



# PSALM 004-02 ELITE(S) BEHIND THE KING

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PSALM 4:2-3

# PROLOGUE: ALL WHO CALL ON THE LORD SHALL BE HEARD – SAVED

- PSALM BEGINS WITH CHRIST-DAVID-BELIEVER CALLING ON THE FATHER, THE GOD {SOURCE} OF THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS (LK 18:18-19)
  - NO ONE POSSESSES SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS; EVER (JN 17:22-24; RO 3:10-18; PH 2:5-8)
  - CHRIST DID NOT DECLARE HIS OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS; HE DECLARED THE FATHER'S (JN 3:31-36)
- ALL WHO CALL ON THE LORD'S NAME TO FOR SALVATION ARE CLOTHED IN CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH HE RECEIVED FROM THE FATHER (JN 17; RO 10:13; COL 3:1-4)
  - IN THE MILLENNIUM KINGDOM *TRUE JEWS* WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE GOD OF THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS IN CHRIST, THEIR SAVIOR (JE 23:5-6)
  - PRAYER(S) CANNOT BE HEARD EXCEPT THEY BE IN FATHER'S RIGHTEOUSNESS; HE WILL ANSWER BECAUSE OF CHRIST'S FAITHFULNESS (RO 8:5-10, 14-16, 23-27)

# PROLOGUE: CHALLENGE CONFRONTING EACH BELIEVER EACH DAY

- EACH PERSON IS CONFRONTED WITH THIS *DAILY* SIMPLE CHOICE: FOLLOW THE FATHER OR FOLLOW SELF; I.E., SATAN {LAW OF EXCLUDED MIDDLE}
  - EVERY DECISION IS A MORAL CHOICE REVEALING WHAT ONE TRULY BELIEVES **AND** SHAPES ONE'S FUTURE CHARACTER, AND CHOICES
  - WILL YOU BE GUIDED BY WHAT YOU SEE OR WHAT YOU BELIEVE, IF SAVED?
  - WILL YOU RELY ON YOUR *STRENGTH* {RIGHTNESS} OR REST IN GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS?
- ESSENCE OF PAUL'S ARMOR METAPHOR RESTS ON THIS CHOICE; ONE WHO MATURES AND DEVELOPS THEIR ARMOR WILL BE ABLE TO STAND WHILE THE LOST AND IMMATURE WILL LIVE IN FEAR RELYING ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE {ATTACK}: ONE LEADS TO PEACE, OTHER TO MORE FEARFULNESS – WHICH PATH ARE YOU ON? (EP 6:10-20)

# REALITY OF LEADING: LEADER IS THE FIGUREHEAD

- ALONG WITH THE AMERICAN MYTH, *RUGGED INDIVIDUALISM MADE AMERICA*, THE OTHER MYTH THAT CAPTURES THE IMAGINATION IS, *LEADER IS THE SOLE DICTATOR OF POWER!*
  - ADAM WAS RULER OF EARTH, WITH WOMAN; YET SATAN USED WOMAN TO SUBVERT HIM (GE 3:1-11)
  - WHEN MOSES *LED* THE TRIBES OUT OF EGYPT, IT WAS THE ELDERS THAT SUBVERTED AARON TO MAKE THE GOLDEN CALF; TALMUD PUTS ELDER ORAL CUSTOMS OVER GOD'S WORD (EX 32:1-8; MK 7:1-13)
  - TRIBAL FAILURES LED ELDERS TO *ELECT* A KING, SAUL, WHO REALIZED HE *RULED* BY THEIR CONSENT (1SA 8:1-9; 9:18-21; 10:1, 19-24; 15:24-26)
  - KING DAVID BELIEVED HE COULD ARBITRARILY EXECUTE A PERSON WHICH ENDANGERED HIM WITH THE ELDERS {TRIBAL CONFLICTS KEPT JEWS DIVIDED LIKE THEIR FOREBEARERS (GE 37; 49; 2SA 11:14-27; 12:7-10; 1KI 12:16-20)
  - ABSALOM USED DIPLOMACY, DOUBLESPEAK-NEWSPEAK, TO GAIN SUPPORT OF THE TRIBAL LEADERS, THEN **HE**, WITH THEIR BACKING, LED THE COUP OUSTING DAVID (2SA 15:1-12)

# SINNER'S LUST FOR CONTROL

- SINNERS HAVE A *FIXED PIE* MENTALITY {FIXED AMOUNT OF RESOURCES}; HENCE, THEY LUST TO TAKE FROM OTHERS WHILE JUSTIFYING THEMSELVES: COVETING IS THEIR RELIGION (COL 3:5; JA 4:1-4)
  - SINNERS MIMIC SATAN, THEIR FATHER, WHO LUSTED AFTER CHRIST'S POSITION WITH THE FATHER LEADING TO HIS SIN: HE AUTHORS REBELLION TO REGAIN CONTROL, ESCAPE JUDGMENT (IS 14:12-15; EZ 28:14-16; JN 8:44; HE 1:7-14)
  - SINNERS PREY ON THE RIGHTEOUS SEEKING MATERIAL POSSESSIONS WHILE REJECTING SPIRITUAL CONSEQUENCES UNTIL FACED WITH ULTIMATE REALITY (PR 1:8-19; LK 16:19-31)
  - CAIN MURDERED ABEL TO GAIN POSITION OF CONTROL; HE NEVER VEERED FROM HIS GOAL AND BECAME *RULER* OVER THOSE WHO WANDERED {NOD} FROM GOD {LOST} (GE 4:3-8, 16-22)
  - SATAN DOES NOT SHARE CONTROL; ULTIMATELY, EVERYONE ENSLAVED TO HIM (JN 8:34; RO 6:16; EP 2:1-3)

