

Series: Psalms

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Solomon is praying. He asks God to remember David and all his afflictions. Solomon asks God to remember how David vowed, retrieved the ark and restored worship in Judah. This is a type of coming to God through faith in the name of our Lord Jesus. God made the everlasting covenant with David in Christ. This is the same as asking God to remember Christ and the covenant God made in Christ.

Proposition: This Psalm declares the sure mercies of David; God's covenant promise to David in Christ.

Psalm 132: 11: The LORD hath sworn *in truth* unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

God's covenant to David was temporal and spiritual. In a temporal way, the promise was to David and his throne and the children of Israel in temporal things. But spiritually, the promises were in Christ to David and to God's elect church. These are God's promises in Christ to you who rest in Christ by his grace.

THE COVENANT TO DAVID

Psalm 132: 11: The LORD hath sworn *in truth* unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne. 12: If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.

God promised and confirmed it with an oath. God cannot lie. He promised David and will never break his covenant to David.

Temporally, God's promised that from David would come a long line of kings, "*Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.*" The first temporal king was Solomon. David gave God the glory.

1 Kings 1: 48 And also thus said [David] the king, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which hath given *one* to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing *it*.

Solomon built the temple where the ark of the covenant arose into the holiest of holies where God rested, his presence known, meeting with his people over the mercy seat.

But the promise made to Israel required obedience to the law, "*If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.*" God promised to teach them and God fulfilled his side of the covenant. God gave them Moses and the prophets. God gave them the law and taught them. Remember, at Sinai, the children of Israel entered covenant to do all the law. But they did not keep their covenant. They broke the law.

Brethren, that was no surprise to God. Some vainly teach, blasphemously saying, "Christ was God's plan b". No! God gave the law at Sinai to give a knowledge of sin. Every child of Adam had already broken the law in Adam. God gave the law to teach his true Israel that we cannot come to God by the works of the law. No sinner born of Adam can keep the law.

A TYPE OF CHRIST

David is a type of Christ. In eternity, God the Father chose his Son to be the King and Savior of God's elect Israel. Spiritually, by grace, God's covenant promise to David was that the true King would come through his lineage who God would set upon his holy hill of Zion to reign forever, "*Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.*" Spiritually this speaks of one King, David's King, Christ Jesus our Lord and Christ. God set Christ upon the spiritual throne of David, the throne of spiritual Israel. On the day of Pentecost, Peter declared this was Davids' King.

Acts 2: 30: Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; 31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. 32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. 33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. 34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool. 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Like as God chose David to be king over temporal Israel, God chose his Son to be both King and Christ over spiritual Israel. Like Solomon came through David, Christ came through David's lineage according to God's covenant. So according to God's promise, the scepter did not depart from Judah until Christ the true King came! Like Solmon built the temple—the house of God—the habitation of God—Christ came to build God's true habitation.

First, Christ laid the foundation. He fulfilled the law for his people and established his apostles with the gospel. God's promised David, "*If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.*" So the Son of God became a Man, like unto his brethren to keep the covenant—the law of God—on behalf of God's elect, spiritual Israel.

It is amazing how God used David to pen the very words of David's King and Savior. God taught David the gospel this way. Christ said,

Psalm 40: 6: Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. 7: Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me, 8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.

That was pictured by the law being in the ark. That is the foundation. Christ established his people in his righteousness. Also, he called his apostles and sent forth the gospel of the everlasting covenant of grace.

Psalm 40: 9: I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest. 10: I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

By Christ fulfilling the law on behalf of his people, Christ sanctified his people and brings us under the covenant of grace.

Hebrews 10: 9:...He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. 10: By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

Like Solomon laid the stones of the temple, Christ sends the gospel and sanctifies his redeemed through faith. He teaches us effectually that the only way we keep God's covenant law is trusting Christ who kept it for us. Thus he cements us together as God's house and God's habitation, his church.

1 Peter 2:5: Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2: 20: And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Brethren, David was faithful by God's grace. But David was a sinner saved by grace through faith in Christ like every other elect, spiritual child of Israel. Christ was David's Surety, David's righteousness. Under that old covenant, the elect were regenerated through the gospel of Christ and given faith in Christ the same as us today. Faith in Christ is the only way a sinner establishes the righteousness of the law.

GOD CHOSE ZION FOR HIS HABITATION

Psalm 132: 13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired *it* for his habitation. 14: This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

Temporally, God chose Mount Zion. That one mount was his habitation, his rest. He placed the ark of the covenant there and met them over the mercy seat. God refused the other tribes.

