

Satisfaction and Sufficiency

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Turn with me in the text today, our text will be found in Psalm 36:8-9.

8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. 9 For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

Let us pray.

Dear heavenly Father, we thank thee this morning for great things thou hast done. O Lord, may you wake us up this morning, may you stir up our souls, may you open our hearts and our minds and our wills. O Lord, make us sit at thy feet and, Lord, may you reveal how great thou art this day. O Lord, reveal to thy children how great thy salvation is and reveal to us, Lord, thy sufficiency, thy satisfaction, thy suitability, all that thou art, Lord, to thy people. May you be that in this hour and the hour to come to the praise and glory of thee. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

I think that's what's been the most on my mind lately is really truly how great this salvation is that we have in Christ. Paul's words in Hebrews 2:3 comes to mind to me, "How can we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" That verse has always been very experiential to me. I look at it and when the Lord takes me in the depth of it, I understand that in this life for the child of God the escape that he has, the only escape that we have, is in the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ. How true and a mercy it is for the Lord to reveal the depth of that salvation, how deep it goes to our souls what we're saved from, who we're saved from, meaning ourselves, and the depth of what his blood and what he did in redemptive work, what he did for our souls, what he did for our lives on the cross and it is finished.

This morning, I want to talk about this Psalm in depth. I went out this morning to water the flowers that I planted last week for Stephanie in our front yard, and I noticed they were a little wilted and as I watered them and as the water hit them, you could just see them spring up and you could see that they desired so much for that water to be upon them, to drink it down. And when I got done watering them and you go out a couple minutes later and they are all standing up so much stronger and taller and I thought about that and I came in and Stephanie and I were talking this morning and I said that to her,

how I wish my soul was that way, my soul desired the Lord like those flowers desired the water. And there are times it does and there are times when the Lord brings me away from the things in this life and the hardness of this life and the situations in this life, the future events in this life, and all of those things conspire to take my mind off the Lord. And how I looked at those flowers and I saw what a great desire they had for that water and how they were satisfied and I pray that for each and every one of us this morning, that the Lord stirs us up this morning, gives us a desire, a desire to be fed, a desire to be watered, a desire to have our soul fed upon him, that he may bring us to his banqueting table to show us that his banner over us indeed is love.

And this Psalm 36 is our text, verses 8 and 9, "They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house." I want to talk about the satisfaction that we have in Christ. The rest of this verse, "and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light." That describes to us the sufficiency of our Lord to us, to his people. David in this Psalm at the beginning of the Psalm it says, "A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD." I pray this morning that the Lord reveals to each and every one of us in this room that we in a way are servants unto the Lord, but much deeper and greater, we are sons. We are sons and daughters of the Lord found in this union with the Lord Jesus Christ.

But what David talks about in 8 and 9 truly is life in the Spirit. It is when the Holy Spirit leads us to Christ's finished work. It is when the Lord leads us to see what he has done. I am convinced and I am only convinced by the Holy Spirit, I've only been on this earth 46 years but I am convinced as I stand before you today as many times I've sat in my room, many times on walks, and many times reading, and many times looking and talking with people, and looking at situations and asking myself, "What is the meaning of life?" I am convinced as I stand before you today that in Christ and with Christ is life and without him there is no life at all.

I want to take you through the progression of this Psalm first this morning. I want you to look at how – and many Psalms are like this. I spend a lot of time in the Psalms. As I've said up here many times, I find a soul that is a tried soul in the Psalms. I find one that has been brought to many depths as the Lord has taken me. I find a great kinship. I find someone I can identify with, someone at times in the Psalms that seems like he is so hidden from the Lord that he can't see him at all, and then there are times where that communion is so sweet and so near that David is taken to the third heaven. And that's what I ask today, is that the Lord would be pleased to commune with us in that way and in this Psalm, as short as it is in 12 verses, we have great reflection.

