

19-Psalms-15-Transcript

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well good evening brethren and welcome
to another Wednesday night Bible study
we are up to Psalms number 35 and number
36 this evening

let's open with a word of Prayer and
then we can get straight into tonight's
study our Heavenly Father we come before
you Lord and we just thank you for these
ancient words that give us confidence
father in your salvation give us
confidence in your loving kindness and
just give us the ways to articulate our
suffering and also our hope we thank you
God for King David and the other
psalmist's and just pray Lord that you
will bless our study now and deepen our
understanding and we're asking this Lord
in Jesus Most Holy Name Amen so yes we
are up to Psalm 30:5 and let's just

begin by taking a quick look back at psalm 34 where we were last week and you'll remember just I just want to pick out a couple of verses from Psalm 34 to set the stage as we come into Psalm 35 and you'll just remember he says come you children hearken unto me I will teach you the fear of the Lord and we know that within the Psalms we have wisdom there's there's the the instruction around the Torah within the Psalms and so we see that here and we pick that up from Psalm 1 as one of the themes being Torah compliant but he says here if you if you listen to me I will teach you the fear of the Lord what man is he that desires life and loves many days that he may say good see good here here's the formula keep your tongue from evil so we know we have to guard our tongue as Christians and instructed by James what we say matters and so guard our tongue keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking guile depart from evil and do good it really it starts with how we think and what we say and then what we do depart from evil and do good seek peace and pursue it and then he says the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open unto their cry the face of the Lord is against them that do evil to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth the righteous cry and the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles the Lord is near unto them that are of a broken heart and save such that be of a contrite spirit many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivers them out of delivers him out of them all evil shall slay the wicked and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate so just to remind her from 34 because Psalm 30:5 really couples very nicely with

Psalm 34 but I didn't want us to forget what we learned in Psalm 34 and just as we go into Psalm 35 now you'll see why they put them together so closely now also as introduction to Psalm 35 I want to go back to Jesus's instructions in Matthew 10 verse 33 he says but whosoever shall deny me before men him will I also deny before my father which is in heaven so Christ is looking forward and seeing a time when he is going to be a polarizing figure that you're either for Christ or you're against him and it's not gonna be pretty if you're for Christ and and so he's telling us up upfront be ready and and make up your mind and basically dig your heels in to stand for Christ and to declare Christ but the environment is going to change in such a way that it's not going to be an easy road and so we know then that declaring Christ before men is going to be problematic and then he reinforces just how problematic the environment is going to be for us by saying this immediately after saying that if we deny him before men he will deny us before his father immediately after saying that he's this do not think that I've come to send peace on earth and a lot of people think that oh Jesus walking around in sandals and and long hair and and and you know he just was just peace read love for everybody these don't think that way that's not what I've that's not what I've come to do it's the exact opposite I came not to send peace but a sword so again he's going to be a polarizing figure and and to declare support for him is going to cause people to have a very visceral reaction a very deep emotional adversarial reaction to declaring

support for Christ he will be polarizing and he didn't come to send peace but a sword and then he explains further for I have come to set a man at variance against his father who and the daughter against her mother and the daughter in law against her mother-in-law so the presence of Christ the digestion of his message is going to stimulate variance that when you stand for Christ your son will be against you when you stand for Christ your daughter will be against you your daughter-in-law will be against you this is what it's going to mean so families will fracture over Christ then he goes on to say and a man's foes shall be they of his own household so something is going to happen in the future

we're very households will be divided over Christ and we Christians are not the ones who are causing the variance we are not the ones who are picking up the sword we are the victims in all of this and that's why what we're going to study in Psalm 35 and 36 is so important because we have to understand the the emotions around being victimized and how to come through it in a way that it's blessed by God now when Christ taught this he was actually a prophecy by the prophet Micah and in Micah chapter 7 we see the prophecy where Micah says woe is me so something has changed in Micah's life and now he's saying woe is me for I am is when they have gathered the summer fruits as the grape gleanings of the vintage there is no cluster to eat so you can imagine sort of after the harvest when there's nothing left he's saying this is what I'm like that all the fruit is gone there's nothing left I'm undone why he says this is my situation my soul