Psalm 78: 68: But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved. 69 And he built his sanctuary like high *palaces*, like the earth which he hath established for ever. 70 He chose David also his servant,...

But that pictured how God chose his Son to be King and Savior. It pictured how God chose his people to be his Zion. Christ made his church his sanctuary, his holy habitation.

Hebrews 12: 22: But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, 23: To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24: And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

Zion is God's elect, redeemed by Christ Jesus, regenerated by the Spirit of our Lord, in whom God abides. Some of God's elect are now in heaven, some in the earth. But we are one in Christ. "*The LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.*"

THE COVENANT OF GOD TO US

Psalm 132: 15: I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread. 16: I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy. 17: There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed. 18: His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

One, God promises he will bless his people with provision: bread in abundance. Each elect sinner is poor due to our sin. But throughout the law God gave laws regarding provision for the poor, picturing what Christ does for his people who are poor due to our sin.

God commanded, if you lend money to the poor, *exact no usury*—salvation is by God's free grace, freely bestowed.

God commanded thou shalt not countenance a poor man in his cause nor wrest judgment from a poor man in his cause. God is no respecter of persons. He could not excuse our sin, nor wrest judgment from us. God sent his Son and Christ bore the sin of his poor elect and therefore he justly bore our curse. In Christ God is a just God and a Savior to his poor children.

God commanded they let the land rest in the seventh year—that the poor people may eat. Christ is our Bread. Christ is our Rest. Our eternal life is Christ Jesus the Bread from heaven.

Those laws concerning the poor illustrate what Christ did for his elect who were poor. God has abundantly blessed Zion by giving us *the Living Bread*—Christ Jesus, eternal life! God will continue to bless Zion with spiritual bread. From Christ all nourishment is ministered through preaching of the gospel, according to his promise. Therefore, according to his covenant, God shall surely, abundantly bless us with *temporal bread* as we have need.

Romans 8:32: He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Having God's blessing in the heart, being content knowing God shall provide all lesser needs, is greater riches than anything this world could offer.

1 Timothy 6: 6: But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7: For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. 8: And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

So, brethren, meddle not with Esau's portion. After 40 years, God commanded Moses to lead the children of Israel northward. He told Moses to command the children of Israel,

Deuteronomy 2: 4...[children of Esau]...shall be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore: 5 Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot breadth; because I have given mount Seir unto Esau *for* a possession. 6: Ye shall buy meat of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for money, that ye may drink. 7 For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the LORD thy God *hath been* with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.

David spoke of both spiritual and temporal bread when he said,

Psalm 37: 25 I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. 26 *He is* ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed *is* blessed.

God's covenant promise in and by Christ is, "*I will abundantly [surely] bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.*"

Two, God promises, "*I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.*" Christ made each of God's elect priests unto God.

Revelation 1: 5...Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Through faith, he clothes us in Christ's righteousness—"I will clothe her priests with salvation." And beholding we are complete in Christ—"her saints shall shout aloud with joy." As God promised David, when we sin, God chastens us so as to keep us partaking of Christ's holiness alone!

Three, God promises great increase forever, "*There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.*" Christ is the Horn of salvation (plentiful, powerful salvation). His Horn buds, grows, and Christ shall be our Light forever. Our government is on Christ's shoulder.

Isaiah 9: 6: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Christ shall call each redeemed child. With each one he calls, Christ makes his holy nation, his kingdom, his royal family to increase. And personally, Christ makes us increase with increase of God. Christ was David's Lamp and he is our Light forever—"I have ordained a lamp for my anointed." Brethren, when in darkness, trust and stay upon him. We have God's promise; we can say with David,

Psalm 18: 28 For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

Four, by Christ, God promised David and us complete victory, "*His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.*" Christ defeated all our enemies by his perfect faith in the Father. God set him in his Father's throne. Christ's crown of honor and power shall flourish and increase to all eternity.

Remember, God's promise? "*If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.*" Christ overcame the world by perfectly trusting

the Father. He fulfilled the covenant for his people. By his power and grace, we shall overcome by believing on Christ unto the end. He promises,

Revelation 3:21: To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Only through faith in Christ do we overcome. And we have God's promises in Christ, these sure mercies of David, that Christ shall not lose one—he shall make us overcome through faith in him.

2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Amen!