

19-Psalms-42-Transcript

[Music]

well greetings brethren and welcome to another wednesday night bible study i just want to check and make sure that everything is working as it should it looks like the sound is coming in uh clearly from what i can see maybe somebody could just uh pop a comment on facebook or youtube and i'll see it here um in in the application that i'm using here let's open with the word of prayer and then we'll get into the study for tonight we're planning to cover psalms 86 to 88 tonight that will leave one more psalm in book three of the book of psalms and that's psalm 89 it's quite a lengthy psalm so god willing we will cover that in its entirety next week that will close book three of the book of psalms i then want to as i normally do take a break cover another book in scripture and then we'll come back to book four of psalms we'll open with the word of prayer oh great thanks brother richard loud and clear we'll open with the word of prayer and then get into tonight's study our heavenly father we are coming before you as we always do with hearts of gratitude just amazing father that these words are thousands of years old written by wise people that you inspired and here we are in this what we believe is the modern world but certainly the age uh just shortly before the return of christ we're facing a lot of chaos in the world father

we're facing a blanket of darkness that
is just spreading all over the world
increasing violence and unrest and and
we can just have a solace father in your
word
we can take comfort in your word uh more
importantly father we can gain wisdom
and light from your word to navigate our
path
so we thank you for this opportunity
that we share together
to study your word and we ask lord that
you would just bless us
in our understanding give us wisdom
father
and help us to walk in a way that is
worthy of the vocation
that we've been called to that brings
glory and praise to you and to christ
and and help us father to to stand for
jesus
and to walk in faith and walk by faith
and not by sight
we praise you lord we thank you for your
word we thank you for christ we thank
you for each other
and we ask this in jesus most holy name
amen
so uh brethren we are up to
psalm 86 as i mentioned um so psalm 86
now with all of these were i would like
us to view this
all of these psalms in the broader
narrative of god and israel
and and many of these psalms are
individual prayers
but they're the prayers of an israelite
within the broader narrative of
israel and god and so within the
covenant
of god in israel that's how even when
we're
dealing with an individual who's who's
reaching out to god and praying to god

even though we are just dealing with
that individual we still want to think
of it
of that individual's relationship as
part of the covenant community sometimes
they're praying
for the whole community sometimes it's
just the individual and god
but even when it's just the individual
and god it's still within the context
of that broader relationship so we're at
times
psalm 86 so
let's begin with psalm 86. this uh is
unusual
in book three it's a it's a prayer of
david or a psalm of david
um book two was very heavy with with
david
book three has been very heavy with asif
and and we're going to see with korra
but here is a prayer of david
he says bow down your ear oh lord
hear me for i am poor and needy
this is the man who would be king
over israel and he acknowledges
that he's poor and needy and the poor
here doesn't
necessarily mean i'm i'm i have you know
i'm in poverty i'm impoverished
physically economically
it does mean in in spirit he's poor and
needy
he he acknowledges his in his
relationship with god
his need for god and and when god was on
earth when christ was on earth
he said blessed are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven so
god
celebrates those who are poor in spirit
and we just finished
of course celebrating the feast of
atonement when all of us who are

faithful to god
through that fasting process we become
poor in spirit
we begin to acknowledge that wow without
food and water
we're nothing and that sort of
haughty spirit that that humans
naturally
have through the fasting process we
begin to realize
there's nothing to be haughty about if
god were to
remove from us our sustenance
we would be in dire straits so so we
learn to be
dependent upon upon god and he looks for
that
those who are poor in spirit those are
the ones that he says
will inherit the kingdom of god in verse
5 he says
in the the beatitudes blessed are the
meek for they shall inherit the earth
so you know there are people even among
us
who are haughty in spirit who who do
rate themselves very highly think very
highly of themselves and want you to
think
very highly of them as well god doesn't
celebrate that spirit
god wants a spirit that just
acknowledges
we're nothing without god we're nothing
and then with god
we still see ourselves as nothing
because that's god anything that we're
doing that's of note
it's through god's inspiration through
the power of his holy spirit this is
what god is looking for
so so he wants us to be poor in spirit
he wants us to be meek
and a lot of people are confused they

think this is weakness this
is incredible strength the christian
who can overcome his human nature and
overcome the influence of satan
to not follow the course of this world
and just be naturally
arrogant and haughty but instead to be
humble to be meek
to to you know take it on the chin uh
move on
this is tremendous power tremendous
spiritual power
to to live in this way in psalm 51
uh this same man david who is poor in
spirit
he says in his prayer in psalm 51 have
mercy upon me o god
according to your lovingkindness your
hasset
complete dependence upon this covenant
love
that god has with israel according to
the multitude of your tender mercies
blot out my transgressions so the
complete dependence on god it's not it's
not that i'm so righteous you have to
forgive me
it's like i don't stand a chance except
for the fact that you have covenant love
for your people and you are full of
tender mercy that's what i'm relying on
and in verse 90 says hide your face
from my sins and blot out all my
iniquities
so you see from general we could read we
studied psalm 51 you can go back in the
archive
but you just see here a man who is
completely
dependent upon god's mercy there's
nothing in him where he feels entitled
to life or to god's mercy it's just
totally uh the the any
any hope he has in life rests with god's

cassette with god's love back to psalm

86

preserve my soul for i am holy

o you my god save your servant that
trusts in you now this almost sounds to
be the opposite of what i just said hey
i'm holy

preserve my soul o lord cause i'm i'm
holy

holy means set apart

we have to acknowledge that we have been
set apart by god

for his purposes and and that's the key
to his prayer

that god you've set me apart for your
divine purpose

i please preserve my soul so that i can
fulfill

this divine purpose that you have
ordained for me

save your servant that trusts in you
daniel when he prayed on behalf of
israel he says

oh my god incline your ear daniel 9 18
and here open your eyes and behold our
desolations

and the city which is called by your
name the holy city the city that's been
set apart