desired the first ripe fruit that's what I wanted and yet there was nothing why he explains because the good man is perished out of the earth and there is none upright among men so something has happened and those men and women that we could rely on because of their good character and they were just they were just pillars in our community and stable and reliable and trustworthy and godly they're gone they've been persecuted they've been removed who knows what's happened but they're no longer around and who's left they're not upright and maybe the the ticket to life at this time is being deceitful is being a betrayer that if you are upright you will be put to death so whoever's left are the unrighteous the wicked there is none upright among men they all lie in wait for blood so this mob mentality has taken over lawlessness reigns and everyone's in it for their own advancement to the point even they will murder they hunt every man his brother with a net his own brother then dropping down to verse five he had so based on this situation Micah now gives advice trust you not in a friend put you not confidence in a guide keep the doors of your mouth from her that lies in your bosom so the the Christian marriage it built on trust but something has happened here and and praise God that you know we still have people of good character good Christian character but something happens and these people are removed and whoever is left if you manage to be alive at this time you can't trust anybody and he says it's they even a friend guide even her that lies in your bosom you have to be careful so betrayal is the zeitgeist of the time and he explains because for the

son dishonours the father and this is the condition that Christ was saying he was going to bring about Christ's presence Christ's message those who follow Christ will come to understand he is going to polarize not just the nation's not just the communities but right down to intimate circles even families will be polarized over Christ there's there's gonna be no in-between there's gonna be no indifference yeah like Christ yeah he's okay it's gonna be like if you believe that Jesus Christ is God is your creator and you all allegiance to him and you want to follow every word that he says this is going to cause polarization and there's gonna be no in-between there's gonna be knowing differences either love him or hate him and so we come to this condition where the son dishonours the father the daughter rises up against her mother the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law a man's enemies are the men of his own house so understanding this condition that Micah prophesied and that Christ quoted that he would cause we as Christians now can come into psalm 35 and 36 with a real understanding that David's plight will be our plight let's begin Psalm 35 a psalm of David heed my cause Oh Lord with them that strive with me fight against them that fight against me now typically when we read something like this we're going to think that these are Outsiders these are people that are enemies of Israel but in this case these are insiders and as we get deeper in the psalm it will become very clear that there's a level of intimacy that David shared with those who are now fighting against him and we have the condition that Micah was

prophesying where a man's enemies will
be they of his own household so now he's
asking God almost like a legal case
where he's asking God to be his defense
attorney plead my cause Oh Lord with
them that strive with me so I can't even
address them you address them God fight
against them that fight against me he
says take hold of shield and buckler
stand up for my help draw out also the
spear and stop the way against them that
persecute me say unto my soul I am your
salvation

so David has reached a point here where
he cannot fight these people are too
powerful and so he appeals to God that
God would do the fighting for him and
God would save him let them be confused
or let them be confounded and put to
shame that seek after my soul so David
is very definitive here there's no he's
not wishy-washy he is very clear very
decisive he wants them struck down let
them be confounded and put to shame that
seek after my soul so there's a real a
hunger here real thirst they're after
him they're after him they're seeking
his blood

let them be turned back and brought to
confusion that devise my hurt so there's
some that are actually devising his hurt
he says

let them be as chaff before the wind so
they'll just be nothing leather lose all
their foundation they're just blown away
and let the angel of the Lord chase them
let their way be dark and slippery and
let the angel of the Lord persecute them
he is furious and there's no mercy here
for them he wants them undone for what
they have done to him why why is he so
adamant he says for without cause have
they hid their net hid from me their net
in a pit so they have been plotting

against him and without any reason why
they've they've they've done this
without cause they have hid from me
their net in a pit which without cause
they have digged for my soul so they had
no reason to do this just for their own
reasons why they have worked against me
they have plotted against me with all
their false accusations and if we
watched the recent hearings regarding
Brett Kavanaugh Kavanaugh as he was war
trying to be sworn in as the justice to
the Supreme Court and just the the vial
that was these false accusations against
him we need to understand how these
people operate because the machinery is
the same and this is the type of
machinery that will be used against us
so it's important for us to study it and
see how it works and just without cause
they they have their agenda and they're
happy to to throw people in a pit if it
works for their agenda that destruction
come upon him at unawares so basically
let it come back to him because David
was completely unaware of this pit that
they dug for him and he's saying let it
come back on them he says and let his
net that he hit has hit catch himself
into the very destruction
let him fall so the very thing that they
planned for me let it backfire and let
it come upon them and my soul shall be
joyful in the Lord it shall be it shall
rejoice in his salvation all my bones
shall say Lord who is like unto you
which delivers the poor from him that is
too strong for him which delivers the
poor from him that is too strong for him
so there's the acknowledgment that's why
David he's not willing to fight them
they're too powerful and so he appeals
to God that he delivers the poor from
him that is too strong for him yes the

