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# **PSALM 003-03**

## **BELIEVER'S SECURITY**

### **AMID ONE'S ENEMIES**

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PSALM 3:5-6

# PROLOGUE: CHRIST SUBMITTED TO HIS HUMBLING

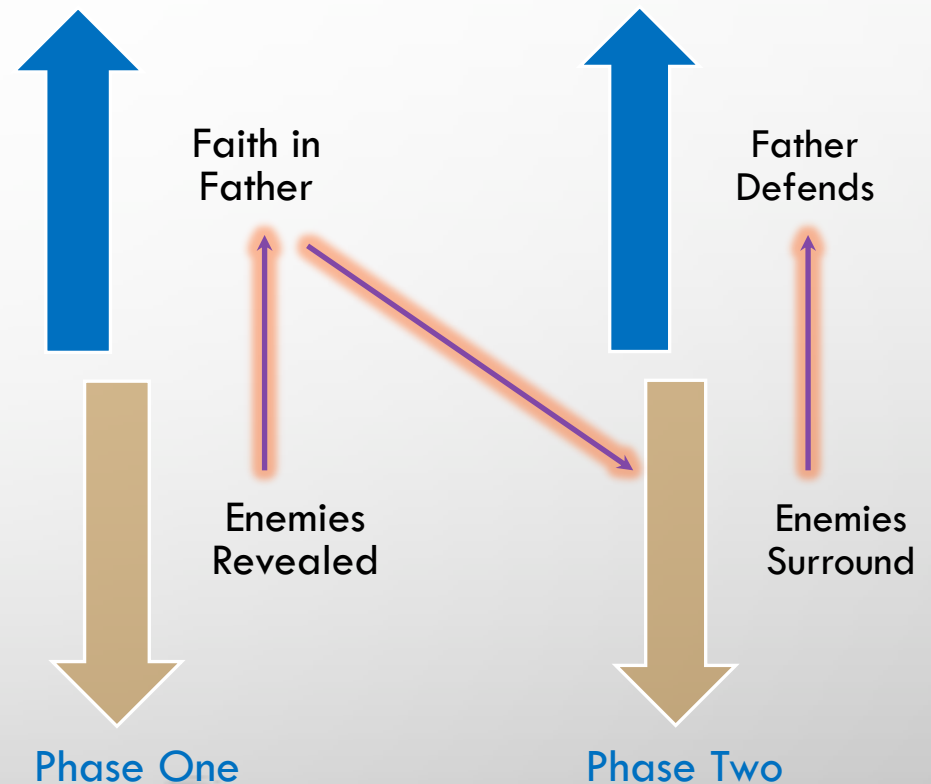
- CHRIST IS THE EPITOME OF HUMILITY IN THAT AS GOD, HE *WILLINGLY SUBMITTED* TO BEING SON OF MAN IN THE FLESH TO SUFFER GOD'S WRATH FOR SINFUL PEOPLE (EP 1:3-14; PH 2:5-8)
  - EACH OF THE BEATITUDES DISCUSSES CHRIST'S CHARACTER WHICH HE IS NOW DEVELOPING IN ALL WHO MATURE VIA THE SPIRIT (MT 5:2-12; 1CO 2:14; HE 5:11-14)
  - THIS IS ALSO THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT {SAVED} AS COMPARED TO THE WORKS OF THE FLESH (GA 5:19-25)
- CHRIST DID NOT ELEVATE HIMSELF ABOVE ALL PEOPLE; HE CAME AS GOD'S HUMBLE SLAVE
  - GOD WAS HIS SHIELD, EXQUISITE HEBREW IMAGERY: EXAMPLES-ABRAHAM AND JEWS (GE 15:1; DE 33:29)
  - CHRIST LOOKED TO FATHER TO GIVE HIM BACK HIS GLORY AND EXALT HIM AFTER HE **SUCCEEDED**  
(JN 17; PH 2:9-11; COL 1:15-20; HE 2:5-8)