I want you to look at verse 1 because it's a very very misunderstood verse. Man and a lot of the commentators come to this verse and they think David is talking about the world and he's talking about the reprobate in the world but that's not what David says here. He says, "The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart," saith within my heart, "that there is no fear of God before his eyes." David is brought to see and experience this is what the carnal nature is in him. This is what the Lord has said to him that not seeing the Lord or this carnal nature, this sin nature, this fallen nature that's in us, there is no fear of

God in it. None at all. You can see that he says this in understanding that this has happened in his life; that he himself has experienced it. I liken it to this: that we hear something that happened to our neighbor or somebody in the room with us today, we can't live that. We can sit and sympathize with them or be happy with them or even say that we understand but what is happening to that person, that person is experiencing it. You and I can't experience it with them. We can say that we do but none of us in here can experience what the Lord has for his children to each and every individual member. I liken that to what David is saying here. He didn't hear this from his neighbor, he didn't see this in somebody else and say, "Uh-huh, that's the transgression of the wicked." He experienced it himself. He knew there was something in him that was wicked.

That's where this strong turmoil takes place in the child of God's life. When you read the Psalms and you read them through, you see a lot of this in David. There were times years ago when I read the Psalms and I would think, "Wow, how can a child of God write these things? How could they say these things about not feeling God's presence or not experience the love of God?" You know, there was a lot of depth there that David says in his soul, it has been taken down into hell and in my early life I never understood those things. I wasn't taught that. I wasn't taught that in the religious world but I surely at that moment wasn't taught that in my life and I hadn't been taught that in the school of Christ, but since that time, the Lord has taught me, has shown me that this is the progression of the child of God down here on earth.

We will experience the wickedness of self. We do experience it because that's what the Holy Spirit shows us. We would never, never cherish the great salvation that the Lord Jesus Christ came and gave up his life for us, we would never cherish that if there wasn't a reason for it, if we didn't feel like we needed to be saved from something. If sin was an animal that we kept on a leash and just kept outside of our life by our own free will and our own power and we had that power to say to sin, "Get away from me!" and it never came near us, we would not need the salvation of Christ if that power lay within us. But you don't see that in the Psalmist and you won't see that with the child of God. He is totally dependent upon his Lord to come, to nurture, to give that love. Where our text is today, that's salvation that's quickened to us, the fatness of his house, to see what we have in the Lord.

Verse 1 tells us, "The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes." When we live or walk according to the flesh, when we walk that way, there is no fear of God in our eyes. We don't have a reverent fear of God in what he has ordained, what he has commanded, what he has said is true. We walk according to our own flesh, according to the lust of our flesh, to the lust of our eyes. David said, "I've lived this."

Now listen to these four verses to how deep this goes in that carnal nature in the child of God's life. "The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes. For he flattereth himself in his own eyes." Isn't that what we do? Aren't we always communing with ourselves to tell us things aren't as bad as they seem or things will get better because of this situation or that situation, this will be better for

me if I do this and I do that? When our eyes are not on the Lord, when our eyes are not brought upon the Lord and our souls are not communing with the Lord, we're too cumbered about ways and means to satisfy ourselves. That's why this passage is so near and dear to me, is because the satisfaction and the sufficiency and the suitability and everything that's in Christ is on display for us here.

"We flatter ourselves in our own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful." And that's what David said. When the Lord reveals the depth of sin, he reveals that that iniquity is against God. There is hate in it. It is hate for a sovereign ruling Lord. That is that nature that resides in each one of us that is at variance, is at hatred against that new nature, against the new man. That's why the struggle is so violent in us every day. That's why the child of God is in such a need of a Savior every day, to show us how great this salvation is. And I've said that two or three times and I hope you're seeing as we're reading these verses, how great it truly is to be saved from these thoughts, to be saved from this reality, this reality that lies in every child of God, that sin-fallen nature. To be saved from that, to be set free from that, to see the dominance and the reigning Christ in the soul of the child of God is the only victory, is the only life. And as the world has not this struggle, as the world has no idea what I'm preaching about this morning because there's not a struggle with them, there's always a continuous desire for the world and the things in the world, nothing will ever fill that soul but the things in the world over and over again but it's never a filling because there's always a continuous need for what's out there. Christ satisfies the soul of the child of God and he satisfies it by bringing to it the great salvation that he has wrought out for his people.

