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David spent most of his life pursued by men in the wilderness. It is why he such a good type of our Lord Jesus Christ. We hear our Savior in these Psalms. As the representative of God's chosen people, we hear Christ walking by faith in his God and our God, his Father and our Father. By our Savior, who depended upon the Father, we believe and depend upon our Savior. Let's hear Christ speaking. Hear our Redeemer

## **PLEADING COVENANT PROMISES**

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Hear our Redeemer pleading the covenant promises of God the Father. The Lord Jesus lived upon the covenant promise of the Father as he walked this earth. He is teaching us to do the same. The same as the Lord depended upon the promises of God, he has brought us to believe on the Lord Jesus who is the Covenant. He so fulfilled the law for his people, that all the covenant promises of God's grace are yes and amen in the Lord Jesus to each of his saints (2 Cor 1: 20).

The Lord had caused David to believe and hope in Christ his Covenant. So David pleads God's own covenant promise. The blessing of grace is having God's everlasting covenant made to us in Christ through faith. This covenant interest can never be destroyed. "They are exceeding great and precious promises" (2 Pet 1: 4). Christ said to his apostles, "This is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you" (Lu 22: 20). He is himself the Covenant blessing to us. Christ Jesus is the living Word in whom we trust and hope. He will save us according to his promise.

Plead God's promise. God's promises meet every need we have. *Sin*. God promises mercy and abundant pardon for the sake of our Redeemer to all who come confessing our sin and casting ourselves on his mercy. *Distress*. God promises peace. "My peace I give to you, not as the world giveth, give I to you" (Jn 14: 27). *Darkness*. God promises light. Christ is the Light. He promises that those who believe on him shall not abide in darkness (Jn 12: 46). *Affliction*. Christ promises my grace is sufficient for thee; my strength is made perfect in weakness. (2 Cor 12: 9). Plead Christ our Hope. God did not cause us to hope in Christ to then turn around and disappoint that hope. In all our afflictions, God changes not. Believe and trust in the Lord Jesus and we shall be safe.

## **OUR COMFORT IS BY GOD QUICKENING US WITH HIS WORD**

**Psalm 119: 50: This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.**

Notice, "*MY comfort in MY affliction.*" God has affliction just suited to each of his children. He knows exactly what we need and when. And our faithful Savior also has comfort specifically suited to meet our need.

How does he comfort us in our affliction? "*For thy word hath quickened me.*" We have seen how the Lord Jesus spoke to Mary and quickened her again. Christ is the Resurrection and the Life. He is the Living Word who speaks the covenant promise and quickens and comforts his child. Our gracious Savior first quickens his child from death to life in him. Then he quickens those he has quickened repeatedly throughout our lives.

Psalm 71:20: *Thou, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.*

It is his quickening us that makes us call upon his name and plead his precious promises.

Psalm 80:18: So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

This was David's constant plea and it is mine and yours who know our need of our Lord's quickening.

Psalm 119:25: DALETH. My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word...37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way...40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness...88: Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth...107: I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word...149: Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment...154: Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word...156: Great *are* thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments...159: Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.

Why does God our Father remember his promise and quicken his child? For the sake of Christ his Son.

Psalm 143:11: Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

Christ is God's name, he is God's righteousness for his people--with Father and Spirit, he quickens us.

John 5:21: For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

John 6:63: It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.

## THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD COMFORT US

**Psalm 119: 51: The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law. 52: I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself.**

We are reminded it is the Lord who saves from every enemy. Our Savior knew no sin. Yet, the proud had him greatly in derision. David has been derided by the proud. But Christ our sinless Substitute knows. He was mocked, scorned, and scoffed at by the proud. The proud are the only ones who deride others.

Luke 23:35: And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided *him*, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

David had sinned and he knew it. He said, "Before I was afflicted, I went astray" (v67). We saw how he bore reproach. The proud had David greatly in derision. They tried to destroy his faith and hope in the Lord by mocking and scoffing and calling him names. But our Lord Jesus bore that in place of his people. By Christ, the Word, quickening David, David could say, "*yet have I not declined from thy law.*"

God commands his child to believe on his Son, the Lord Jesus and cease from man. He commands us to come to him and confess all our sins. We even confess to God all the sins for which we are derided. God's child even asks God to save us from secret sins we do not even know about ourselves. There are a multitude of sins that we do not know about ourselves. We ask God to forgive us and save us from secret sins.

By Christ the Word quickening David, he did not decline from trusting the Lord. He did not decline from casting his care on Christ as God commands. By the Spirit of the Lord quickening him, David did not decline from begging God for mercy and grace to help as the Lord commands. Christ quickening David, he did not decline from having all his faith and hope in the Lord and none in man as God commands.

Brethren, try to never give men a reason to reproach you. But this world will deride us for trusting Christ. But go to the Lord because he is the only salvation. He is salvation for every thing we need saving from, even in our daily lives.

But notice, while his enemies took counsel with each other, David took counsel in God's word, "*I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself.*" This is what our Savior did in perfection. Hear Christ speak first in this verse. When the devil tempted him, the Lord answered with "Thus saith the Lord." He remembered the LORD's judgments of old. Christ comforted himself in the word of the LORD. He said, "He is near that justifieth me" (Is 50: 8).

