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PSALM 30... REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

Psalm 30:1-5 (KJV)

¹ I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

² O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

³ O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

⁴ Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

⁵ For his anger *endureth but* a moment; in his favour *is* life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy *cometh* in the morning.

V 1 I WILL LIFT HIM UP FOR HE HAS LIFTED ME UP... IT IS HARD TO STAY DOWN, WHEN YOUR LIFTING HIM UP. WE ALWAYS APPROACH GOD WITH PRAISE.

V 2 THE "ANOINTED ONE" WAS NOT IMMUNE FROM THE TROUBLES OF LIFE!

V 3 DAVID WAS NEAR DEATH ON SEVERAL OCCASSIONS... NOTHING LIKE A SCRAPE WITH DEATH ... TO AWAKEN US TO THE REALITY OF OUR NEED FOR GOD!!

V 4 Give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness—"Be ye holy," saith the Lord, "for I am holy." He who can give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness, is one who loves holiness; who hates sin; who longs to be saved from it; and takes encouragement at the recollection of God's holiness, as he sees in this the holy nature which he is to share, and the perfection which he is here to attain. But most who call themselves Christians hate the doctrine of holiness; never hear it inculcated without pain; and the principal part of their studies, and those of their pastors, is to find out with how little holiness they can rationally expect to enter into the kingdom of God. O fatal and soul-destroying delusion! How long will a holy God suffer such abominable doctrines to pollute his Church, and destroy the souls of men?

V 5 DAVID KNEW THE JUDGEMENTS OF GOD.... BATHSHEBAS' FIRST CHILD.... THE JUDGEMENT OF GOD ON JERUSALEM, FOR DAVIDS SIN OF NUMBERING ISRAEL. WHETHER OUR TRIAL IS FOR DISCIPLINE OR JUST THE STRUGGLES OF LIFE.

WE CAN BE CONFIDENT... OUR WEEPING WILL BE TURNED INTO JOY. THE QUESTION HERE IS: "HOW LONG IS THE NIGHT?"

IT WAS 15 YEARS FROM THE TIME DAVID WAS ANOINTED KING UNTIL HE WAS MADE KING OVER ISRAEL!!

HE LOST ZIKLAG... BUT RECOVERED ALL. ABSALOM HIS SON REBELLED AND THEN WAS SLAIN. HE SPENT SEVEN DAYS IN PRAYER AND FASTING AND THEN THE CHILD DIED. HERE WAS A MAN ACQUAINTED WITH GRIEF AND SORROW.

WERE THERE EVER 3 DARKER DAYS IN THE HISTORY OF THE HUMAN RACE; THAN THE THREE DAYS JESUS WAS IN THE GRAVE?

JUST HOLD ON JOY IS COMING IN THE MORNING!! WAS THERE EVER A GREATER VICTORY... THAN THE RESSURRECTION? GREAT VICTORY IS THE RESULT OF GREAT OF A GREAT BATTLE!!

Psalm 30:6-12 (KJV)

⁶ And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

⁷ LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, *and* I was troubled.

⁸ I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication.

⁹ What profit *is there* in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?

¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.

V. 6 IN MY PROSPERITY I SAID ... I SHALL NEVER BE MOVED. TROUBLE HATH SLAIN IT'S THOUSANDS... BUT PROSPERITY HATH SLAIN IT'S TEN THOUSANDS!! I AM STRONG I AM PROSPEROUS... WHO NEEDS GOD? YOU WILL FIND OUT IN A HURRY.... YOU NEED GOD!! THIS PROBABLY WHEN DAVID NUMBERED ISRAEL.

VI. 7 DAVID CRIED OUT TO GOD IN DEEP REPENTANCE AND SUPPLICATION!! 2

Samuel 24:24-25 (KJV)

²⁴ And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy *it* of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

²⁵ And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel. WE OFTEN WILL "PAY A PRICE" FOR OUR MISTAKES. LEARN THE LESSON!! THE GREATEST LESSON... IS DEPENDENCE ON GOD IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES!!

V. 9,10 DAVID ONCE AGAIN TURNS TO GOD WITH ALL HIS HEART. HE IS DELIVERED FROM DEATH AND PRAISES GOD FOR HIS MERCIES!!

Psalm 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

WE WHO SOJOURN ON THIS PLANET MUST REALIZE THE FRAILTY OF OUR FLESH.... WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET!!!

Psalm 30:11-12 (KJV)

¹¹ Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

¹² To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

Isaiah 61:3 (KJV)

³ To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

THERE IS A TIME TO WEEP AND PRAY AND FAST... THERE IS A TIME TO REJOICE ... AND GET THE VICTORY!!