"He flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful. The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good. He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil." That's that nature in us that rises up so often and David really depicts it very well here about our mouth and the words and the iniquity and deceit. We've left off to be wise, wisdom is in Christ alone. We may think that we have wisdom as we accumulate the wisdom of this world and we'll put it up against comparison with the Lord's wisdom. That's what our flesh does. We say, "Oh, we're knowledgeable. We know so much. We've accumulated this wisdom from the years that we've lived upon this earth. Look at the experiences that I've had. I can live upon this wisdom." But the Lord Jesus Christ empties his people of that kind of thought. That's a carnal thought. That's a fleshly thought, that we can live upon ourselves and we can live upon what we've gathered in. The Lord must put that to death and he does put that to death.

"We deviseth mischief upon our bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil." And I hope you never wait for your flesh to abhor evil. I hope you never think that that side or that part of you is ever going to say, "Do you know what? What the world has out there is evil and I'm going to flee from that evil because my flesh is telling me that." It's not going to happen. Your flesh is in communion with the world. Your flesh is in communion with Satan. Your flesh is in communion with sin. Those will never mix. You know, the more I live on this earth and the more the Lord reveals to me the beauty and the depth of his Gospel, the more I hate anything that comes up and tries

to mix itself with it. Whether it is my flesh, whether it's false religion, whether it's the law, whether it's man's obedience, whether it's man's duty, whatever it is, my soul begins to loathe those things because of Christ in me, because of Christ and his finished work, what Christ has done. And when you hear those things mentioned and you hear that burden come upon you, there is a reason it's a burden upon you and that's because of the Lord's truth in your soul, the Lord who sets his people free from that burden and the tyranny of the law or the tyranny of the have-to or the tyranny of what the world says is good. There is only freedom in Christ.

Then, as I said, as many times in these Psalms, I am mesmerized sometimes, sometimes I'm in awe of how David, just like in the first four verses, you're like, "Wow. You're really depicting the wickedness of sin and that wickedness that lies in all of us." And then all of a sudden, isn't this how grace works, isn't this how the Holy Spirit works, isn't that what you can testify today that you have been in the worse kind of moods, you've seen the worst of yourself and all of a sudden the Lord comes with a ray of light and when he comes, you can't explain it but what he's done is he has put down that hard-heart, he's given you the heart of flesh to love him.

And David as he's reflecting upon this sin nature then says, "Lord, thy mercy," in verse 5, "Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens." Now his thoughts and his mind and his understanding is taken to the heavens. Not this earth but the heavens. That's where the Lord resides. That's where all the spiritual blessings are that we'll talk about. They're in Christ.

And so the mind of the Psalmist and the heart of the Psalmist says, "Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast. How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings." This is what we call living faith and what is living faith in the child of God but it leads him to what Christ has done and what Christ is to him. Listen to what this says, "O LORD, in the heavens." Faith leads to the Lord's faithfulness. Look at this, "thy faithfulness." Listen to what he says in 6, "Thy righteousness, thy judgments. How excellent is thy lovingkindness." Notice the terminology of the saint. Notice the terminology of the one who the Lord has come to his soul. All glory, all praise, is to what the Lord has done. "Lord, this is what you've done."

And look how this culminates at the end of 6, the children of men put their trust under the shadow. Well, how did they put their trust there? We just got that, how the Lord brought him from despair over self to what the Lord has finished in himself and he shows forth his righteousness and he shows forth his faithfulness and he shows forth his judgments. And don't miss that. Don't miss that. Life is hard, life is very hard, but the Lord's judgments are pure and that means the Lord's judgments for our lives. If he has deemed something to be not good for our souls, it's not good. No matter what you say, no matter what I say, if the Lord has spoken and said, "My judgments are good, my judgments are good for your soul." We easily like to talk about the faithfulness of Christ. We love to talk about how he is the author and finisher of our faith, that he is our faith, that we live

by the faith of the Son of God. When we speak about his righteousness, we speak about that robe that he puts upon his people from head to toe to cover us, that the Father sees his righteousness. And we all sign up for those and we say, "Yes, that's what I need." But when we get to his judgments, we start to question it. We start to question the very things that take place in the providential care of how God rules everything from his throne and he does it for the good of his people. That's what Romans 8:28 says.

This week, this nation is faced with things. We're all going to be faced with things this week in our own lives that are going to be hard but, do you know what? He's ruling. His judgments are righteous. His judgments are great.

