

## Psalm 92:1-15 Part II

Introduction: Keep in mind this Psalm is also a song for the Sabbath day. The first part of this Psalm instructs us of the goodness to give thanks to Him, to praise His Name, and to declare His Mercy and Faithfulness that reaches the highest point as the psalmist exclaims in verse 5 **How great are Your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep.** The psalmist gives us a glimpse of the born-again person that has been given a heart of flesh and the glorious results of delighting in GOD. We are given a glimpse of what it is to worship the Triune GOD – GOD the Father, GOD the Son, and GOD the Holy Spirit.

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The Psalm takes a sharp turn from this culmination of worship in verse 5 to an abrupt contrast from the worshipper to the “brutish” man as the KJV puts it or the “senseless” man. The effect of this Psalm is heightened by this contrast. There are truly only two divisions of man – those who worship GOD and those who don’t; those whom have been given Grace and those who haven’t; those who by His Grace delight in Him and those who don’t. We are moved in an abrupt transition from a scene of those that delight in worshipping the Triune GOD to those who neither see nor comprehend GOD and His Ways. Among those in this life who refuse to bow the knee and praise Him are looked upon by the world as being some of the most capable and intelligent people. They are highly revered and thought of by the world, yet the Word of GOD declares them to be fools. Psalms 14 and 53 begin this way – **The fool has said in his heart, “There is no GOD”**. The Proverbs declare the character of the fool by using the word fool in 37 verses in the NASB. Some of those characteristics are refusing knowledge, doing what is right in his own eyes, spreading slander and lying, their love to quarrel, being quick tempered, repeating folly, and continuing to walk in darkness. These character traits are a result of saying in his heart, “There is no GOD” showing unbelief and pride. To borrow a quote from the prince of preachers, Charles Spurgeon, “A man must either be a saint or a brute, he has no other choice; his type must be the adoring seraph, or the ungrateful swine.”

Then the Word gives us and instructs us the end of the brute which the Infallible, Inerrant, Sufficient Word of GOD proclaims them to be senseless, having no knowledge, stupid, having no understanding, and those who continue in iniquity. Their end apart from Christ is that they be destroyed forevermore. I am not spending this time speaking of those that refuse to acknowledge the Being and

Glory of GOD to be critical. It is wise in trying to understand what something is to understand what it is not. The “it” in this case is this, is my type the adoring seraph or the ungrateful swine? May each soul hearing this consider deeply by His Mercy and Grace. If we are the adoring seraph, we have much to be thankful for. The only thing that separates the brute and the saint is GOD’s Glorious Grace. As we are instructed in Acts 15:11 **we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus.** It is by His Grace that we are chosen in eternity past, predestined and called, that we are adopted, that we can repent and believe, that we are justified, that we are being sanctified, that we can be presented holy and blameless before Him, that we will persevere, and one day be glorified. All of this is according to the kind intention of His will and to the praise of his Glorious Grace. We are all at one time brutes - Ephesians 2:1 **And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,....** We were dead, not just sick or in need of a little help. We were not just impaired or hampered, but dead. The difference for the worshipper is that he has been born again, he has been given a new nature - Ephesians 2:8-9 **For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, [it is] the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.**

As a result of GOD’s Grace and Mercy the believer will not only **not** be suffered to perish, but will be strengthened by His right hand. We will be caused to flourish like the palm tree and grow like the cedar of Lebanon. These are noble and long-lived trees. The righteous is like the palm in that it grows and thrives in the desert heat, it grows independent of outside circumstances. It is made to grow by Divine Grace to live and thrive where others perish. The righteous man will grow like the cedar. On the summit of the mountain and unsheltered from the harsh elements the cedar remains green just as the godly man remains joyful in adversity and continues to grow in his sanctification. The righteous man will yield fruit, even in his old age for this purpose - declaring the LORD is upright, that He is my Rock, and that there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Our Christology and Soteriology are vastly important – that is our understanding of the Person and Work of Christ and how His salvation is imparted to His people. Eschatology, or the doctrine of last things or end times also shapes how we live. The Psalm conveys a very strong eschatological Truth that believers need to be reminded of often. It influences how we live in this world by the granted faith GOD mercifully gives to His people. Every soul will live by how and what they believe. If we miss the

grand Truth this Psalm offers - that GOD is on high forever, which is for His Glory and a result is the benefit of His people. As a people it is all too easy for us to see what “seems” the prosperity of the wicked rather than to see the promised flourishing of the righteous. The LORD GOD is on high forever. He exalts the horn and anoints with fresh oil those whom He has chosen. The fate, the decree of GOD, toward the wicked is that they be destroyed forevermore. Every soul will proclaim, show, or make known GOD’s Glory by His distributing His Grace toward some and His Wrath upon others. We are commanded and called by the Bible to live or walk by faith and not by sight – that is to live upon the Truth and Promises of GOD. Bear in mind that faith is granted or given and not something that we “do”. That which we are to be diligent in and participate after the new birth, regeneration, or being born again is the process of being made holy or sanctification. With this faith given by the LORD to His people as a gift we are to labor and struggle with the flesh, the world, and the devil. Part of this struggle is to see the greater truth which is what GOD has said verses what we see. GOD’s people are not called to isolate themselves from this fallen world as those with no hope – that things are terrible and only getting worse. That seems to be our default position - which is easily seen without the eyes of faith. The believer is to be giving thanks, sing praises to His Name, declaring His lovingkindness and faithfulness, singing for joy at the Works of His Hands, living upon the reality of His exalting us and anointing us with fresh oil, flourishing, yielding fruit, and declaring that the LORD is upright, that He is our Rock, and that there is no unrighteousness in Him.

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