# PROLOGUE: CHRIST PRAYED; FATHER HEARD

- CHRIST WAS NOT *PROTECTED* BECAUSE HE WAS GOD NOR BECAUSE HE WAS GOD'S SON; CHRIST **COMPLETED** THE MISSION, HIS SACRIFICIAL DEATH – BECAUSE HE PRAYED!
  - CHRIST OFTEN PRAYED ALONE, AT NIGHT, FREQUENTLY IN TEARS OVER THE SINFUL CONDITION OF PEOPLE, HIS TESTING {STRENGTH} AND SUFFERING FATHER'S WRATH FOR SIN (LK 22:39-46; HE 5:7-10)
  - CHRIST TOLD HIS APOSTLES, AND US, TO PRAY TO AVOID-ENDURE TEMPTATION BY RELYING ON THE SPIRIT RATHER THAN ONE'S OWN STRENGTH {FLESH} WHICH FAILS (RO 7:14-18; JA 1:5-15)
  - THIS IS HUMILITY IN ACTION: HUMBLING HIMSELF IN PRAYER VIA THE SPIRIT TO THE FATHER AND BEING HEARD BECAUSE OF HIS HUMILITY! HIS EXAMPLE FOR US TO EMULATE
- GOD HEARD HIM FROM HIS HOLY HILL: HEAVENLY ZION (EZ 28:14-15; GA 4:24-26; HE 9:22-24)

# PSALM THREE DUALITY STRUGGLE: FAITH VS SIGHT

- PSALM THREE IS A CONTRAST BETWEEN **SEEN** AND **UNSEEN** {FAITH} (2KI 6:11-23)
- PHASE ONE: ENEMIES BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES; CHRIST RELIES ON FATHER
- PHASE TWO: ENEMIES UNDETERRED BY FAITH; FATHER DEFENDS SON-BELIEVERS
- UNDERLYING THEMES: HOPE – HUMILITY IS FOUNDATION OF GOD'S JUDGMENT (RO 8:23-25; HE 10:29-31)
- FATHER JUDGES SON-BELIEVER; THEN LOST (1PE 4:12-19)



# DUALITY EMPHASIZED

## PHASE ONE VS PHASE TWO

- PHASE ONE: EACH SECTION OF VERSES ARE DUALITY
  - VERSES 1-2: ENEMIES REVEALED
  - VERSES 3-4: FAITH IN FATHER
- BUT IN PHASE TWO: EACH SECTION CONTAINS DUALITY SHARPENING CONTRAST BETWEEN RAGE OF LOST AND FAITH-HOPE OF CHRIST-BELIEVER {HID IN CHRIST} (EP 3:9-10; COL 3:1-4)
  - VERSES 5-6: CHRIST SLEEPS IN PEACE – SURROUNDED BY RAGING ENEMIES
  - VERSES 7-8: CHRIST PRAYS THAT FATHER REMOVE HIS ENEMIES IN THE FATHER'S TIME – PRAISES FATHER FOR HIS SALVATION

# CONTRAST DIFFERENCE FAITHS PEACE VS RAGE

- CHRIST-BELIEVER SLEEPS MIDST THEIR ENEMIES FOR HIS-YOUR SOUL IS SECURE IN FATHER
  - CHRIST SETS THE EXAMPLE BY SLEEPING DURING A RAGING STORM WHILE APOSTLES ACCUSE {SATAN} HIM OF NOT CARING AS THEY WERE LIVING BY SIGHT, NOT FAITH (MT 8:24-27)
  - CHRIST PROMISES *REST IN HIM* TO THOSE WHO ARE IN FAITH {SAVED} (MT 11:28-30)
- SIN NEVER STOPS RAGING AGAINST CHRIST-BELIEVER WHOSE VERY PRESENCE CONDEMNS THEM, SHOWS THEIR *TRUTH* TO BE A LIE {GOD AUTHOR OF SIN}: ASEBEIA HEART (2CO 2:14-17; GA 5:19-21)
  - LOST RAGE: STORMY SEAS-WINDS AND DANGEROUS LIGHTENING; {METAPHORS OF SATAN-DEMONS-LOST: SYMBOLS OF SPIRITS} (DA 7:2)
  - LOST SEEK DEATH OF ALL WHO REST IN THE LOGOS: WRITTEN AND LIVING (JN 1:1-5; AC 7:54-60)