"O LORD, thou preservest man and beast." Do you see the preservation of his saints? And he does this by his righteousness, by his faithfulness, by his judgment.

"How excellent is thy lovingkindness," how excellent is thy mercy, "O God! therefore the children of men," because of you, because of what you've done, our trust is in you, Lord. Now listen, if you are an exercised soul in this room, you understand you trust a lot of things in this life: you trust your doctors, you trust mechanics, you trust the people you hear on tv to be fair, you trust when you go to the grocery store that the people inspected that food that it's good food. We have a lot of trust in this life. We put our trust in a lot of things and a lot of people. That's a different trust. What the Lord is speaking of here and what David is speaking of here is how our soul goes out to the Lord. Our soul. Why? How does it do that? Because of the faithfulness of the Lord. Because of what he does. He calls forth the child of God to him. The sheep hear his voice and it resonates in our soul. It comes with power.

Where the word of the king is, there is power and that power brings us to trust and notice what we're trusting in, "in the shadow of thy wings." Underneath the preservation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Not in anything we've done. Not in anything we've accumulated in this life, any knowledge, any understanding, any understanding, any of that. "Lord, I need you every day. I need you to fill my soul every day with thyself."

And after that we come to our text. Now we come to the text. After David says all these things, after he shares with us the depth of the carnality that is in us, the salvation or the leading away to that, what we have in Christ, then he pinpoints in 8 and 9 how great this salvation is and that's what I want us, I pray as the Lord, the Holy Spirit, now comes to his people that we take a selah right now and say, "Lord, how great is that salvation? How great is your salvation?" After all these things have been said and if the Holy Spirit convinces you of sin, if he convinces you that, "Yes, in me lies this wickedness," what a great salvation he wrought to save us from that certain death. What a great salvation he provided in his mercy, his faithfulness, his judgments, his lovingkindness, his preservation.

The Psalmist says, "They shall," I love those shalls. I've been hinting on those shalls for weeks. Those shalls are so important to me because they are promises to my soul and the great promise keeper will keep those promises. He has done it over and over and over in

my life, 46 years, and as these years have come on, the more I see the Lord in his depth providing for my soul. Are there hard times in this life? Absolutely. In fact, I'd be lying to you if I tell you the week isn't going to hold those hard times. Every week, every day, there is a struggle. There is a struggle with the carnal nature. There is a struggle with the things that our ears take in that's happening in this life. There is a struggle with the things our eyes see. And there are great and mighty strongholds and the Lord says to me, "The only salvation, the only peace in a soul will be in my finished salvation and what I have wrought for my people."

"They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house." They shall be. The fatness that we hear, it always speaks of the fullness that's in Christ and that's the thing, Ephesians 1:3 tells us, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." Christ is reigning. And I use this terminology a lot in my life when I talk about Christ's storehouses as he is our Joseph, as he is a perfect Joseph who opens the storehouses. What is it that we have need of every day? And I'm not talking about as much the food and drink as I am to know Christ in his person. What did Christ do? What did Christ say? Who is the person of Christ? How great is this salvation? What did he do when he left heaven and came down here? Do you not need to know that every day? Now, you think about whatever it is that you walked into this place today, the biggest trial on your heart, the biggest thing in your mind that keeps you from thinking about the finished salvation in Christ. Whatever it has been today, it could be something simple. I mean, it can. Things bother us so easily in this life. Sometimes it's just our pets. Sometimes it's our family. Sometimes it's things going on in the world.

But when these words are preached to me, they are the Gospel. "They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house," and that fatness to me, when I hear the fullness, I have to hear what Christ has finished for me, what salvation has he finished for me, and for me being a dumb sheep, when the Lord makes that known to me, I'm a simple person so when he reveals to me the finished salvation, he makes me to sit down. He makes me to lie down in that, that he has finished all things. I need to hear that every day. There are so many things that try me in this life that make me anxious, that make me want to scurry around and do something, that make me want to make things better. Whether it's going on in my family's life, whether it's going on at work, there are so many things that trouble me and when those things trouble me, the Lord is not the Lord of my mind, that situation is and what a dire need we have of the Lord to take us off of that. Perfect peace is when our mind is stayed upon him.