for divine use the city which is called
by your name for we do not present our
supplications before you

for our righteousness but for your great
mercies you can see this sort of um
disposition that the true men of god
have

where they understand god's mercy they
understand his loving kindness

and they also understand his purposes
and they can pray to him

in accordance with his loving kindness
and according to his

purpose so it's not god i'm so great you
need to save me because i'm just such a

special person
it's god you have divine purposes and
you have recruited me
into those divine purposes and now look
at our state
and and daniel in particular here is
praying about the state of jerusalem
which he knows has been set aside for a
divine purpose
so we see this same uh thinking now
daniel in here in 918
again daniel's praying at the macro
level
and david in psalm 86 is praying at the
micro level
but the dynamics between god and david
at the micro level
are in the context of the macro level
in other words the personal relationship
that david has with god
and the prayer that he's praying within
that personal relationship
that relationship is taking place within
the context
of god's covenant with the nation of
israel
he says again psalm 86 verse 3 be
merciful unto me o lord
for i cry unto you daily
and judah jerusalem judah
and in fact all of jacob is about to be
plunged into a
nightmare i i don't know if we realize
how
fast this nightmare is coming
hug your loved ones make sure they know
you love them
enjoy the fresh air enjoy whatever
freedom
we have right now because it's
disappearing really fast
globally really fast
and all of jacob is about to be plunged
into a nightmare and we need to know how

to pray
through that nightmare and again so what
david is going through is in the context
of
the overall relationship god has with
israel but he's here saying be merciful
unto me
o lord for i cry unto you daily
and and that's the blessing of
tribulation
is we really turn to god with our whole
hearts
and david is in tribulation he's turning
to god with his whole heart and he's
crying unto god daily
and god commends that god looks for that
he says in luke 18 and verse 5
you know the story about the unjust
judge and this widow that the unjust
judge doesn't have to answer to anybody
yet because this widow troubles me i
will avenge her
lest her continually her continual
coming unless by her continual coming
she wears me and so god says listen to
what the unjust judge says
and god is not unjust and god is not
forgetful
and so when god's people his covenant
people turn to him
in deep heartfelt repentance and deep
prayer
and daily call out to him through
tribulation
he will respond he will avenge his
people
and god's people don't have to take
vengeance and that's the
next thing as well you know especially
in the united states and
canada by extension because what happens
there tends to happen up here
and and even see it in the uk and and
around the free world

there's increasing violence and
eventually you know you get hit enough
people are starting to want to hit back
and i think in america
in america um you know americans
those that are listening you have your
second amendment
and the right to bear arms and it looks
to me
from what i can see america is heading
into a hot civil war
and i think as christians with this
election that's coming up
whichever way it goes the outcome is
going to be very very ugly
but i think christians we have to be
careful
you have a right to defend yourself
obviously but we should not be going on
the offense
we should not be taking vengeance into
our own hands and again this whole black
lives matter movement that has poisoned
the west people are becoming very
violent and wanting to take
matters into their own hands and seek
vengeance god says vengeance is mine
and so the poor in spirit the meek
look to god for vengeance we don't take
it out
ourselves so david
prays to god daily in verse 4 he says
rejoice the soul
of your servant for unto you o lord
do i lift up my soul now i'm not turning
to any
balm any other god i i believe in you
and i'm going to lift up my soul to you
and therefore i'm looking to you for the
refreshing
that i need for you lord are good
and ready to forgive so david
understands god
and god wants us to understand him he's

good he's ready to forgive
he extends mercy to a thousand
generations
for you lord are good and ready to
forgive and plenteous
in mercy unto all them that call upon
you
so david understands this that call upon
him with a true and a sincere heart
give ear o lord unto my prayer
and attend to the voice of my
supplications
in the day of my trouble i will call
upon you
for you will answer me and again
this is micro this is the individual the
individual relationship with god that
we're having some visibility into
but it's taking place within a broader
context of god's overall relationship
with israel and here's the thing about
god's overall relationship
with israel he's extremely angry
he is extremely disappointed with the
covenant community
his wrath is kindled against
the covenant community we better
understand that
the covenant community has been a
disaster
and god he's not taking this lightly
he is going to punish the covenant
community
the great tribulation it's satan's wrath
but it's god using satan's wrath he says
the assyrian is the rod of his anger
it's his anger the assyrian thinks that
the assyrians think he's doing his own
thing
god is using the assyrian to unleash his
anger
on the covenant community so he says
david says in the day of his trouble but
jacob is going into the day of trouble

in jeremiah 30 and verse
7 jeremiah says alas like he can't
believe it
alas for that day
is great he's looking into the future
and he's seeing this day that he just
has to say like
wow this is mind-blowing
this disaster that i'm seeing in the
future
daniel saw it as well alas for that day
is great
so that none is like it there's no other
day like this day
that's coming he says alas that day is
great
so that none is none is like it it is
even or i would say it is especially
it is in particular the time
of jacob's trouble so so why is god
doing this we see it in deuteronomy 30
when moses says okay you're going to
receive the blessings of the covenant
but then you're going to disobey the
curses of the covenant are going to be
activated against you
you're going to suffer incredible
trouble all the curses of deuteronomy
are going to come upon you
you're going to be scattered into
unknown lands you're going to be
savagely abused
and it is in that time when you are
savagely abused
that you will be driven to your knees
and driven to true repentance
and god is loving and kind and he hasn't
forgotten the covenant he hasn't
forgotten the promise that he's made
to your forefathers so when you stop
being the hypocrite
and you really get down on your knees
and pray
wholeheartedly to god and your heart

