wine
is in the design of this great god and
wine that makes the
makes glad the heart of man so man is
able to
just enjoy fellowship in at a level a
different level
when when wine and this food is served
and then even
you know god himself when he was with

abraham
a bread and wine and oil
to make his face to shine and bread
which strengthens man's heart and all of
this depends
on god's orchestration with the water
and what god does
with the water he says
the trees of the lord are full of sap
again this is depending on the water
that the sap requires the water so
the trees require the water to grow up
and provide um
habitation for the birds and and herbs
for for the service of man
um but also they're full of sap from the
water
and the cedars of lebanon which he has
planted
so these and we you know we don't fully
appreciate this
but at the time to understand these
powerful trees these massive trees
which god has planted where the birds
make their nests and as for the stork
the fir trees are her house so there's
just again this this fascination
with the birds and just seeing how these
birds that just fly through the sky
that that these powerful these these big
trees massive trees
they're able to make their nests in
these trees and historic
fir trees are her house so this beauty
of creation
all around us he says the high hills are
a refuge for the wild goats
and the rocks for the colonies this is
somebody who really appreciates
creation and the natural order
and how it all works harmoniously
together but understands that it's the
creator and the sustainer
that is making all of this works so

phenomenally
and this is what's causing him to just
say god
you are very great look what you look
what you're doing here
now this also speaks to the whole notion
of environmentalism that man
thinks that he has to step in to save
the planet
and and you know man thinks that because
of him
everything's going sideways and unless
he steps in
then you know the whole creation will
fall apart and that is an atheistic
statement
here the psalmist understands no god is
running all of this
and god loves the earth and god will in
fact look after the earth and the earth
is not going
anywhere he laid the foundations in such
a way
that the earth will abide forever so we
don't need these arrogant
um environmentalists who are who are
dreaming up this communistic religion
where the creation becomes more
important than man
and man must die in order to save a
blade of grass
and man means nothing man is garbage
this is this is a wrong mindset
and god is what the psalmist is saying
is god is very much able to look after
his creation
thank you very much and the earth is not
going anywhere
and in fact we know from revelation 11
revelation 11
and verse 18 he says and the nations
were angry
this is a looking looking forward now
just a few years ahead of us

and the nations were angry and your
wrath has come
god is angry brethren god god is
returning with wrath
we need to know this your wrath has come
and the time of the dead that they
should be judged
and that you should give reward unto
your servants the prophets
so they're all looking forward to their
resurrection
and to the saints and them that fear
your name and we're all looking forward
to our
change or our resurrection this is real
this is happening this is just around
the corner
small and great and what else and should
destroy
them which destroy the earth
satan hates the earth god loves the
earth
and god doesn't need environmentalists
to save the earth
he is very well capable and the psalmist
is realizing just how glorious the
the earth is and how it all works
together so intricately
because god is still involved and god is
very much involved
in psalm 24 and verse 1 we read
the earth is the lord's the earth
belongs to god
and the fullness thereof all this
spectacular harmony that the psalmist
in 104 is looking at all of this belongs
to god all of the wealth and
and the abundance that the earth yields
it all belongs to god
the earth is the lord and the fullness
thereof the world
and them that dwell therein so these um
atheists who believe that they're the
only ones that can save the planet

uh we don't need this this uh
communistic
atheistic religion to take us over and
cause us to
exalt the creation above man and and men
can no longer eat
a man can heart men can no longer
breathe we we
we're just despite we must despise
ourselves and cover our faces in shame
and and not realize we're made in god's
image and god
very much is concerned with the earth
and god glorifies the earth
and he will be glorified in the earth
the earth isn't going anywhere
psalm 104 and verse 19 he
appointed the moon for seasons
and uh i think most of us would know to
to that this word seasons
is the the hebrew word
which is appointed times and we know
that
is exactly what we see in genesis so he
appointed the reason he
the moon is there so the psalmist is
looking at this creation
and realizes that the moon is part of a
time keeping system
and he appointed the moon the months for
seasons
so we would know which month are these
appointed times
the sun knows it's going down
so the sun is there as part of the day
cycle and the
moon is there for the monthly cycle and
here in genesis 1
14 and most of us are aware of this but
i'll just mention it
and god said let there be lights in the
firmament of the heaven to divide the
day from the night
and let them be for signs and the word

here seasons and let them be for seasons
is again that same hebrew word
so they're there for seasons or better
appointed festivals
so there are there the the god has a
worship system that he has created
which in fact is a prophetic system that
when we understand
in leviticus 23 when we understand the
outline
of these appointed times that man is
called and summoned
to worship the creator at these
particular times
that they are in fact prophetic that
taken together they they show the plan
of god
and they unfold for us the plan of god
he says let them be for signs and
seasons
and for days and years
he says you make darkness
and it is night so he he's the one that
created this pattern of night and day
and and and this this worshiper of god
is looking and saying
you actually make darkness and it's
night
we're in all the beasts of the field do
creep
forth so at night he sees all these
insects and mammals and reptiles and all
these animals come out at night
in the forest and they function they
have eyes that can see at night they can
function at night
and that's what happens when when the
night falls they come forth
he says the young lions do roar
after their prey so he's even looking at
the power
of these lions and saying man this is
this is something incredible
that when he looks at these lions and