poor and needy from him that spoils him
look at this this is now where we
see what's going on false witnesses did
rise up they laid to my charge things
that I knew not and this again is a we
have to understand how do they operate
because how they operate once we study
it Satan is basically he's the same he
just works through different devices so
these false witnesses rise up they laid
to my charge things that I knew nothing
about now listen to this this is where
we see who are these people are they
enemies far away or are they intimate
verse 13 shows us these are intimate
intimate companions they rewarded me
evil for good so I was doing good for
them and they did evil to the spoiling
of my soul they had absolutely no regard
for my life even though I was regarding
theirs but as for me when they were sick
my clothing was sackcloth so there's an
intimacy here that hey we grew up
together where we were close where are
really close brothers
and when they were sick I fasted my
clothing was sackcloth I did not have
any joy in my life when they were sick
It was as if I was sick I humbled my
soul with fasting and my prayer returned
into my own bosom I behaved myself as
though he had been my friend basically
he was my friend or brother I bowed down
heavily as one that mourns for his
mother had really touched me when they
were unwell and I fasted and I prayed
and I mourned I was really grieved with
their sickness but in my adversity they
rejoiced so these are not enemies afar
this is an imp these are intimate people
these are part of the community
very close even maybe of my own
household but in my adversity they
rejoiced and gathered themselves

together yes the objects gathered themselves together against me and I knew it not so the objects you know they were sick they were they were afflicted and I was fasting for them and then when I was in trouble they just gathered themselves together and turned on me and this you know who knows the power of envy David obviously was a very blessed man by God and they could see that and maybe that's why they envied him and so they smile in his face but they're really happy when misery came upon him and again just as Judas betrayed Christ you know I think could be envied it could be for financial reward who knows why but they've broken the Brotherhood and they just don't care anymore and so he says the objects gathered them stood itself together against me I'm fasting for them I'm praying for them I'm mourning for them when they're unwell and then when I face adversity it's partytime their thrill to see me go down and there so they gather themselves against together against me and I didn't know they did tear me and cease not so again this is the time we're heading into when brother shall betray brother and this is what Christ said that then then shall many be offended so again it's gonna come to a time when standing for Christ is going to be the most difficult thing we do and some who are not paying attention to the prophecies or they don't want to hear bad news so they don't want to pay attention they want to listen to smooth things they're gonna copy caught off guard but Christ tells us in John 16 that he tells us these things beforehand so that we will not be offended that we will expect it but some are not expecting it they're caught off guard and they're offended

they're offended that they should be persecuted for Christ and therefore they turn and they shall betray one another you know we pray that it will not this will not befall us and as those we pay attention and we pray against it and fast against it and study God's Word it doesn't have to be us but it is going to be many it is going to be many he says many will be offended and many will betray one another and notice this they shall hate one another so this is where we have people close to us we're praying for them we love them and they turn on us something happens and Christ goes on to say that because lawlessness so this time when we're standing up for Christ is going to be and it's going to be difficult it's going to be a time of complete lawlessness the laws are being changed so they'll call it law but from a different perspective it's lawless its lawlessness and that's what's happening and in this time of lawlessness when a people are just doing whatever comes into their mind iniquity or lawlessness will abound in this time the love of many shall wax cold and so this is what's happened to David this this intimate bond that he shared with whoever these people are that that intimacy that love wax is cold and they turn on him to the point of ruthlessness and this is what we need to be a familiar with so that we're not caught off guard that we understand it that this is human nature then this was prophesied and this is what is going to happen to those who follow Christ he says here with hypocritical mockers in feasts so this again is another clue that these are part of the covenant community they're celebrating the feast with us