# DUALITY TENSION THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE

- BIBLE BEGINS AND ENDS WITH THIS DUALITY OF TENSION
  - CREATION: LIGHT ENTERS AMID DARKNESS, CHAOS TO BRING ORDER – TRUTH {ALETHEIA} (GE 1:3-5, 31)
  - NEW CREATION: CHRIST **IS** THE LIGHT; THERE IS NO DARKNESS (RE 21:22-25; 22:3-5)
- PRESENT DISPENSATION, *FIRST FRUITS*, BUILDS TOWARD A **SHARP** CONFRONTATION BETWEEN SATAN {DARKNESS} AND CHRIST {LIGHT} (JOEL 2:1-2; AC 2:16-21; RE 12:7-12)
  - THEME OF GREAT TRIBULATION, AND PREPARING FOR MILLENNIAL KINGDOM (MT 25:31-46; RE 19:11-16)
  - MILLENNIAL KINGDOM CONTINUES THIS CONTRAST UNTIL LOST SHOW THEMSELVES TOTALLY UNREDEEMABLE; OPEN REBELLION AGAINST **VISIBLE** CHRIST, AGAIN (RE 20:1-3, 6-10)

# OLD TESTAMENT HOLINESS SEPARATES

- OLD COVENANT THRONE-TEMPLE DEPICTS GOD'S HOLINESS-MAN'S SIN: MEDIATOR NEEDED
  - THRONE OF FIRE AS AGGRIEVED HOLINESS REQUIRES JUSTICE (DA 7:9-10)
  - HOLY GOD, SYMBOLIZED AT MT HOREB WREATHED IN SMOKE AND FLAME, WIND AND LIGHTENING (EX 19:16-22)
  - GOD ON EARTH SEARCHING FOR BELIEVERS (EZ 1)
  - GOD ON HOLY THRONE CALLING ISAIAH FROM BEING SIN TO BE RIGHTEOUS IN HIM {SAVED} (IS 6:1-8)
  - GOD CONDEMNS THOSE WHO WORSHIP THEMSELVES {IDOLS-SELF-WORSHIP BY PROXY} (HAB 2:18-20)
  - THROUGHOUT OLD TESTAMENT GOD CALLS MAN TO **REASON** WITH HIM TO ACCEPT HIS OFFER OF SALVATION (IS 1:18-20; EZ 33:11)



# NEW TESTAMENT HOLINESS SATISFIED

- GOD PROVIDED HIMSELF AS THE MEDIATOR-SACRIFICE FOR SIN SATISFYING HOLINESS (GE 22:8)
  - CHRIST IS THE MEDIATOR BETWEEN HOLY GOD AND SINFUL MAN (1TI 2:5-6)
  - CHRIST, AS GOD-MAN, WAS THE ACCEPTABLE SACRIFICE {SINLESS} FOR NEW COVENANT (HE 9:11-15)
  - THOUGH LOST MAN TREMBLES BEFORE A HOLY GOD; SAVED ARE HID IN CHRIST (COL 3:1-3; HE 12:18-27; 1JO 4:18)
- THE GOAL WAS *REST* IN CHRIST FOR ETERNITY IN A NEW EARTH-HEAVEN THAT HAS NO SIN (RE 21:1-7)
  - GOD'S THRONE IS NOW OF PEACE WITH WATERS OF LIFE FLOWING FROM IT FOREVER (RE 22:1-5)
  - IT IS ON THIS BASIS THAT WE REST IN CHRIST AT PEACE WITH THE FATHER THOUGH SURROUNDED BY ENEMIES ON EVERY SIDE; IF GOD BE FOR US...WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?  
(2KI 6:15-17; MT 11:27-30; RO 8:31-39)