sees how they roar after their prey
just look look at this one here it's
this um video we see here with these
lions
he says this is majestic the lions roar
after their prey
and seek their meat from god
so yeah this is pretty this is pretty
vicious
but the psalmist is saying this is god's
design this is how
they actually look to god to be fed
so they seek their meat from god he says
the sun arises they gather themselves
together
this is this is the psalmist scene they
sun arises they gather themselves
together and lay them down in their dens
so they're out at night hunting and
looking for
food from god and then when the sun
comes up
they rest they go and they lie
themselves down
and then when the sun comes up and they
go and lie down man
goes forth unto his work so so we
actually absolutely depend on the light
and
less so now because of
electricity but certainly
um we we understand that daytime is when
uh men are designed to work and so we
see all this busyness during the day
man goes forth unto his work and to his
labor
until the evening and that certainly is
the natural course of events
where men are working during the day uh
because that we need the light of the
sun and then when the sun goes down
we go down but when the sun go down the
beasts come out
and they do all of their hunting and and

the insects and everything that operates
at night
and then when when when the day comes
they all do their resting
and man comes forth and does his work
and to his labor
until the evening he's just fascinated
at how all of this works
and this is this is really what men
should do is just pause
and just go into the natural world and
look how it all works so gloriously and
the hebrew
mindset is to understand this is not
just on automatic pilot
that god did not just create this he
also sustains it
he says oh lord you can just hear the
praise oh lord
how manifold or various are your works
exclamation mark like
wow again what my aunt would say what a
mighty god we serve
she just surveys all of this oh lord how
manifold are thy works
in wisdom you have made them all so
there was a design that went behind all
of this
and a very deep and profound wisdom and
and we we will fully understand when god
is here
and explains to us the design but we can
still appreciate it even though we don't
fully understand it
he says in wisdom you have made them all
the earth is full of your riches
so is this great and wide sea
where are things creeping innumerable
both small and great beasts so if we
were to go into the sea
uh you know we're all we're trying to
get out to to mars and
but we still have not discovered all the
things that are in the sea

and and he says here to us that uh if in
fact we could
go into the sea we we just see all of
these
creeping and innumerable beasts
both small and great all kinds there
that are extremely powerful this is what
he he he sees
in and this is he's looking at the earth
but then he's looking into the water
and seeing what god is doing there as
well
he says let me just
get my mouse here there go the ships
there is that leviathan and i think this
is some kind of a
powerful sea creature i just think of
the biggest whale that we can think of
and maybe it's even bigger than that
there go the ships so these powerful
ships go on the sea
and there is that leviathan whom you
have made
to play therein that this is like
incredible to him
that god is able to make such a powerful
beast that is
refined or restricted to the sea
uh and it's such a powerful beast and it
plays in the sea
and god has made it this way so you
think of a puppy or a dog when it's not
you see when dogs play well animals play
and to see this massive beast in the sea
play
it's like wow what a mighty god we serve
these wait all upon you
notice that every single creature
in the creation waits upon god
he says these wait all upon all of these
everything that i've
just outlined is waiting upon you
that you may give them their meat in due
season

and this word season now is it's a
different hebrew word it's not moa dem
it's just in the right time
so all of these creatures depend on god
and god is actively involved in
sustaining
this incredible creation that you give
them
that you give them they gather you open
your hand
they are filled with good so what they
they depend whatever god gives them
that's what they're able to get and he
he's the one that opens his hand so that
they're filled with good he's actively
involved in this
mighty creation you hide your face
they are troubled so so for whatever
reason
god decides no no rain or whatever
these animals suffer the creation the
trees the foil the foliage everything
will suffer
unless god provides you hide your face
they are troubled
you take away their breath they die
so they depend on on this breath from
god
and if god takes that away that's the
end as mighty as this leviathan is
god can just cause it to cease to live
you take away their breath they die and
they and return to their dust
you send forth your spirit they are
created
so this is the the there's a spirit that
that
nephesh requires this this breathing
this breath of life uh to live and so he
gives them that and they are created and
you renew
the face of the earth earth isn't going
anywhere god is very aware of the earth
and he is sustaining the earth