I am so thankful that I don't have to be the one that stays my mind. You think for a minute sometimes you might think standing up here that I have such a clear mind, "Boy, he's locked into what he's talking about." Listen, the thoughts that come into my mind up here, the ungodly thoughts that come, I wouldn't wish those on anybody. And I know then that I know when the Lord keeps my mind, when the Lord stays it upon him, then he reveals his truth to me. There's a great difference. I'm not left to myself to say, "Well, what is this truth? What is it?" No, the Lord says, "This is who I am. This is who I've

revealed myself to you who I am. Speak who I am." And then he does it. He loosens the words. He brings forth the truth hopefully to the praise and glory of him.

Everything that his work has done is acceptable to God as a sweet smelling savor. Everything that he has done was accepted. When I hear that, the verse that comes to my mind the Lord brings is Ephesians 1:6 that we are accepted in the beloved. That's that eternal vital union. I'm accepted because of what Christ has done. I'm accepted on behalf of another for what he has done. I'm accepted in him. The Father said, "All that my Son did is acceptable to me." And I know that left to myself I can do nothing that would bring God glory.

We all like to cast that stone at Cain for bringing the goodness of the ground and saying, "You know, this is the offer." Well, what would you and I do? What would you and I do? Do you think when we're left to ourselves and we're going to say, "Oh, well, you're God. I'm going to give you the best that I can give you." We're told in the Bible that it was only by faith that Abel was accepted and his sacrifice put forth the sacrifice of the lamb because without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins.

I see a great dependence in that. I see the Lord's faith and what it takes the child of God to in this life. Do you notice that? In Hebrews 11, that's in this life. That faith conquered in this life so I know it is a true thing that we must experience Christ here before we ever experience him in glory. We must know Christ here and that's his work. That's his faithful work to the souls of his people.

So I ask you: what are you satisfied with here on earth? What is it that satisfies you today? Are you satisfied today with your circumstances in this life: your health, your wealth? Are you satisfied with those things? Are you satisfied with all that's going on in your family? Are you? Are you sitting there today and you're satisfied with everything going on in your family? What about everything going on in this world, are you satisfied with that? No. A child of God will not be satisfied with the things of this life. They won't. They can't be because satisfaction is stored up in Christ.

That's what this verse says, "They shall be abundantly satisfied." Do you know what those two words mean in the Hebrew? It means saturated. Saturated. Do you know where we find that in the New Testament, that word "saturated"? It comes from 1 John 2:20, "But you have an unction from the Holy One, and you know all things." That word "unction" is the same word used here "abundantly satisfied" and it means "saturated." The Holy Spirit saturates the child of God. That's how we know things. Saturated means there is none of me in it, it's all of him. "They shall be saturated with the fatness of my house." The Lord, what he does, he does it all and he does it perfectly.

And this "shall" means and that's the thing, we have many things that we're not satisfied with and there is a design in that to show us and to wean us from the things of this world and to show us that our satisfaction is in the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Because, dear ones, when our life is over here, we will truly be saturated with Christ and the Triune Lord in heaven and there will be nothing to come in the way of that saturation.

As I said, what a merciful Lord to allow and enable us to have a glimpse and a peace and an earnest and a part of that here upon earth, to know what it is when he takes us into that communion and all of those thoughts and troubles that we have are gone and all we see is him, all we see is what he has done. I describe it that way hoping that there are those in this room that say, "Yes, I know what you're talking about. I know that communion when the Lord sets me in that place as the Psalmist said, he sets me in that large place and he sets me in that place and he comes and communes with me and everything is left on the outside of that place." All the cares of this world, all the cares of myself, are secondary. I mean, they're not even in the thought. That's what it means to be saturated, to be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house. It's what the Lord does to his people. Psalm 63:5, David says, "My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips." Why? Why are you praising the Lord? Because of the satisfaction of Christ in his soul.

That's what the child of God has in this life to praise God for, this saturation of Christ in his soul and there are those promises of the Lord to do that. There is the faithfulness of the Lord to give that over and over in the child of God's life, that he is enough. That he's more than enough. And that is how the Lord leads us to be satisfied. We have cravings in this life in our souls, we have cravings in our soul because of the desire the Lord has put there in himself. It's the seed, it's the Holy Spirit that dwells within us that leads us to Christ. And dear ones, that's the only place the Holy Spirit leads us is to Christ, what is pleasing to the Lord, what he has said, what he has finished, what he has done. They are saturated with himself, with his blessings, with all the things that are stored up in him.