truly turns to god
then god's wrath will be subsided
and he will turn to you in mercy so
that's the macro story
but within that macro story we're
talking about
individual lives each person
has to turn to god individually he says
i will gather you
you know one of a city two of a family
and i will bring you back to zion
he's not bringing the whole nation back
to zion it's each individual that
repents the remnant that is true to him
they're the ones who are going to come
back so this time of jacob's trouble
is going to be the time of each
individual within jacob
within judah and israel is going to be
the time of their trouble
and they need to know how to pray how to
repent how to
acknowledge god and have a true
relationship with their messiah
it is especially it is in particular the
time
of jacob's trouble but he shall be saved
out of it
not if he refuses to repent he's going
to be saved out of it because
the tribulation is going to drive jacob
into true repentance and it is when
jacob realizes there is no help
but god and unto god do they lift their
soul
it is then that he will act on their
behalf
psalm 86 verse 8 among the gods
there is none like unto you this is the
realization
that that jacob must come to
all the money all the military power
all the false gods none of it
all the governments none of them

and they are gods they're all gods but
there is no god like
the god of israel and this is what
israel needs to
to realize stop playing the fool and
begin to realize
this is the true god and this is the
only
true god among the gods there is none
like unto you oh lord
neither are there any works like unto
your works
amen then david says
again he's reflecting on this
relationship with god and the true god
and he says all nations whom you have
made
shall come and worship before you
that that is an amazing statement do we
we just came out of the feast of
tabernacles celebrating the feast of
tabernacles
and it pictures this time when all
nations whom you have made
shall come and worship before you you
look at the nations today they don't
care about the god of israel
they worship all kinds of false gods or
no gods or they try to make the
government god
and yet we're going we're heading into a
time in the near future
when the whole world every nation will
know the god of israel
so david declares that unequivocally
unequivocally
all nations whom you have made
shall come and worship before you o
lord and shall glorify your name
and again in matthew 24 i've repeated
this many times
god says that his people will suffer
persecution we will be hated
because of his name's sake so there's

something in the end time
and in the preaching of the gospel in
the end time
that revolves around the knowledge of
god's name
and the nations will hate it but
eventually they will be driven to
repentance
and they shall glorify the name of god
the true name
and now in isaiah when we studied this
when we studied uh
second isaiah but isaiah could also see
this time
when the nations gather and try to
destroy
judah but then god acts mightily
on behalf of judah to rescue judah and
by extension all israel
and then the nations have to acknowledge
that everything that they were doing all
of their plans and devices were wrong
and that god in fact is the god of judah
and the god of israel
and and isaiah was looking ahead and
seeing this and he says for behold
the darkness shall cover the earth
and gross darkness the people so there's
going to be a time of incredible
darkness
that's going to cover the earth and
cover the people but
and have the opposite the lord shall
arise upon you
that when this time of great darkness
and the sun no longer gives us light and
the stars don't give their light and
then
god is going to appear and he's going to
appear
over judah to rescue judah
gross darkness shall cover the people
but the lord shall arise upon you
and his glory shall be seen upon you

and the gentiles
the very same thing that david saw the
nations
and the nations shall come to your light
they're going to come to judah they're
going to come to jerusalem
the light that's in jerusalem the nation
shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your
rising
and this kind of puts us in mind of
romans 11 where paul asked the question
that if the fifth the stumbling
of uh of israel is is
is you know the salvation of the
gentiles
what will their rising be what will
their life be
what will their salvation mean to the
world well here we're beginning to get a
glimpse of it
that when god acts on behalf of judah
and lifts them up and they're
rising they're the brightness of their
rising it's going to be a blessing to
the whole
for you are great and you do wonderful
things
you are god alone teach me your way o
lord
i will walk in your truth and you know
we cannot walk in god's truth
if we are loose with truth we don't care
about truth
you know somebody puts facts in front of
us and we look at the facts and we don't
care
well that's not my truth you know we
used to talk about the truth
now we talk you've got to speak your
truth and i'll speak my truth
and even christians now are beginning to
play loose with truth
if we are loose with truth if we're

unfaithful in a little
how can god trust us to be faithful in a
lot we need to be people of truth that's
that's sort of the acid test here
how do you respond to truth because if
you're loose with truth
god doesn't want you there will be no
room for falsehood
in the future so we have to root
falseness out of us
everything we speak what we listen to
what we care about it must all revolve
around truth that's why we do these
studies
because we love truth the truth period
if it's true i'm gonna i'm gonna conform
myself to truth
not my truth the truth
truth and it starts with a little if
we're
unfaithful in the small things we don't
care about truth in the small things
why would we care about truth in the big
things and why would god trust us
with big truths to teach to others when
clearly we don't care about any truth
he says teach me your way o lord
i will walk in your truth that's a man
that he loves god's truth
like i just need to know what the truth
is i'm going to walk in that regardless
of the cost or the consequences
unite my heart to fear your name
there it is again god's name just unite
my heart what a beautiful statement
unite my heart to fear your name and i
just respond to truth
and i don't care what the consequences
are i will praise you
o lord my god with all my heart that's
that's it
there it is that's what um
moses wrote in deuteronomy 30.
this is what god is looking for and

we're getting a glimpse of it
through david but but this is what god
wants in
all israel that they will praise god
with all of their heart and we have to
lead the way
we we are we have the holy spirit now to
conform us to christ
and this is what god is this is exactly
what god is looking for
and the great tribulation is designed as
painful and tragic and as
nightmarish as it is it has a purpose
and in verse 12 we're going to see this
in
all individuals all around the world who
acknowledge god
and and and praise him and turn to him
with all their heart
and that's when the tribulation stops
and that's when god will act mightily on
behalf of his people
we have to understand these things so we
can teach it and teach the gospel with
conviction with power and strength
you know if we're all wishy-washy
and we don't understand what we're doing
or what we're saying how will anybody
repent
but if we are really clear and we
understand and as this darkness spreads
over the earth and this chaos spreads
over the earth
we can actually speak light into the
earth
because we understand from the ancient
words words from thousands of years ago
we can
we can speak those ancient words into
the darkness
and shed some light and lead lead god's
people
his covenant dna people of of judah and
israel