so with hypocritical mockers in feasts
they gnashed upon me with their teeth
and here we see just as it was with
Christ Satan entered into Judas surnamed
Iscariot being of the number of the
twelve so he was part of the community
and Satan got to him and here we see
these people have turned on David they
were obviously part of the community
observing the feasts but then they
turned on him so we can clearly see that
this is what happens in the future and
then Paul in speaking to the Galatians
the Apostle says look all the law is
fulfilled in one word even in this you
shall love your neighbor as yourself and
that's exactly what David was doing when
they were sick he mourned when they were
unwell he fasted because he loved them
as himself and this is this is the
object of the law this is what if we can
get to this level we fulfilled the law
and when we get to this level we're not
going to betray one another we're going
to be loyal to Christ and that's gonna
drive us to be loyal to each other
that when the love of God is in us and
when we love God we love our brother but
then he says he warns us but if you bite
and devour one another which is what the
enemies of David were doing he says take
heed that you be not consumed or a
better translation modern English would
be destroyed so if you're gonna bite
into our one another take heed that you
do not destroy one another make each
other completely unfit for God's use and
God's kingdom and just be thrown into
the lake of fire and we so you see
disputes among Christians
and over petty things but if we have
this vision of where we're going what
we're involved in and the difficult
times that lie ahead of us we're not

gonna get involved in these petty
disputes we'll just drop it it's not
important and we're just going to love
our neighbor love our brother as
ourselves and there will be no risk of
Satan entering into our heart and
causing us to betray one another in a
time of lawlessness when we can get away
with it when it's the order of the day
it's the zeitgeist it's the spirit of
the age so everybody's doing it we won't
do it we won't fall into it David goes
on to say Lord how long he wants to know
there's this there's this suffering that
he's undergoing and he just needs to
know from God how much longer how much
longer Lord how long will you look on he
says rescue my soul from their
destructions this is a really heavy word
it's like they're just going to write
they're just gonna tear it they have no
love for him they have turned cold on
him and they just out of envy or core
gain they just completely want to
destroy him and he wants to know Lord
how much longer will you just watch how
long will you without rescue my soul
from their destructions my darling that
is my soul from the Lions the Lions who
tear things apart and destroy how much
longer and when we see this it should
remind us of the question that we saw
the Saints asking in revelation 6 and
when he had opened the fifth seal verse
9 I saw under the altar the souls of
them that were slain for the word of God
and for the testimony which they held
again it's a difficult time standing up
for Christ means death and though the
righteous are taken from the land
because they stand up for Christ and
only those wishy-washy betrayers are
left and so he sees here the souls of
them that were slain for the word of God

and for the testimony which they held
and they cried with a loud voice saying
how long same plea of David how long we
just watching God because God watches
and it doesn't act immediately
but he always asks eventually and they
cried with a loud voice saying how long
O Lord holy and true do you not judge
and avenge our blood on them that dwell
on the earth and white robes were given
unto every one of them and it was said
unto them that they should rest for yet
a little while for a little season until
their fellow-servants also and their
brethren that should be killed as they
were should be fulfilled so and this
killing no doubt will involve betrayal
the same way Christ was betrayed by
Judas which led to his crucifixion it
sets the pattern Satan will enter in
among the covenant community yet he'll
turn the hearts of some who are weak and
they will betray and cause the faithful
to be put to death and the Saints are
crying how much longer well there's more
that have to suffer this as well and so
we see David asking the same question
how much longer Lord before you act he
says I will give you thanks in the great
congregation I will praise thee among
much people so so he is just like Lord
act for me
save me and I'm gonna praise you I'm
gonna praise your name in the great a
massive congregation I will praise you
among much people and again we see this
quoted in Hebrews 2:12 saying I will
declare your name unto my brethren in
the midst of the congregation the
ekklesia will I sing praise unto thee
continuing in Psalm 30:5 let not them
that are my enemies wrongfully rejoice
over me don't allow this neither let
them wink with the eye that hate me

without a cause so so David is saying
please don't don't allow them to get the
upper hand we have to know our enemy let
not them that are my enemies wrongfully
rejoice over me neither let them wink
with the eye the
hate me without a cause so to wink with
the I seems to be like giving a signal
to others that also hate that are also
in collusion and they think they've got
this thing wrapped up and he's saying
please don't let them get away with this
don't allow them to get away with this
and we constantly see that that that
form of betrayal that there are many
that are just betrayers they'll smile in
your face but behind the scenes they're
working your destruction and Christ
Christ warns us this is this is what
we're going to face and so again we need
to watch the machinery see how it works
see how these people smile in your face
and wink with the eye and David pleading
with God not to allow it and they hated
him without a cause which is quoted by
Christ so the very situation that David
found himself in Christ uses that to
describe his situation John 15 25 but
this comes to pass that the word might
be fulfilled which is written in their
law they hated me without a cause so
these again it's part of the community
these people who are part of the
covenant community are the ones that
have betrayed and they're the ones that
are hating without a cause for they spit
and when it says without a cause I mean
they think they have a cause they think
they have a reason
but Satan has entered into their heart
and there really is no for for the
victim they kick victim doesn't
understand I pray for you I fasted for
you I've loved you I've done I've