So our Savior quickened David with his word to remember God's judgments of old. He made David remember how God destroyed the proud in the flood who derided Noah. The Spirit of the Lord made David remember how the Lord drowned Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea and delivered the children of Israel to the other side. Christ brought to David remembrance what the Lord did when Korah tried to gainsay Moses and Aaron. Moses hit his face before the Lord and the LORD swallowed Korah up in the earth.

But most of all, the Spirit brings to our remembrance that Christ Jesus cried, "It is finished!" He conquered every enemy of his children: satan, sin, death and hell. Christ is the Life in you that he has quickened and continues to quicken. He will not permit one of his blood-bought brethren to be separated from him. The Spirit brings us to remember what Christ suffered from those who derided him.

Therefore, rather than turn David from believing the Lord, the derision made David call more fervently upon God to whom vengeance belongs. He trusted the Lord to settle all matters for him. Those who derided him tried to lessen his trust in God's word. But by the Lord quickening him, David's confidence in God's word increased.

"*Therein he comforted himself.*" David knew his Savior who planted the ear is always attentive to the cries of His suffering people. He who formed the eye watches over His persecuted ones. Christ our Sovereign Savior, who teaches his child knowledge, knows all things. He "knoweth the thoughts of man that they are vanity" (Ps 94: 11).

## HUMBLED TO WEEP FOR OUR ENEMY

**Psalm 119: 53: Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law.**

Through this the Lord even humbles his child and makes us weep for the enemy. In the garden of Gethsemane, horror took hold of the Lord Jesus as he saw the sin and shame of his wicked people that he willingly bore. He saw the burning fire of Gods' wrath that he would bear in our place. He prayed,

Luke 22: 42: Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. 43: And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. 44: And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

This is why the Lord Jesus lamented for the children of Israel who rejected him.

Matthew 23: 37: O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, and ye would not! 38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

When God's child beholds the judgments of God upon our Lord Jesus in our place, it humbles us. When we behold God's judgments in the word on those who forsake Christ and his gospel and his people, it does not puff us up in pride, it makes us tremble and weep, even for those who deride us. It is because we know that in our flesh, we deserve the same. Yet, Christ bore it for us. And we know that if our Lord had not quickened us we would have never believed on him. And we know if he does not continue to quicken us and keep us we will surely forsake him the same as the reprobate. He keeps us remembering, it is Christ the Root that bears us, not we him!

Romans 11: 18: Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

Christ is the Root of David that bore David and all his people.

Romans 11: 19: Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. 20: Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

So he keeps quickening us to keep us begging God to quicken us and keep us. And so he keeps us. This humbles us to weep and pray for our enemies.

## I AM HIS AND HE IS MINE

**Psalm 119: 54: Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage. 55: I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law. 56: This I had because I kept thy precepts.**

God is gracious to quicken us. He gives his child a song in the night season. Christ makes us know, this you have. He makes you be able to say "Christ is mine and I am his."

Beholding Christ his Savior, his Righteousness, made David sing with joy like Paul and Silas in the midst of suffering (Act\_16:25). In the nights seasons, in afflictions, our comfort is *the name of the Lord*, Christ Jesus. David said, "*I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law.*"

"*This I had,*" He is saying Christ I had. He became mine. Why? Because by God quickening David, he kept God's precepts. Does that mean David earned God's grace by keeping the commandments of the law? No, that would not be grace. It means by God's grace, David trusted and hoped in the Lord as God commands in all his statutes. It means David confessed his utter inability to God as God commands. He called on Christ to quicken and save him, as God commands. He did all this by the Lord quickening him with the word, with the gospel of Christ. He said, "*this is my comfort in my affliction, for thy word hath quickened me.*"

God commands we believe his Covenant, hope in him and cease from man. By God quickening him, David trusted God's promises, he hoped in the Lord and he trusted the Lord to deal with his enemies. God commands we love our enemies. David did so because by God giving him a view of his own sin, David was grieved at his heart because he saw himself cleaving to the dust! Yet, God had mercy on David and quickened him. David wanted that for his enemies. God quickened him to remember the LORD's name in the night. He remembered his Savior. Thereby, God gave David a song in the night. He said, "*this I had.*" He knew the Lord is mine and I am his.

Affliction is our Lord working obedience in us to trust Christ more. This is how he makes us know "*I am his and he is mine.*" The affliction is to make us rest in Christ our Rest.

Psalm 94: 13: Blessed is the man whom Thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of Thy law; that Thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity.

Hebrews 4: 9: There remaineth, therefore, a rest to the people of God.

Christ is not only our rest after life's journey is over. But also, right now, in the midst of affliction, "We which have *believed* DO enter into rest" (Heb 4: 3). The stronger the affliction the nearer Christ draws us to himself. The more weak we are in

the affliction the more Christ makes our confidence to be Christ alone. What mercy to grow us in faith and hope in him!  
What mercy to grow us in love to one another by affliction. How so?

2 Corinthians 1: 3-5: Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

Oh for a faith that will not shrink  
Though press'd by many a foe;  
That will not tremble on the brink  
Of poverty or woe

That will not murmur nor complain  
Beneath Thy chast'ning rod,  
But in the hour of grief and pain  
Can lean upon her God

A faith that shines more bright and clear  
When tempests rage without;  
That when in danger knows no fear,  
In darkness feels no doubt

A faith that keeps the narrow way  
Till life's last spark is fled;  
And with a pure and heavenly ray  
Lights up a dying bed.

Lord, give me such a faith as this, .  
And then whate'er may come,  
I'll taste e'en here the hallow'd bliss  
Of my eternal home.

**Amen!**