to repentance and invite all the
gentiles
to the repentance but it's going to be
harder for the gentiles in the future
because power is a drug power is a very
addictive drug
and in the times of the gentiles they're
going to have incredible power
and the the the temptation is to side
with that power
but nothing is more powerful than the
word of god
and god's people need to be ready to
speak this
into the darkness with conviction
regardless of the consequences
because our heart is united with god's
name
and it's united with the fear of his
name and his truth
he says here i will praise you o lord
with all my you know when you're
praising god with all your heart
you don't care what people think you
don't care what the consequences are
you better not say that name of the god
of israel here we don't want to hear
that
oh well the god of israel is the true
god you do your worst
i'm here to tell you the truth i will
praise you o lord my god with all my
heart
and i will glorify your name forevermore
and and you know
john saw this he saw those that were
praising god with all their heart
and he saw them beheaded and then he was
scratching his head and he said i just
saw these people beheaded
and i'm seeing the same people the same
faces
and now they're sitting on thrones and
they're ruling with jesus christ

and they're glorifying his name forever
this is the conviction and the
understanding that we have to have
the the intimidation is it's growing
satan is desperate
the the the court time so the
intimidation is intensifying
and any kind of protection that
christianity has enjoyed
over the last two thousand years it's
all disappearing
and and it's going to be there's going
to be no place all who
desire to live godly in christ shall
suffer persecution
so we better know what we're involved in
and we we should have this heart and be
an example there's
a saying that that the blood of the
martyrs is the seed of the church
i i think every true christian
needs to be thinking about martyrdom
needs to be taking the words of the lord
very seriously
and and prepared that our dying
statement will be the lord god
of israel reigns and the next time you
see us we're sitting on thrones
reigning with him and glorifying his
name
and we can get there if we have what
david has oh i will praise you o lord my
god
with all my heart there's no double
mindedness here
and i will glorify your name forevermore
for great is your mercy toward me and
you have delivered my soul
from the lowest hell oh god
and so i can you know this is you know
the hero's journey and i've spoken about
storytelling before but this is what's
called sort of the
the darkest moment of the soul in in

this journey where they go into this pit
of misery
and it's the the lowest hell this is
where david is it's like it can't get
any worse than this
and then god reaches in and helps well
this is the micro but this is going to
happen on a macro level as well
the nations of israel are destined to
the lowest hell
no matter how glorious and how powerful
they are now it's all being stripped
away
and there's going to be tens of millions
and even perhaps
billions of people who are going to be
plunged into the lowest hell
and the only hope there is no other hope
is the god of israel and somebody
has to have access to these ancient
words
somebody has to have understanding of
the ancient text
and to speak it into them to speak it
into their lives
to give them that ray of hope in the
darkest place to say you need to turn to
god
you need to acknowledge that all the
blessings that you have enjoyed
have come from the god of israel and
from the covenant that god has with
israel
and you have abused your privileged
position
and now you need to turn to god with
repentance and he's merciful
he is rich in forgiveness and he will
redeem your soul
from the lowest hell and that's the
whole purpose of the tribulation
oh god the proud
are risen against me again he you know
david is poor

in spirit he's meek true
followers of christ are poor in spirit
and me that doesn't mean we're weak in
fact we're very powerful
but the opposite are satan's followers
they are
proud in spirit they love power they
lust for power
they they lust for that control these
are the followers of satan
and he says oh god the proud are risen
against me
and the assemblies of violent men have
sought after my soul
and if you're looking at what's
happening in america south of the border
this spirit is spreading throughout
america
and and because of america's position in
the world
um once america goes down this spirit
will cover the whole earth
and anybody who desires to live godly in
christ
is going to face assemblies of violent
men
how dare you praise jesus christ
how dare you call on the god of israel
and again these folks who are running
after black lives matter
they're the first ones to hate christ
and any christians who have been running
after black lives matter you know the
way god
operates he gives us what we want
you want to serve by all serve by all
you you want um sexual debauchery have
it
you want idolatry it's all yours
that's how god functions that's how he
operates
you don't want me in your life i'm out
god gives us what we want what's what's
the desire of your heart you can have it

that's how god operates and all these
black
christians who've been running after
black lives matter
you're going to get it i hope it works
out for you
i don't think it will but there's always
that opportunity to repent
and to stop worshipping idols and to put
god first
and to put god's people ahead of anybody
else because
you will we pray for all men but
especially those
of the household of god oh god the proud
or risen against me you can hear the
desperation
and assemblies the assemblies of violent
men have sought after my soul
they are serious they want to remove him
from the earth
they are full of hatred and they have
not set you before them they have
nothing to do with you
they are servants of the devil and again
this is micro
but it's going to happen on a macro
level ezekiel says
in ezekiel 35 5 because you have
speaking of edom
you have had a perpetual hatred
this is in your dna it goes back
thousands of years
and it's never been removed you have had
a perpetual hatred
and you have shed the blood of the
children of israel by the force of the
sword
in the time of their calamity so when
this calamity comes
and there is weakness in israel
throughout israel all over the world
that's the upper hand for the gentiles
and the gentiles nations are going to

have no mercy
and that's in the time of their calamity
you went after them with your sword
in the time that their iniquity had an
end so the tribulation
is there to bring their iniquities to
purify israel and to bring the iniquity
of israel to an end
but edom sees it as an opportunity the
assyrian sees it as
an opportunity the ishmaelite sees
it as an opportunity
and anybody who wants to name the name
of christ or have anything to do with
judeo-christian principles is going to
suffer intense persecution
and and we'll see what a big joke black
lives matter is then
we'll see how much black lives matter at
this point if you dare
name the name of christ in in luke 21
verse 20
christ says when you shall see jerusalem
surrounded with armies
then know that the desolation thereof is
near
so assemblies of wicked men are going to
surround
god's people jerusalem is the epicenter
it starts in jerusalem
but from there it's going to spread all
over the world
and anybody who names the name of christ
shall suffer persecution this is a
fascinating time to be alive
this is not a time to be fearful god has
not given us a spirit of fear
he's given us a spirit of love and of
boldness
and of a sound mind and that
sound-mindedness comes from the
scriptures
the scriptures inform us how to think in
a godly way