treated you as my own flesh and blood
and you've turned on me it seems it's
strange for they speak not peace but
they devise deceitful matters against
them that are quiet in the land so we
just are going about our own business
but they can't have us because we
represent a standard we represent a
moral code that convicts them and so
they can't have it they have to remove
us yes they open their mouths wide
against me and said aha ahá our eye has
seen it so they have some false
accusation and they're saying this is
the way it is but they're false witness
this you have seen Oh Lord keep not
silence Oh Lord be not far from me and
when he says hear this you have seen it
just reminded me of when they wrongfully
arrested Tommy Robinson and you'll swen
they were arresting him you see and you
see you've all seen this you've all seen
this because it was on Facebook live and
so he was appealing to his audience
you've all seen this you've all seen
this but David isn't appealing to a
human audience he's appealing to God but
God you've seen this but if these are
false accusations and they're taking me
down but you've seen it Lord please
don't keep silent be not far from me
stir up yourself and awake to my
judgment so what so David is not relying
on human beings these are very powerful
forces and they're serious and his soul
is in trouble and he's appealing to God
stir up yourself and awake to my
judgment even to my cause my god and My
Lord he says judge me O Lord my God
according to your righteousness so he's
following the Torah and now he says God
please judge me according to your
righteousness and let them not rejoice
over me let them not say in their hearts

ah so would we have it they just love it
to bring down the righteous let them not
say in their hearts ah so we would have
it let them not say we have swallowed
him up we've taken care of him again
think of Tommy Robinson he's in prison
now please continue to pray for him
I believe he is in prison until
September 15th and so whether or not
he's he's on a knife's edge they just
have to turn it's like when David put
Uriah in the heat of the battle and then
told the the soldiers to withdraw from
him and let him be slain if they
withdraw from Tommy Robinson he will be
slain but they'll have a riot on their
hands and so maybe they're just being
careful because they're counting the
cost and so he can he make it to
September 15th I don't know what it
means for him psychologically to be in
solitary confinement for so long but
he's a warrior
and he's standing up for his people for
the victims for the fatherless and he's
not done anything that any true
Christian shouldn't be doing when we see
this level of victimization and so they
think all we've taken care of him get
rid of him he's he's he's causing
problems to their whole pedophilia
system and network so we would have it
let them not say we have swallowed him
up we've taken care of him let them be
ashamed and brought to confusion
together that rejoice at my hurt
remember this is a there's no reason for
them to do this but they're laughing
they're joking they're celebrating
opening up the champagne we've taken
care of him let them be clothed with
shame and dishonor that magnify
themselves against me and that will
happen

anyone who magnifies themselves against
us Christ tells us he warns but whoso
shall offend one of these little ones
which believe in me it were better for
him that a millstone were hanged about
his neck and that he were drowned in the
depth of the sea at some point we all
have to stand before Jesus Christ and if
we within the community have caused this
pain an offence to any of these little
ones that believe in Christ wrongfully
the way what David is suffering it would
be better for us to be drowned in the
depth of the sea David continues let
them shout for joy so there's a plot an
outcome that he wants for the wicked but
then he says this let them shout for joy
and be glad that favor my righteous
cause that this is right I'm Sam Singh
and you know these these wicked people
are king of narrative queen of narrative
they spin stories and and words are
powerful we shape reality and the
perception of reality with our words and
so if we have control over the media we
can

say anything and if we just are
constantly constantly spinning a
narrative people buy it and then the
whole Adrienne he deserves everything no
Tommy Robinson is a great example that
if you bring up Tommy Robinson to most
people in Britain