the glory of the lord shall endure
forever
and this this glory is reflected in his
creation
and it will be reflected in israel
forever
the glory of the lord shall endure
forever the lord
shall rejoice in his works so this these
are his works
and we must be careful not to adopt this
platonic mentality
that that despises the earth and
despises matter
god loves matter god is glorified
with matter and he wants us to look at
the matter and the intricacy
i remember as a boy my father buying us
a microscope
and looking at the smallest things
through this microsoft
microscope and just being stunned
i had no idea these things were
invisible to the to the naked eye
and just being stunned at the intricacy
and the perfection
in in the smallest detail god wants us
to see that
god wants to see that every detail has
been considered
and that he is glorified in his works
and will be
forever the lord and he and he rejoices
in these words when god looks at all of
this the psalmist is looking at all of
this and he's in awe
and he acknowledges and realizes that
god himself rejoices
in his works you know you think of the
the six days of
of creation and on the seventh day he's
looking at everything and saying this is
very good this is he rejoicing it and
wanting to share it

with mankind he looks upon the earth
and it trembles he touches the hills
and they smoke and then the psalmist
concluding says so all of this the whole
time
he's just the whole psalm is all about
the creation
and the glory of the creation and how it
all just works together so
so beautifully and then he can he's now
coming to the conclusion by saying you
know what
i will sing unto the lord as long as i
live
and no one's gonna stop me i am so full
of
aw that i can't help
but praise god i will sing unto the lord
as long as i live i will sing praise to
my god
while i have my being and i think this
is this is just
very healthy for us to just pause
and and a lot of these nature shows to
watch these nature shows
and just see how how glorious god's
creation is and to take the time
to to to uh just see the glory of god's
creation
and praise him and and when we sing to
really sing
with a sense of of awe of what god is
doing
so he says here
i will sing unto the lord as long as i
live
i will sing praise to my god while i
have
my being my meditation of him
shall be sweet my meditation of him
shall be sweet
i will be glad in the lord and i think
that's something that
again nobody can take away from us it's

as crazy as this world is
as chaotic as it is as it unravels all
around us
this joy that we have in god
they can't take that away it's
impossible to take that away
that comes from the inside out and it
comes from acknowledging just how great
our god is he says my meditation of him
shall be sweet i just
just when i think about god it's just
it's sweet
and i will be glad in the lord and then
he says
so as much as he rejoices in in god
he's not naive he understands that there
are
many that have decided to worship satan
there are many that have decided to
dishonor god
and not understand just how majestic
this god is
and he says let the sinners be destroyed
out of the earth this is the man of god
this is the man of god
he's not just he's not saying oh let
jesus come
and just give the whole world a big hug
because jesus just loves the whole world
god is coming in wrath and as much as
this psalmist is able to worship god
and be in awe of him he also realizes
that
satan is active in the earth and and
hijacks the minds of men who want to
destroy the earth
and so he concludes by saying let the
sinners be destroyed out of the earth he
doesn't want to see an earth
full of sinners you know the whole
creation works so beautifully together
except for sinful man so he's looking
forward and saying yeah
let's get this phase over with let's

remove sinful man from the earth
and then let's have human beings made in
the image of god
who function harmoniously with the whole
creation
everything bringing glory to god's name
let the sinners be destroyed out of the
earth and let the wicked
be no more excuse me
so we'll have a taste of that through
the millennium then there's going to be
a little hiccup
where the wicked will once again thrive
and then that's it
then they'll be completely wiped out and
we go forward into eternity
and the wicked the earth will abide
forever but the wicked will be
no more he says bless the lord
o my soul praise you the lord and as
and this is his conclusion this is the
conclusion of his praise
as he's praising god he concludes by
saying okay we've got to remove the
wicked
let the sinners be destroyed out of the
earth because they're
the earth is just so glorious except for
these sinners
let the sinners be removed out of the
earth and let the wicked be no more
bless the lord o my soul praise you the
lord
so he closes the very same way he opened
very similar to psalm 103
and as i was reading this it just
reminded me of revelation 1 verse 7. i
always
i'm so amazed with how john writes this
where he says behold he comes with
clouds
he's going to be riding the clouds as he
comes and
every eye shall see him and they also

which pierced him
and i think matthew 23 these are the
jews who destroyed him
but they're going to be looking forward
to his return because he's coming to
save them think zechariah 12
14. and then he says and all kindreds of
the earth
shall wail because of him the return of
jesus christ is not a happy time for
mankind
it's a happy time for the saints and
it's a happy time for the
people of the covenant who are being
destroyed
and persecuted and he's coming to save
them but for the
rest of the tribes of the earth they're
going to wail they're going to be
terrified because of him
and then what does john say he says all
the kindreds of the earth shall wail
because of him
and then john says even so
amen even so amen
just like the psalmist is saying let the
sinners be destroyed out of the earth
and let the wicked be no more when
christ is coming he's coming to put the
wicked down
and john says even so amen
so i'm going to conclude the psalm today
brethren
with the same words that my aunt would
say to me
every time i speak with her and that is
to say
what a mighty god we serve jesus christ
is lord
god bless brethren amen
you