and the boldness comes from the
scriptures and the love
comes from the scriptures everything the
scriptures are everything to us that's
what feeds our mind and feeds our
perspectives
and this is a fascinating time to be
alive i think that the prophets of old
would have given anything to be alive in
our time
but we've gotten so soft and comfortable
and
and used to and and
we were accommodating with comfort
we're very used to it and so when
comfort starts taking being taken away
from us we don't know what to do
everything is push button in our lives
and we take it all for granted
but when it's all taken away then we
have to realize what's real here
so this spirit of persecution jerusalem
is the epicenter
that's where satan's hatred is going to
be unleashed undiluted
but it's going to then spread all over
the world
so david is saying here that these
proud are risen against him and
assemblies of violent men are seeking
after his soul
that's the future that's the future and
it's going to happen on a macro level
and we have to see that insight from
david's relationship with god
how every godly person should engage
with the god of israel
during this time of intense tribulation
but you so this is them they're full of
hatred they're full of violence
but you o lord are a god full of
compassion
david understands and gracious
long suffering and plenteous in mercy

and truth and
this is the understanding that we need
to bring
to israel all over the world and
especially judah
this is the true nature of god his wrath
is there
but his wrath is there because of his
love
because of because of the covenant that
he he's a god of his word
and ultimately everything that he does
is designed
to bring to bring god's people success
oh turn unto me and have mercy upon me
give yours
give your strength unto your servant
so he's poor in spirit but he realizes
where true strength comes from
and so he can be very mighty and very
valiant for god
despite the fact that he's poor in
spirit the same with us
we might be meek we might be poor in
spirit
but in this time of crisis we can rise
up we can stand up we can be valiant for
god
because not by strength nor by might but
by my spirit says the lord
and so if we are filled and imbued with
this power of the holy spirit
that's where our strength comes from
give your strength unto your servant
and save the son of your handmaid
show me a token for good give give me
some encouragement here god
show me a token for good that they which
hate me
may see it they're surrounding me they
think they have the upper hand they
think everything's going in their favor
god please show me a token for good
that they which hate me may see it and

be ashamed
because you lord have helped me and
comforted me
again this is the micro level the
individual relationship with god
but it's in context of the macro as well
and so through this tribulation
god is going to show israel and
specifically judah
a token for good and he says that he
said that in matthew 24
that in the time of this great
tribulation this great
peril judah's lives will be imperiled
so that no flesh would be saved and when
it's at that point at the darkest
hour of the soul when they turn to god
and they realize they have
no help except god and all they're
surrounded by people who hate them
god says and then a token will appear
then shall appear the sign of the son of
man in heaven
that's when you'll see and then shall
all the tribes of the earth mourn what
did david say let's read his words again
show me a token for good that they which
hate me
may see it so judah is going to say the
exact same prayer oh god help us show us
something that these people can see
they're wrong
and then shall appear the sign of the
son of man in heaven
and then shall all the tribes of the
earth mourn all them that hate
judah when christ returns it's not a
happy day
a very very terrible day for them all
the tribes of the earth shall mourn
and they shall see the son of man coming
in the clouds of heaven
with power and great glory to show
himself

mighty in the cause of judah to show
himself mighty
in the cause of israel not the gentiles
the day of the gentiles is now over and
then
luke 21 verse 27 and then they
then shall they see the son of man
coming in a cloud with power and great
glory
we'll see how much black lives matter
then and that whole movement
which is right out of the mind of the
devil with all of his seduction
and all these other movements and all
these quests for power
we'll see how much they matter then god
is coming to shed a lot of blood
he's coming to shed a lot of blood
his his garments his holy garments are
going to be
splattered full of men's blood that's
jesus christ
and that wrath is going to be unleashed
on the tribes of the earth
to show himself mighty on the behalf of
judah
and israel and then shall they see the
son of man coming in a cloud with power
and great glory
and when these things begin to come to
pass when you see these tokens
show me a token lord that i know then
let them see but when you see these
things come to pass
then look up and lift up your heads
for your redemption draws near so we
have to be very very familiar with what
god the tokens that god has given us
so that we can see that ultimately when
the token that the tribes of the earth
will see
that they are wrong and that god loves
israel forever and then he goes on to
say he gave what

gave them the parable of the fig tree
which is again that we should know these
tokens
we should know what we're looking for we
should know the signs
and it's in the darkest hour that the
people of god should have the greatest
hope
because everybody else is just looking
at the darkness but we're looking at the
darkness and comparing it to the
scriptures
and we're looking at our prophecy watch
and we're saying wow this is right on
time
the return of jesus christ like god is
coming to the earth
maybe in our lifetimes maybe we will
live to see this
but even if we die even if we're
martyred
we will be brought back to life and he's
coming real real soon
so in the darkest hour there needs to be
somebody on the earth that has the
greatest hope
and can speak light into the darkness we
need to know our scriptures
so that was psalm 86 and again i just
love how that one ended
uh with with david praising god and
begging him to show
a sign for good so that those who hate
him can see that they're wrong
and that's at a macro level that's
exactly the pattern
that we're going to see psalm 87 now so
that was the psalm of david
psalm 87 is a psalm of four of the sons
of korah
this is a psalm that celebrates zion
it celebrates jerusalem this is a
wonderful
celebration of jerusalem he says