I shouldn't say most people to a lot of
people in Britain they're like yeah he
deserves it the good I'm glad he's in
prison this is madness but that's that's
the power of you know the BBC and ITV
and all these news the news media which
are owned by communists and they're
spinning a narrative and the same thing
is happening in North America the news
media are owned by Marxist globalists
and they're spinning a story they're

spinning a narrative and there's they're twisting our perception and so we're going to see if we allow them to manipulate us we're going to see the righteous as wicked and the wicked is righteous and as ayah says woe unto them that call the good evil and the evil good but here he says let them shout for joy and be glad that favor my righteous cause so some people have done their digging they're not falling for the false narratives the false witnesses they know the truth and they favor his righteous cause yes let them say continually let the Lord be magnified which has pleasure in the prosperity of his servants so David can see that he's going to come through the other end he is going to be successful and then he wants those that have supported him to praise God as a result of this success and then he says and my tongue shall speak of your righteousness and of your praise all the day long so David is just seeing a win-win here you know God helped me put down the wicked I can't I can't deal with them you strike them down and then all those that have supported me let them praise you and I myself will praise you and and so this is gonna be a wonderful outcome when the wicked are dealt with let's look now at Psalm 36 which again is related so all these Psalms are put together in the psaltery because they are all related Psalm 36 to the chief musician this is another Psalm of David the servant of the Lord David says the transgression of the wicked says within my heart that there is no fear of God before his eyes he just does not care they have no fear of God to think that it's basically David is saying this is outrageous

what they are doing is outrageous and it's clear they have no fear of God and again if we're watching what's going on especially I think in in the US but all over in all the governments the corruption the evil there's no fear and although they're saying all this rhetoric we're going to take care of everybody and everybody's going to have everything free they just want power and once they have power history shows us how ruthless they will be and they just like they have no fear of God the transgression of the wicked says within my heart that there is no fear of God before his eyes this is actually quoted by Paul in Romans Paul writes in Romans three verse 10 as it is written there is none righteous no not one there is none he says here as it is written there is none righteous no not one there is none that understands there is none that seeks after God a very similar situation to what Micah was seeing when the righteous are perished out of the land there's none left they are all gone out of the way they are together become unprofitable there is none that does good no not one then listen to the description of them their throat is an open Sepulchre so what comes out is just death and garbage with their tongues they have used deceit the poison of of snakes is under their lips so then whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness so in this time when there's none that does good the focal point is their words the evil that comes out of their words and that's why David in Psalm 34 says hey if you wanted learn to do good keep your lips from speaking evil he says their feet so so first it's their thoughts out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks

then it's their words and then it's
their actions so their mind changes and
you sucked it in their words and then we
see it in their actions their feet are
Swift to shed blood and this is what
David was facing destruction and misery
are in their ways and the way of peace
have they not known and then he quotes
the psalm there is no fear of God before
their eyes and so this it's like it's
bewildering it's we tend to think that
people behave the way we do and so we
project onto them our thinking we think
I would never do that and so we think
they would never do that but in fact
there's no fear of God and so we have to
realize who or who were trying to
analyze here and just get out of the
whole Christian mindset and realize they
will do things that are beyond the pale
that are outrageous and that's what
David is seeing back to Psalm 36 for he
flatters himself in his own eyes until
his iniquity be found to be hateful so
walking around thinking is a wonderful
person praising himself and then it's
exposed we get to see who they what they
really are like and the truth comes out
the words of his mouth again the
emphasis is on the words because that's
where it started it starts with the the
mind the heart and it comes out first in
the words the words of his mouth are
iniquity and deceit he has left off to
be wise and Paul in quoting the psalm
clearly understood this because he made
a reference to the words he has left off
to be wise and and this is interesting
as well he has left off to be wise and
to do good
it's clear what David is saying here is
this person knew to do wise this person
was walking in the way of wisdom but
they've departed from it so it's very

much a Judas situation this is not somebody who had no idea this is somebody who had every idea but now has come to a point where they do not fear God anymore and they don't care to do good anymore instead he devises mischief upon his bed he sets himself in a way that is not good he abhors not evil and this again is you know good we just need to juxtapose this with what David taught in Psalm 34 says come you children hearken unto me I will teach you the fear of the Lord what man is he that desires life and loves many days that he may say good see good keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking guile this is the this is the key don't allow Satan in because if we if we stop it it drives the Satanic influence away if we allow it the satanic influence takes root depart from evil and do good seek peace and pursue it they're doing the opposite they're departing from good they're departing from peace and they're seeking and pursuing evil but they're from the community thy mercy O Lord is in the heavens and thy faithfulness reaches unto the cloud so after considering the condition of the wicked David now shifts gears and he now thinks about God and the condition of God your mercy O Lord is in the heavens and your faithfulness reaches unto the clouds your righteousness is like the great mountains your judgments are a great deep Oh Lord you preserve man and beast and then he says this how excellent is your loving-kindness the Hebrew word again we've mentioned it before is covenant and it's uh it's to think of it as covenant love covenant faithfulness and the closest thing that we have to understand this is

