

January 22
Psalm 7/Part 2
Fall Now Into God's Hands

"God is a righteous judge, and a God who has indignation every day. If a man does not repent, He will sharpen His sword; He has bent His bow and made it ready. He has also prepared for Himself deadly weapons; He makes His arrows fiery shafts. " vs. 11-13

God prepares to strike down those who are on a warpath against Him, making His fiery arrow ready - a final arrow of death and condemnation if they do not believe in His Son, Jesus. There is much cause to fear for those who are minimizing and despising God's grace, turning it into an opportunity to sin, and yet calling themselves a Christian. God is angry with this wickedness every day. As a result, our society is being turned over to their own devices - reprobate minds of homosexuality and depravity (Rom. 1:24ff). Those that judge are guilty of the same (Rom. 2:1).

*"For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire, which will consume the adversaries...It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the Living God."
- Heb. 10:26*

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age." - Titus 2:11,12

Are there witnesses stacking up in your life? Are you the one quick to judge, but without evidence of living for eternity? Is your hope in this life, or does your heart long to walk with Jesus and commune with Him? Yes, there is a surety of salvation, but we are commanded to "make our calling and election sure" (2 Pet. 1:10)!

PRAYER PROMPT:

Lord, do not let me waste another moment, if in asking You to examine me, I find the evidence of Your Spirit absent! Save and transform me, O God, by Your grace, and transfer me from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Your Dear Son (Col. 1:13)!

Lord, if I have already been saved by Your grace, help me to remember - and celebrate - that it is by grace alone I stand! As a believer, in what ways do I struggle with being heartless toward the lost (thinking them more worthy of hell, impatient with their despair-led decisions, focusing more on avoiding them than offering them the hope of the Gospel)? How am I judgmental toward fellow believers and unforgiving of personal offenses? Lord, lead me once again to Calvary - daily, hourly - and the remembrance of what You paid for me! May the understanding of Your unfathomable love in my enduring unworthiness spill over in this same love to those around me!

“Behold, he travails with wickedness, and he conceives mischief and brings forth falsehood. He has dug a pit and hollowed it out, and has fallen into the hole which he made. His mischief will return upon his own head, and his violence will descend upon his own pate. - vs. 14-16

This is a fearful warning and one that is echoed in James 1:13-15 when it says, *“Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am being tempted by God,’ for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.”* This is the conception of sin.

God changes those that are His from the heart by faith in Jesus Christ. We are transformed from darkness to light. We are delivered from a life that is dominated by falling into self-dug ditches and our own dealings coming down on our lives. We are rescued from having a form of godliness, but not the power of a changed life (2 Tim. 3:5) - not change meaning perfection, but change meaning a constant walk of repentance and longing for - and receiving - living fellowship with the Living Christ.

“If we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”
- 1 John 1:7

PRAYER PROMT:

Lord, open our eyes to see this today. When I am lackadaisical about the work of Christ on the Cross and I don't take my sin seriously, I don't see

that I've been forgiven much, and I don't love You much. What sin do you want to point out to me now?

Lord, may we see today that the pit we have dug, Jesus, You fell into on the Cross! Father, thank You that You made Him sin for us who knew no sin (2 Cor. 5:21)! On Him our violent dealings came down. How have I been trusting in my own righteousness, even as a believer (minimizing the severity of my sin, relying on my own attempts to "fix it", waiting to enter Your presence until I have attempted to "clean myself up")? Thank You for Jesus Christ - we have no other hope but Him!

"I will give thanks to the Lord according to His righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High - vs. 17"

"Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."
- Heb. 10:19-25

"But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul." - Heb. 10:39

"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous" - 1 John 2:1

If you have allowed God to search your own heart and life, and know that you belong to Him, then praise Him!

PRAYER PROMPT:

God thank you for your unfailing, undeserved grace through the righteousness of Christ alone! Who do You want me to intercede for tonight who is not yet covered by Your righteousness?