his foundation is in the holy mountains
so there are mountains
here in canada we have beautiful
mountains in america they have beautiful
mountains
mountains all over a lot of skiing
beautiful mountains all over the world
but his foundation it's in the
holy mountains the mountains that have
been set apart for god
the lord loves the gates of zion
more than all the dwellings of jacob and
jacob has a lot of dwellings
and i think you know we hear it all the
time
but there are many people that want to
argue that there's no way that america
is israel i mean
just a a cursory view of history
to see how this nation
has been extraordinarily blessed
and the nation of great britain before
her the extraordinary
unprecedented blessing it's like it's
off the charts
there's no nation that's been blessed
like this
and to say like this is just human
ingenuity it's just
these people are just really really
smart and really talented
to to have this level of unprecedented
blessing
but there are many um dwellings of jacob
and they're all beautiful but
the lord he loves the gates of zion
more than all of them and and if we have
any if we have the proper understanding
we will love the gates of zion more than
anything else
and we will be watching over the gates
of zion more than any other place on
earth
and we'll understand that the whole

prophetic movement from here to
christ's return revolves around
the gates of zion we'll be very very
focused on the middle east
whereas i think a lot of americans
especially american christians
are very focused on america because
america is just so great
that that the whole world the bible now
becomes a book about america
well psalm 87 verse 2
jesus christ loves the gates of zion
more than all the dwellings of jacob
and we have a song that we sing often
glorious things are spoken of you
o city of god in other words
there is no city on the earth not one
think of all the cities of the earth
there is no city of the earth
that will be praised like jerusalem
glorious things are spoken of you o city
of god
sila let's dwell on that if jerusalem is
not the center of our attention
something is spiritually broken if
jerusalem is not
our focus what did david said david say
he said
you know let my right hand forget her
skill and and let my tongue cleave to
the roof of its mouth if i forget
jerusalem
like god forbid david says that i should
forget jerusalem
and yet many of us who say we're very
very close to god we don't even give a
thought to jerusalem
we never pray about jerusalem we don't
care what happens to jerusalem
god loves jerusalem more than any other
city and glorious things are prophesied
for jerusalem
and we should dwell on that joel says in
in

chapter 2 verse 32 and it shall come to
pass this will happen
that whosoever shall call in the name of
the lord shall be delivered so there's
going to be great tribulation
somebody's declaring the true gospel
people are beginning to repent they're
going to call
call on the name of the lord they will
be delivered at this time if they turn
to him
in truth deuteronomy 30. for
in mount zion and in jerusalem
shall be the deliverance not in london
england
not in new york not in brisbane not in
toronto
not in any of these great cities in
mount
zion and in jerusalem shall be
deliverance
and we have to understand this as the
lord has said
and in the remnant whom the lord shall
call so god is going to call this
remnant he's going to pour his spirit
out upon them
but the reason he can do that is
somebody has been preaching the gospel
to them
so they can come to this realization
they can come to this repentance
but god is returning to jerusalem and
the spiritual headquarters of the earth
will be in jerusalem and we've got to
begin to orient our minds
toward jerusalem and the city of god
he says in verse 4 i will make mention
of rahab
and babylon to them that know me
behold philistia tyre with ethiopia
this man was born there so of all these
great cities of the earth and now these
are the gentile cities

that they're going to be spoken to and
preached to about jerusalem
and how the glory of jerusalem will
dwarf
these great cities and the glory of
these great cities will be dwarfed
by the glory of israel and the fact that
somebody can say i was born in jerusalem
this will be a great phenomenon this
will be something to be really like
wow this man was born there
in isaiah 19 verse 23
and some of the commentaries say that
rahab represents
egypt so egypt and babylon these sort of
centers of sin in the world glorious
centers but sin
nonetheless and all these nations are
hostile nations
to judah to jerusalem
ultimately they will become under and
they will come under the tutelage
of jerusalem and they'll be taught the
power and the glory of jerusalem
and zion in isaiah
similar prophecy from isaiah in that day
shall there be a highway out of egypt to
assyria
and the assyrian shall come into egypt
so historically
assyria was the king of the north egypt
was the king of the south
so this conflict this great conflict
that they both have
over jerusalem trying to take over
jerusalem now jerusalem shall emerge
and and be the glorious city and egypt
all the egyptians shall flow to
jerusalem
all the assyrians who persecuted
jerusalem they will flow to jerusalem
in that day there shall be a highway out
of egypt to assyria and the assyria
shall come into egypt so

now there's this there's this harmony
now this conflict
is fully resolved and now the assyrians
can come to egypt
egyptians can go to assyria and the
egyptian into assyria
and the egyptians shall serve with the
assyrians
and during the feast of tabernacles
they'll come to jerusalem this is
amazing
this is the future and satan must be
just like there's nothing he can do all
he can do is try to take out as many
human beings as he can take out as many
christians as he can that's the only
satisfaction he has
because it's written and he knows better
than anybody else
god doesn't joke when god speaks that's
it
so this is going to happen but before it
happens there's going to be a lot of
turmoil
and a lot of slaughter between the king
of the north and the king of the south
and jerusalem caught in the middle
87 5 and of zion it shall be said
this and that man was born in her
this is like wow people like
you were really born in zion wow
that's the glory right now christ says
jerusalem will be surrounded by armies
and and every jew that they can find
like if you're if you're a jew in
jerusalem
in the near future there's going to be a
time you have to run for your life
and if you're pregnant oh well you do
your best
because these people are so full of
hatred assemblies of violent men
but yet shortly after that to say you're
a jew

that you were actually born in jerusalem
that's going to be incredible praise and
honor
and of zion it shall be said this and
that man was born in her
and the highest himself shall establish
her
this is the city that every covenant
member every member of the covenant
community
every one of us should be focused on
this this this is the
the passion of god that this is this is
his zeal
is to establish zion this is where
arzeel needs to be as well
the lord shall count when he writes up
the people
that this man was born there so even god
is going to acknowledge okay
this man was born in zion and
there's going to be a special honor in
the earth for those that are born
in zion sila
as well the singers as the players on
instruments
shall be there all my springs are in you
so there's going to be
great celebration great glory god has
great plans in mind
for jerusalem and and of course we know
the new jerusalem
will ultimately come down and replace
jerusalem but before the new jerusalem
comes down
you know in revelation 21 we have this
vision of the new jerusalem coming down
that's after the millennium before that
during the thousand-year reign of jesus
christ
jerusalem shall be established as the
spiritual center of the earth
and and people will be traveling to and
fro and and men will leave jerusalem and