Then we move on to, "and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life." This is the sufficiency. Satisfaction is defined "the state of mind which results from the full gratification of desire." That's what satisfaction is. Your full desire has been satisfied. You've been gratified. Your desire, it's been answered. Sufficiency is "supply equal to wants; enough." That's what sufficiency is, supply equal to wants. That's that desire we just talked about that the Lord gives his people and then he satisfies it and that makes the child of God, brings him to see that the Lord is sufficient for all things in his life. He is the fountain of life.

Jeremiah said it this way in Jeremiah 17:13, "O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth," I thought that was very key. If you depart from the Lord, you're written in the earth. Your name is not written in the heavens. Written in the earth, "because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters." That's the name he took for himself, "I'm the fountain of living waters." Jesus said in John 4:14, "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." That's what Christ is. That's what's being satisfied. "Christ, you're sufficient for me." It's him springing up in the soul.

And I can sit up here and try to explain it for hours but I'm not going to do it justice. The Lord has to testify to you. "Yes, he has sprung up in my soul. He has said to me that he is

enough. He has said to me in this desolate time, in this hard time, that I'll live upon him because he's life. He has said to me that he is my sufficiency and as all of these things are very hard in this life, the relationships in my family are hard in this life, the relationships in this life are hard in this life, what we have in front of us is hard in this life, but he's enough and he's sufficient to be enough for his people every day of your life because that's his promise. He is that water. He is that springing up in the child of God. He is life. Nothing but life flows from him.

John said it this way in John 1:4, "In him was life; and the life was the light of men." In him was life. You know, I like to read John 1 because John is brought to the eternal Christ and he's brought to see him as the Word which to me means so many things in this life. He is the Word that he has so mercifully given me every day to live upon. He is the bread of life to me. He is the sustenance of life to me. But he's called here the light. Now, can you contrast today in your soul the difference between light and darkness? Do you understand the light when Christ comes with light to you?

That is the light and that brings us to the last clause of our text today, "in thy light shall we see light." Another shall. It's a promise. It's only in the light of Christ that we will be brought to see the light. Now, think about that. That's a deep subject because we try so hard in this life to gain knowledge from men, to gain knowledge from the world, to do things in this life to get a better station in life to see light. We think that's going to add to our light.

This is a very trying verse, "in thy light shall we see light." He is self-revealing. He is the only one who can reveal himself. Remember that you have an unction from the Holy One and you know all things. That unction, that saturation comes from Christ and Christ alone. We must all be taught of the the Lord. I pray today that the Lord speaks to you, speaks to your soul, speaks to you in a satisfying way, that he satisfies your soul with himself, that he is the sufficiency of your soul. He's enough.

And also the one word I didn't mention, the suitability. That means "agreeable to." Is Christ agreeable to you? You know, I was just thinking every time we go and purchase something, that little box on the end is called terms and conditions. You need to read the terms and conditions. Once you accept this, you know what the terms and conditions of Christ are. He has finished it. He has finished salvation for his people and those are the terms and conditions that carnal man will never accept, that man says, "No, I will not have this Lord to reign over me."

What about you today? Has the Lord satisfied your soul? Is he the sufficiency of your life? And has he shown you the suitability of himself?

I'd like to end today by just finishing out this Psalm which is a prayer. Listen to how David ends this Psalm in prayer. "O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee." How beautiful is that? "O Lord, may you continue your mercy to them that know you." And why do we know him? Because he knew us before the foundation of the world. "O Lord, continue that mercy. We need that mercy every day of our lives."

"O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart. Let not the foot of pride," you see, that kind of ties us back to the first four verses. David knows what that enemy is, the pride of life. The pride of life is such an enemy to the soul of the child of God.

"Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me. There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise." If you're outside of Christ, you will never be able to rise.

May the Lord today instruct our souls to his satisfaction, his sufficiency, and his suitability for the glory of him and him alone.

Dear heavenly Father, may you add thy power and thy clarity to thy word for thy glory alone. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.