# PSALM 001-03 WILL YOU STAND IN DAY OF TROUBLE?

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**PSALMS 1:5-6** 

### PROLOGUE: BELIEVER ASSOCIATED WITH TREE OF LIFE

- TREES RUN THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE FROM FIRST TO LAST CHAPTERS.
  - GOD CONTRASTED TREE OF KNOWLEDGE (GOOD-EVIL) WITH TREE OF LIFE (GE 2:16-17)
  - MAN CHOSE KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT GOD OVER LIFE; GOD PREVENTED MAN FROM BEING FOREVER ASUNDERED FROM HIM BY GUARDING THE TREE OF LIFE (GE 3:1-7, 22-24)
  - GOD PROFERRED WISDOM AS A TREE OF LIFE TO THOSE WHO WOULD LAY HOLD OF HER (PR 3:18)
  - FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS A TREE OF LIFE AND WHOSO CAPTURES SOULS IS WISE (PR 11:30)
  - FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT DEMONSTRATES TRUTH OF ONE'S SALVATION (GA 5:22-24)
  - TREE OF LIFE BESIDE RIVER OF LIFE FLOWING FROM CHRIST'S THRONE IN NEW JERUSALEM
  - SAVED FREELY PARTAKE OF FRUIT OF LIFE FOR ETERNITY WHEN VISITING NEW JERUSALEM

## PROLOGUE: LOST ASSOCIATED WITH GRASS OF DEATH {CHAFF}

- GRASSES GROW WILD WHEREVER BUT CANNOT BE SUSTAINED APART FROM WATER OF LIFE
  - GRASSES, GRAINS, PROVIDE NUTRITION BUT LACK SWEETNESS, GOODNESS, OF SALVATION
  - CHRIST DISCUSSED HOW THE FIELD GRASSES WERE ABOVE SOLOMON IN HIS REGAL GARB; BUT, HE LED ISRAEL INTO IDOLATRY AND NEARLY COST HIM HIS ETERNITY (EC 1:9-11; 12:13-14; 1KI 11:1-13; NE 13:26; MT 6:28-30)
  - FLESH IS LIKE GRASS; NEVER MADE FOR ETERNITY; CLING TO THE LIVING WORD (JA 1:11; 1PE 1:23-25)
  - TREES THAT PRETEND TO PRODUCE FRUIT WILL FIND THEMSELVES CURSED; LOST (MT 7:19, 2.1-23; 21:18-19)
  - JOHN BAPTIST WARNED THAT EVERY TREE, LIFE, THAT DOES NOT BEAR RIGHTEOUS FRUIT WILL FACE FIRES OF JUDGMENT (MT 3:8-10)
- EACH PERSON IS RECOGNIZED BY THEIR FRUIT: WORKS OF FLESH OR CHARISMA. YOU? (MT 7:15-20)

#### SUMMATION: DAY OF TROUBLE – ACCOUNTABILITY

- WHY SHOULD ONE SEEK CHRIST'S NARROW PATH WHEN NEARLY EVERYONE IS ON THE BROAD HIGHWAY? A DAY OF ACCOUNTABILITY IS COMING DAY OF TROUBLE (JOEL 2:1-2, 28-32; AC 2:14-24)
  - SATAN'S DELUSION: THERE WILL BE NO ACCOUNTABILITY-JUDGMENT (PR 1:8-19)
  - A DAY OF ACCOUNTABILITY IS NEAR {END TIMES} SUCH AS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE NOAH'S CATACLYSM (HAB 2:2-3; NA 1:6-11; 1PE 1:3-7; 2PE 3:3-10)
- TENSION IN DUALITY BETWEEN SAVED AND SINNER CLIMATIC END: FACING GOD
  - SAVED REJECTS SINNER'S PATH TO **MEDITATE** IN GOD'S LAW: TEN WORDS AND BEATITUDES (EX 20:1-20; MT 5:2-12)
  - THUS, SAVED IS CULTIVATED, MATURED, TO PRODUCE GOOD FRUIT; LOST GROW WILD PRODUCING CHAFF BLOWING AWAY BEFORE WILD SATANIC WINDS OF CHANGING DOCTRINES (EP 4:11-14)

#### STANDING, SURVIVING GOD'S JUDGMENT OF SIN

- WHO CAN STAND, BE PROOFED RIGHTEOUS, IN THE DAY OF GOD'S JUDGMENT?
  - ARROGANCE, CHARACTERISTIC OF SIN, REVEALS SINNERS WHO WILL NOT HUMBLE THEMSELVES BEFORE CHRIST: REJECT HIS SALVATION SACRIFICE (PS 5:4-6; 73:4-20; PH 2:3-11)
  - THEY DO NOT FEAR GOD AND FASHION THEIR OWN WORLDVIEW OF LIES AND DEATH (JN 8:44; RO 3:10-18)
  - THEY WILL HAVE NO PART OF GOD'S NEW JERUSALEM WITH THE RIGHTEOUS (GA 4:21-31; RE 21:1-8; 22:1-5, 12-15)
- RIGHTEOUS STAND AS THEY ARE CLOTHED IN CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS (GA 3:1-10)
  - SAVED GIVE AN ACCOUNT FOR THEIR DEEDS; DO NOT LOSE SALVATION (RO 14:10-12)
  - SAVED CALLED ON CHRIST'S NAME FOR SALVATION BASED ON HIS WORD PROPERLY UNDERSTOOD (RO 10:9-17; 2TI 3:16-17; 2PE 1:19-21)

#### BACK TO THE WAY: WHICH WAY IS YOUR WAY?

- PSALM ENDS AS IT BEGAN, DISCUSSING THE WAY OF SAVED AND LOST AFTER DISCUSSING THEIR OUTWARD DIFFERENCES AND DESTINATIONS
  - GOD KNOWS THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS BECAUSE IT IS DEVELOPED FROM HIS NATURE; NOT BY WORKS BUT BY CHRIST WHO CARRIES YOU ON HIS PATH (GE 1:27-31; EX 20:1-17; MT 5:2-12; 11:27-30; RO 4:1-8)
  - GOD REJECTS WAY OF SINNERS WHO SEEK TO DO IT THEIR WAY BASED ON THEIR RIGHTNESS, WHICH IS NOT RIGHTNESS BUT EVIL; APART FROM GOD THOUGH IT SEEMS GOOD TO THEM (PR 21:2-4; IS 5:20-24)
  - SINNERS PERISH IN THE <u>SECOND DEATH</u> IN COMPLETE SELF-JUSTIFICATION FOR ALL ETERNITY
- LOST REJECT CHRIST BUT SAVED SEE GOD'S HAND IN CHRIST AND MARVEL AT HIS SALVATION: DAY OF LORD FOR THEM IS LIFE! IS IT LIFE FOR YOU; CAN YOU STAND IN DAY OF JUDGMENT?

  (PS 118:22-24; RE 6:12-17)