go out
to the people and say wow that man was
born there
and then others are going to see a jew
and say oh you're a jew
take us to jerusalem with you the jew
the jew is going to have
high honor those of the tribe of judah
will have the highest honor
in the earth over all the other tribes
and zion will have the highest honor
over all the other cities of
the dwelling places of jacob and the
singers that all this celebration
the singers as well as the players of
instruments shall be there all my
springs are in you
so that is psalm 87 a wonderful
celebration of the future there's going
to be trouble
we know it's going to be a time of great
trouble but we can now have this uh
line of sight into the future when
jerusalem is established and i hope
brethren
that all of us who are spirit-filled
praise jerusalem we long for jerusalem
our hearts desire is to see
jerusalem established in the earth and
that we're watching jerusalem now
understanding that god's focus focal
point is jerusalem
and in the same way we see the fig tree
the leaves on the fig tree in in the
spring we know that summer is near
when we start seeing things happening
around jerusalem that's what we're
looking for
and we mustn't get distracted psalm 88
psalm 88 and 89 go to go together but 89
is such a long psalm
so i want to just um deal with psalm 89
by itself
um psalm 88 is a bit of a tough

difficult psalm
but let's uh let's go ahead and read
through it
a psalm a song or psalm for the sons of
korah
to the chief musician upon mahalath
leonath maskiel of
heman the ezra height so a masculine is
a
wisdom teaching so this is a wisdom
teaching
of heman the or heman
the ezra height he is actually mentioned
several times in the scripture
but let's um let's look at first kings 4
and verse 30 speaking of the wisdom of
solomon
and solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom
of all the children of the east country
and all the wisdom of egypt like this is
amazing this man was on the earth
and there was a lot of wisdom in the
earth and people knew who where the
wisdom was and all
you know where to go for this wisdom but
solomon's wisdom
excelled all of it for he was wiser than
all men now he starts to mention the men
that
solomon was wiser than he was wiser than
ethan the ezra height
and heman and chakol
and darda the sons of mahal and his fame
was in
all nations round about so the fact that
is mentioned as sort of a benchmark
to say that solomon was actually wiser
than him you know solomon's this young
man that grew up and then
his wisdom just excelled so in the whole
time he was growing up
a heman's reputation would have been
known as an extremely wise man
so this is the uh the benefit of his

wisdom

we're now having in this psalm 88 so he says

oh lord god of my salvation

i have cried day and night before you

let my prayer come before you incline

your ear unto my cries you can

see the persistence of god's people

when they're in trouble for my soul is

full of troubles

and my life draws near unto the grave so

again there's this macro

relationship that god has with his

people and his wrath is going to descend

upon his people

and there's going to be a lot of death

a lot of suffering upon the physical

descendants of jacob and specifically

judah

and each of these people

are individuals and and they need to be

driven

into this repentance relationship with

god

if you look at the jews today for all

their torah reading

and all their teaching of the torah to

their children daily

it's done nothing but make them arrogant

against jesus christ

arrogant against him and if you listen

to their eschatology

it's like we're we're the wonderful

people

and uh god is going to come to earth and

do a lot of bad things but not to us

because we're the wonderful people that

spirit of arrogance

and self-centeredness and entitlement

it needs to be punished it needs to be

corrected and that's what the great

tribulation is for these these covenant

people who have this sense of we're just

so special

a god is not happy because that we're so special
and all their hey we have the torah has caused them to absolutely reject jesus christ
their only hope and so there's a tremendous amount of punishment intense punishment that's required
to finally get these people to a state where they can say
please forgive me lord i have no hope but you
and so that's what's happening in the earth today and we need to understand it and be able to narrate what's happening and and tell people why
let my prayer come so on an individual basis there has to be this turning there has to be this repentance let my prayer come before you incline your ear unto my cry
for my soul is full of troubles and my life draws near
unto the grave i am counted with them that go
down into the pit so you know you can actually i can actually envision when i was a small boy
my father had the news on uh documentary and that's the first time i saw all these naked bodies
in germany being thrown into the pit i didn't even understand what i was looking at but i remember my father was very fascinated watching it
and it was like it was on for a long time
and then when i grew up and got older and came to understand what it was i didn't realize how recently all of this had happened
i was born in the 60s this just happened like 30 years earlier
i had no idea i thought it was something

that happened anciently i didn't i had
no idea
it wasn't until i got older and i
started to do the math and i thought
like this just happened yesterday
and yet here it is about to happen again
we've forgotten
we will never forget you know ever we
will never forget
lest we forget and yet we've forgotten
so it's going to happen again
i am counted with them that go down into
the pit again this is
this happening at the macro level but
these are individual lives
i am as a man that has no strength well
if you have no food you have nothing
yeah
free among the dead like the slain that
line the grave
whom you remember no more and they are
cut off
from your hand and that's certainly the
holocaust that's exactly
their their experience they felt that
they were cut off from god's hand
you have laid me in the lowest pit in
darkness
in the deeps your wrath
lies hard upon me this is the only
explanation
god must be very how has this happened
to us
his wrath is upon us and this is the
realization they have to come
come to your wrath lies hard upon me
and you have afflicted me with all your
waves
seala so all of this trouble coming from
the gentiles
it's actually not from the assyrian the
assyrian is the rod of his anger
and they need to come to this understand
somebody needs to lead them to this