marriage Christian marriage not any
marriage there's a lot of foolish
marriage out there a lot of filthy
marriage out there but the Christian
marriage
it's faithfulness where a one man and
one woman come together and they come
into covenant with each other and that
bond is so strong that's the foundation
of a new household that's the foundation
of a new family and the children grow up
in the safety of that covenant love
which is dependable which the child
never feels threatened because they know
how much mom and dad loved each other
and so they grow up in this safe
covenant bond and God gives us family
and gives us the Covenant of marriage to
help us to understand cosette to help us
understand this this covenant love that
he has for Israel that it's a it it's
it's a bond that he's entered into that
he cannot free himself from because he's
given his covenant love his oath to
Israel so he says how excellent is your
cassette Oh God therefore the children
of men put their trust under the shadow
of your wings it's something that can be
relied upon so we can put our trust in
him they shall be abundantly satisfied
with the fatness of your house and you
shall make them drink of the river of
your pleasure so while the wicked are
flourishing David is looking at them but
he's also looking at God and he's
realizing you know what they're like a
flower that blooms and they'll be just
like the chaff that the wind blows away
but God's covenant love is forever and
those who trust in him are going to be
satisfied with the fatness of his house
when he comes to earth and he's gonna
bring this the abundance for his people
and you shall make them drink

of the river of your pleasures for with
you is the fountain of life and in your
light shall we see light in your light
shall we see light Oh continued your
cassette or continue your covenant love
or continue your loving-kindness unto
them not to everybody not to everybody
David separates the wicked from the
righteous and and he's calling for the
destruction of these people who have
left off being wise and have just their
their imagination knows no bounds when
it comes to wickedness and it says to
David they they don't fear God they
don't care about God so he says Oh
continue your loving-kindness unto them
that know you and your righteousness not
to everybody to the upright in heart let
not the foot of pride come against me
and when I read this I think of I think
of George Orwell the author of 1984 and
in an interview he said to the
interviewer you know if you want a
vision of the future so he was trying to
warn mankind where where the future is
heading and he said if you want a vision
of the future picture a boot stamping on
a human head forever
picture a boot the boot of a soldier
stamping on a human head forever that's
that's what he was trying to warn in the
book 1984 and that was his that that's
where he's he could see clearly where
the world was going and David here says
to Christ to look to the Lord
let not the foot of pride because it's
all about pride it's all about them
wanting to be God let not the foot of
pride come against me and let not the
hand of the wicked remove me because
that's their intent we're in the way
they want to remove us he pleads with
God don't allow this to happen there are
the there are the workers of iniquity

fallen they are cast down and shall not be able to rise so David sees the end of the wicked he prays for the righteous he it's very similar to revelation 6 and verse 9 were the Saints they're not they're saying O Lord save everyone and let's all hold hands and skip through the meadows they know the wicked they know that these people are incorrigible and they're pleading with God to judge their cause just as David is pleading with God to judge his cause or he had pled with God to to judge his cause and we who have to live in the time prophesied by Christ prophesied by Micah this time that natural affection they'll be without natural affection Peter tells us it's a time of a horrendous how shall I say a horrendous loss of basic humanity as Christ said it's a time when lawlessness will abound well when all of this unfolds those who desire to live godly in christ shall suffer persecution but we will be comforted by the words of God we will be comforted knowing that we can appeal to God just as David was able to appeal to God and so I think we'll just end here in James when James writes here my brethren count it all joy when you fall into diverse trials knowing this that the trying of your faith works patience and David certainly had his faith tried certainly had his patience developed certainly his heart was conformed to God's and this is the process that we're going through so I don't know what your specific trials will be I don't even know what my own trials will be what we do know is all those who desire to live godly in christ shall suffer persecution and what we do know is the Word of God is true and that we will forever but count on

the word of God just as David saw that
that loving covenant love from God and
he could rely on it we are going to
constantly search the Scriptures find
strength in the Scriptures knowing that
Jesus Christ is faithful and that he is
a God of covenant and he is bound to us
by covenant and so let's bind our hearts
to him Jesus Christ is Lord God the
Church of God International would like
to introduce the availability of a new
app design
[Music]