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PSALM 005-01 PRAY EXPECTING GOD'S ANSWER

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PSALM 5:1-3

PATTERN OF PRAYERFUL MEDITATION

- COMPARISON BETWEEN FOUNDATION OF SAVED PRAYERS VS SINNERS' SELF-RELIANCE
 - VS 1-3: PERSONAL BURDEN ONLY GOD CAN ANSWER AND IT REQUIRES PERSONAL PREPARATION
 - VS 4-6: GOD DOES NOT ANSWER THE WICKED; AND THEY DO NOT PRAY TO HIM D/T PRIDE
 - VS 7-8: BELIEVER, IN HUMILITY, COMES TO CREATOR GOD AS ONLY SOURCE OF HOPE
 - VS 9-10: LOST LIVE BY THEIR DEGRADING VIOLENT-SINFUL-REBELLIOUS COUNSELS
 - VS 11-12: SAVED FIND REFUGE ONLY IN YAHWEH KNOWING JOY, SECURITY AND GRACE FOREVER
- PRAYER {MEDITATION} IS NOT TO ATTUNE ONESELF TO GOD'S CONSCIOUSNESS
 - PRAYER RECOGNIZES ONE'S HELPLESSNESS AND DEPENDENCE ON YAHWEH AMID A DANGEROUS, VIOLENT WORLD CAREENING INTO UNREMITTING CHAOS AND DEATH

BACKDROP OF DUALITY

DAY OF THE LORD

- CREATION INEXORABLY MOVES TOWARD THE **COMING** *DAY OF THE LORD* OF JUDGMENT WITH CONSTANT TENSION BETWEEN GOD'S GOODNESS AND MAN'S SINFULNESS (2PE 3:10-17)
 - EACH DAY IS *THIS DAY* TO HUMBLE ONESELF TO CHRIST IN SALVATION OR BEAR THE FEAR OF THE CRUSHING JUDGMENT WHICH IS COMING (EX 19:; AMOS 5:18; HE 9:27; RE 20:11-15)
 - LOST ARE BLIND TO THE TRUTH LIVING IN THE DELUSION; IMMATURE TOSSED BY CHANGING DOCTRINAL WINDS (HAB 2:2-3; EP 4:11-14; 2TH 2:3-12; HE 3:7-14)
- THE LOST PREY ON THE SAVED SINCE CAIN KILLED ABEL JUSTIFYING THEMSELVES THINKING TO *PROVE* GOD IS UNRIGHTEOUS TO JUDGE (GE 4:1-8; MT 5:10-12; RO 2:1-11; 3:1-9; 1PE 4:12-17)
 - IF THE LOST {SATAN} DID NOT FEAR TO OPPOSE AND MURDER CHRIST, DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY BELIEVE **YOU** ARE ANY GREAT THREAT? (HE 12:3-4)

PECULIARITIES OF HEBREW-ENGLISH

- THIS PSALM EXHIBITS SEVERAL PECULIARITIES SHOWING THE DIFFICULTY OF TRANSLATING FROM LANGUAGE TO LANGUAGE
 - SOME HEBREW WORDS ARE LITTLE USED AND DIFFICULT TO TRANSLATE THEIR PRECISE MEANINGS
 - TRANSLATORS ADD WORDS BELIEVING THEY CLARIFY THE MEANING; OCCASIONALLY THESE BECOME TRADITION AND OBSCURES THE MEANING {"A SACRIFICE"}
 - BREVITY IS A NECESSITY TO ACHIEVE A MANAGEABLE, READABLE BIBLE; AMPLIFIED BIBLE ATTEMPTS TO ADD WORDS TO CLARIFY MEANINGS BUT OFTEN IS DIFFICULT TO JUST READ
- ONE CAN GAIN THE GIST OF THE MEANING FROM ONE'S VERNACULAR LANGUAGE, BUT SOME KNOWLEDGE OF THE ORIGINAL IS NECESSARY TO GROW IN MATURITY (HE 5:11-14)

BELIEVER'S BURDEN HAGIAZO PROCESS

- DAVID-CHRIST-BELIEVER BEGINS BEGGING YAHWEH TO HEAR HIM IN HIS NEED
 - HOW GREAT IS THE NEED? SO GREAT THAT IT CANNOT BE EXPRESSED JUST IN WORDS BUT IN GROANS AND UTTERANCES (RO 8:22-27)
 - THE PRESSURE {THLIPSIS – TRIBULATION} IS SO GREAT ONE IS DRIVEN TO EDGE OF ONE'S STRENGTH {DESPAIR} {HAGIAZO PROCESS}: ONLY GOD CAN ANSWER

Words “groan” and “cry” examples of rarely used Hebrew words in Bible; thus, reference to Romans