understanding
that all of this has happened because
you have violated the covenant
all of this has happened because you
have rejected your only hope
and this is god's wrath re-read the
covenant let's tell me what you're
experiencing
and i'll flip through the the torah and
i'll show you why
i'll tell you with line and verse
exactly why this is happening to you
your wrath lies hard upon me and you
have afflicted me with all your waves
sila another point of meditation
you have put away my acquaintance far
from me so
all these loving relationships that
these people have enjoyed in their
families
this time of crisis that's over
you put away my acquaintance far from me
you have made me an abomination unto
them
i am shut up and i cannot come forth and
i don't know what to make of this but we
know that christ says that brother will
betray brother
and so a brother is going to look at a
brother who they were acquaintances they
were together
in the the in the synagogue together in
in in the church together
and now one hates the other and one sees
the other as an abomination
and so this is he's on the receiving end
of this
you have made me an abomination unto
them i am shut up
and i cannot come forth and so you know
it's kind of like in america right now
that people could be
you know great friends family and all
you have to say is you know

i think i might vote for donald trump in
this election
you have become an abomination they will
hate you they will kill you for that
and so you can just get a sense of how
quickly sentiments can change
just by seeing what's happening uh in
america
but for for us in the time it's going to
be around christ
that when we say no we believe no we we
believe
and know that jesus christ is god
he's the son of god he is god he's
returning to rule
as god on the earth we will not back
down from that
that is going to make us an abomination
because all the
all the world religions are going to be
combined and
you know we can all agree you know let's
just back off on the jesus christ thing
you know at least we can all acknowledge
he's a prophet but let's not go any
further than that no we're going further
than that
jesus christ is god and if that makes us
an abomination
oh well but this is what this person is
saying here
you've put away my acquaintance far from
you so something has happened to
alienate us
you have made me an abomination unto
them so think of the
jew who repents and says no jesus christ
is god
to the rest of the jews who who are
studying the talmud
that is like the word you've become an
abomination i am shut up
and i cannot come forth so somebody's
preaching the gospel

and converting these people but as they
convert
they become an abomination to their
friends and neighbors and family
my eye mourns by reason of affliction
lord i have called daily upon you
daily don't give up keep calling be
remember what the unjust judge said
i have stretched out my hands unto you
will you show wonders to the dead
shall the dead arise and praise you this
is somebody who's on death's door
he's got one foot in the grave and he's
saying come on god
you know i know you i'm willing to
praise you
if i die what good is that
will you show wonders to the dead look
at all the people in the world that have
no idea who you are i know who you are
and i will praise you with my whole
heart and now i'm heading into the grave
will you show your wonders to the dead
shall the dead arise and praise you
selah shall your lovingkindness be
declared in the grave
or your faithfulness in destruction so
there's something in this prayer with
god
from a human being that it's kind of
challenging god in a way
but the challenge is really around the
understanding
it's around the wisdom the deep
understanding of god
being in covenant with israel
and the purpose of israel to be a light
to the world
but if here if if these people were
we're to be a light to the world if
we're all heading into the grave
well how's this going to work god
jerusalem is your holy city we're your
holy people

the world is in darkness we know who you
are i know who you are and now i'm
heading to the grave
and i'm calling on you daily shall your
loving kindness be declared in the grave
or your faithfulness and destruction
shall your wonders be known in the dark
and your righteousness in the land of
forgetfulness
but unto thee have i cried o lord and in
the morning
shall my prayer prevent you so first
thing in the morning
before you go about anything you're
going to hear from me
lord why cast you off my soul there's
this real sense of confusion i've
repented
i've turned to you i acknowledge you i'm
ready to praise you
and yet i'm being thrown in the pit with
everybody else
why cast you off my soul why hide you
your face from me again we're heading
into this time of great tribulation
and the people need to understand why
and then they need to know how to pray
through it
i am afflicted and ready to die from my
youth up
while i suffer your terrors i am
distracted
your fierce wrath goes over me this is
the masqueill
this is the understanding this is not
the assyrian
this is the rod of god's anger your
fierce wrath goes over me
your terrors have cut me off they came
round about me
daily like water they surrounded me
about together
lover and friend have you put
far from me and mine acquaintance

into darkness so think of the pain
of the isolation here even his own lover
and friend
are put far from him he's totally on his
own he's heading to the grave
this is what the psalmist the conclusion
of the psalmist here it's a time of
terrible tribulation and this puts us in
mind of the prophecy in micah
that christ himself quoted speaking of
the end time
when micah 7 verse 5 says 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
for the son dishonors 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
this time of crisis is so extreme
that even family members will turn on
each other
this is why we need the holy spirit we
need to be
with our brethren in our communities
really strengthening each other
in the spirit because there always is a
faithful remnant
always there needs to be this faithful
remnant through the tribulation
preaching the gospel therefore i will
look unto the lord says micah
i will wait for the god of my salvation
my god will hear me and i thought this
is a more
positive note to end on that god will
hear
despite this great terrible time of
tribulation
because in the masquerade of psalm 88
look how he ends the psalm lover and
friend you've put far from me

and my acquaintance into darkness and
i'm just on my own
heading into the grave and that's how
this song ends kind of on
a heavy note and psalm 89 will be
similar
but in context now if we kind of apply
micah 7 to this
micah knows keep looking to god and wait
for the god of
of our salvation and even though we
may
be required to go into the grave
we know that that's not the end of the
story that the same power that raised up
jesus christ from the dead
that same power can raise us from the
dead
so these are the ancient words of the
psalms
um we're coming up to the end of book
three god willing we will cover that
next week with psalm 89
but all of these psalms as we put them
together they give us a deeper
understanding
of the plan of god the council of god
the will of god
and ultimately our role once we
understand what's happening on the earth
we can then assume our rightful place in
the story and the plan of god
what a great god we serve there is a
purpose to all of this
we are heading into a very difficult
time uh let's be praying for each other
brethren
let's do all we can to be studying and
show ourselves a workmen who need not be
ashamed
because we actually are rightly dividing
the word of truth and we love the truth
and we understand the truth
and we stand for jesus christ

this is really a time to stand up for
christ so we cannot do that
if we don't understand his word and if
we're confused like everybody else about
what's happening in the world around us
so let's keep studying let's keep
praying
let's keep encouraging one another jesus
christ is lord
amen
you