# SINNERS MURMUR DESTROY ONE'S CHARACTER

- ALL THIS TO UNDERSTAND WHY THESE MEN {בְּנֵי אִישׁ}, ELITES OF LEADERSHIP, WERE JUSTIFYING THEIR REBELLION AGAINST DAVID {AND, SON OF DAVID}
  - PERSISTENT BACKBITING-GOSSIPING ERODES CONFIDENCE IN ONE'S LEADERS; HENCE, SOUNDLY CONDEMNED BY SCRIPTURE AS IT IS KIN TO REBELLION (1SA 15:23; RO 1:28-32; 1PE 2:1)
  - ELITES ERODED PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE IN DAVID WITH AD HOMINEM ATTACKS; THEY WOULD HAVE JUST AS QUICKLY TURNED ON ABSALOM; HIS REIGNED WOULD HAVE BEEN AS REHOBOAM
  - DAVID CONDEMNS THEM; CHRIST OFT EXPOSED THE HYPOCRISY OF THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES WHICH FURTHER INFLAMED THEM (MT 16:5-12; LK 12:1-3)
  - SINNERS LOVE EMPTY LYING WORDS {DOUBLESPEAK-NEWSPEAK}; PROMOTES DOUBLETHINK

# CHRIST'S FAITH RESTS IN THE FATHER

- DAVID-CHRIST-BELIEVER FAITH RESTS IN THE FAITHFULNESS OF CHRIST WHO SATISFIED THE HOLINESS OF THE FATHER – SALVATION; THE LOST MOVED BY PROMISES OF CONTROL (MK 8:34-38)
  - FAITHFUL REST IN CHRIST EVEN IF DYING AT THE HANDS OF THE LOST (AC 7:54-60)
  - OLD TESTAMENT SACRIFICES WERE A COVENANT, FREQUENTLY RENEWED, BETWEEN BELIEVERS AND GOD; I.E., ONGOING STATEMENT OF FAITH LOOKING TOWARD NEW COVENANT (PS 50:4-5; JE 31:31-34)
- FOUNDATIONAL TO FAITH IS THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF GOD TO HEAR AND ANSWER PRAYERS OF HIS PEOPLE; INTIMATE CARING RELATIONSHIP (RO 10:11-17; 1JO 3:22-23; 5:14-15)
  - SATAN, LOST, SACRIFICE EVERYONE-EVERYTHING FOR THEIR OWN DESIRES (RO 1:32-2:6)

# BEING IN THE WORLD IS TO BE ATTACKED

- BELIEVERS MUST EXPECT ATTACKS BY THE WORLD WHICH HATES GOD; HATES YOU ALSO  
(MT 5:10-12)
  - WORLD SURPRISED WHEN BELIEVERS DO NOT JOIN THEM; THUS, THEY ATTACK {ROUSSEAU'S GENERAL WILL JUSTIFICATION} (1PE 4:1-5)
  - CHRISTIANS WILL SUFFER FOR DOING GOOD; DO NOT DO EVIL JUSTIFYING THE LOST'S ATTACKS  
(1PE 4:12-19)
  - FAITHFUL TESTIMONY IS THE SCENT OF DEATH TO THE LOST REMINDING THEM OF THEIR IMPENDING DOOM WHICH THEY FEAR ABOVE ALL ELSE; EVEN AS THEIR FATHER DOES {SATAN} (JN 8:44; 2CO 2:15-17)
  - WE DO NOT HIDE THE GOSPEL FROM THEM; IT IS HID FROM THEM BY SATAN AND THEIR WILLING EMBRACEMENT OF UNGODLINESS, SATAN'S DELUSION (RO 1:18-20; 2CO 4:3-6; 2TH 2:3-12)



# TO WHOM CAN THE LOST PRAY?

- SAVED CAN PRAY TO THE FATHER, IN HIS WILL, TO RECEIVE GUIDANCE VIA THE SPIRIT IN HIS WORD TO MATURE ONE IN THE IMAGE OF CHRIST (1CO 2:14; GA 2:20)
  - THIS IS THE PURPOSE OF DISCERNMENT BASED ON SCRIPTURAL KNOWLEDGE (1CO 2:14; HE 5:11-14)
- LOST HAVE REJECTED GOD EXCHANGING HIS TRUTH FOR THEIR LIES (RO 1:18-28)
  - THE WORLD WITHOUT GOD THEY WANT IS VIOLENT AND DEGRADING; YET, THEY DO NOT REPENT
  - EVEN WHEN THEY PERCEIVE GOD, THEY REJECT HIM; BEGGING FOR DEATH IN THEIR SIN (RE 6:12-17)
  - LOST WILL STAND ALONE BEFORE A HOLY CHRIST WHILE THEIR OWN THOUGHTS, WORDS AND DEEDS CONDEMN THEM; THEN THEY WILL SPEND AN ETERNITY CURSING HIM (LK 16:16-31; RE 20:11-15)