LORDSHIP OF CHRIST ABSOLUTE REALITY

- CHRIST IS NOT ONLY SAVIOR BUT LORD; IN FACT, HE WAS LORD BEFORE HE CAME AS MESSIAH TO DIE (GE 1:3-5; JN 1:1-18)
 - DAVID-CHRIST-BELIEVER MUST HAVE THIS UNDERSTANDING THAT ELOHIM {TRINITY} IS GOD AND AS CREATOR HE IS KING OVER ALL CREATION (IS 64:8; JN 18:1-10; RO 9:14-21)
 - ONE DOES NOT MAKE HIM KING OVER ONE'S LIFE; ONE ACKNOWLEDGES HE IS **ALREADY** KING
- ONLY KING HAS THE AUTHORITY, AS THE DEMONS ACKNOWLEDGED (MT 8:29)
 - MAN'S PUNY GODS/GODDESSES HAVE NO POWER OR AUTHORITY; I.E., NOT REAL (IS 45:14-46:7)
 - SINNERS REPLACE GOD WITH ASPECTS OF HIS CREATION ESCHEWING TRUTH FOR LIES (RO 1:18-25)
 - AS SINNERS REVEL IN THEIR DEBASED MINDS, GOD GIVES THEM OVER TO *THEIR* OWN GODLESS WORLD; THEN THEY BLAME HIM AND NOT THEMSELVES

BELIEVER ASKS FOR INTERCESSION

- DAVID-CHRIST-BELIEVER NOT SIMPLY MOUTHING EMPTY WORDS HOPING TO BE HEARD FOR THEIR MUCH SPEAKING LIKE THE LOST (MT 6:5-8)
 - BELIEVERS COME SEEKING INTERCESSION EXPECTING GOD TO ACTIVELY INTERVENE {BREVITY}
 - PRAYERS ARE IN SECRET BECAUSE ONE IS SO VULNERABLE, IN DESPERATE NEED OF CHRIST'S HELP (HE 7:25-28)
 - BELIEVER DOES NOT SEEK HIS OWN SOLUTIONS AS HIS DEVICES ARE INADEQUATE
- WHAT NEED IS SO GREAT THAT ONE SEEKS GOD DIRECTLY? ONE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
 - ONE'S VISION TRANSCENDS THIS MATERIAL EXISTENCE LOOKING TOWARD ETERNITY (HE 11:8-10)
 - STEPHEN PRAYED NOT TO AVOID DEATH BUT FOR CHRIST TO RECEIVE HIM TO HIMSELF (AC 7:54-59)

BELIEVER ORDERS THE DAY AROUND CHRIST

- NIGHT IS FOR PRAYERS; HOWEVER, THE DAY IS FOR WALKING IN THE WORLD IN GRACE
(PS 6:6-7)
 - IN THE MORNING, THE BELIEVER EXPECTS YAHWEH TO HEAR HIM
 - IN THE MORNING, THE BELIEVER ARRANGES HIS LIFE, HIS PRIORITIES AND HIS PRACTICES FOR YAHWEH AND NOT TO APPEASE THE WORLD {IGNORE: SACRIFICES} (JA 4:1-8)
- BELIEVER GOES ABOUT THE DAY EXPECTING GOD TO INTERCEDE
 - THIS DOES NOT MEAN REMOVING THE PROBLEM; I.E., STEPHEN
 - THIS MEANS DEEPENING ONE'S RELATIONSHIP, TRUST, AND LOVE IN CHRIST; I.E., STEPHEN
 - HENCE, MANY *BELIEVERS* DOOMED TO DISAPPOINTMENT: HAGIAZO PROCESS: MATURATION

WHAT IS YOUR EXPECTATION WHEN YOU PRAY?

- PRAYERS OF MANY ARE NOT ANSWERED BECAUSE OF PERSONAL LUST AND WORLDLY DESIRES
 - THIS WORLD IS PASSING AWAY
 - OUR FOCUS MUST BE ON THE NEW HEAVEN-EARTH SPENDING ETERNITY WITH CHRIST
 - OUR PURPOSE IS TO SHOW THE WORLD CHRIST IN US THE HOPE OF GLORY (COL 1:24-29)
 - WORLD ALREADY KNOWS HOW TO BE SELFISH AND SELF-CENTERED; CHRISTIANS ARE TO LIVE DIFFERENTLY BY NOT RESORTING TO THE WORLD'S WAYS UNDER THE SAME PRESSURES (MT 5:13-16, 38-48)
- TRUE MARK OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY: HUMILITY (MT 5:2-12)
 - TRUE MATURITY IS LOVE: FORBEARANCE AND FORGIVENESS; I.E., STEPHEN (AC 7:59-60; 1CO 13:1-8)