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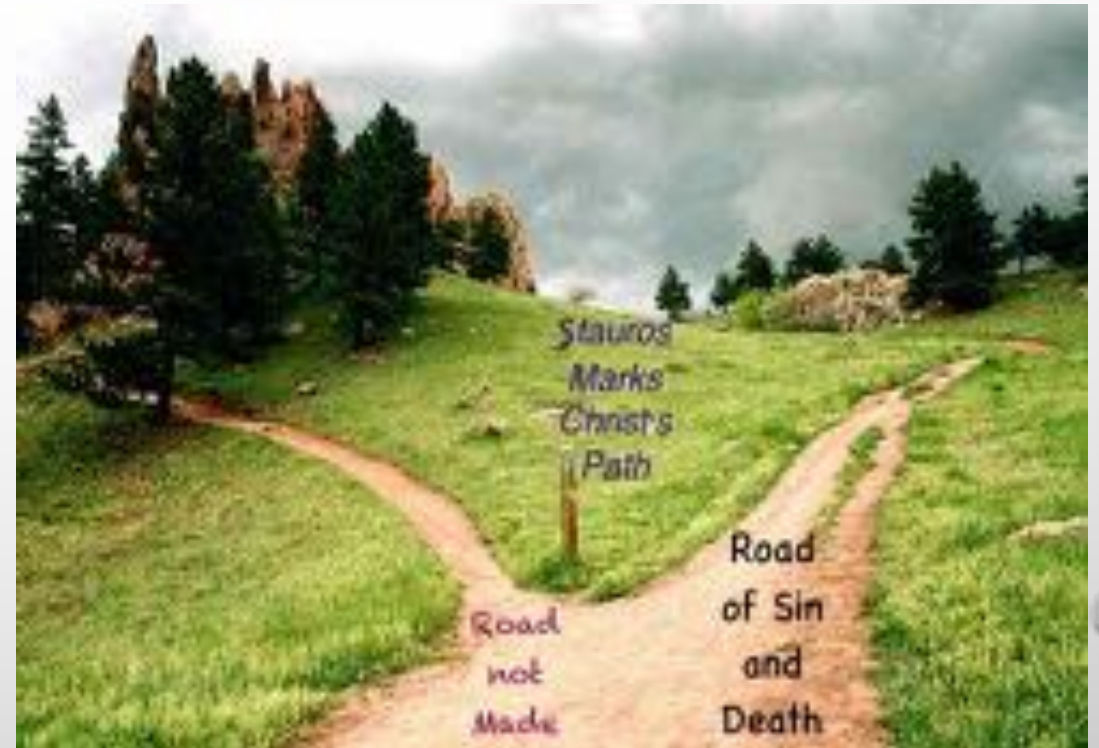
PSALM 006-04 GOD HEARS OUR WEEPING PRAYERS

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PSALM 6:8-10

PROLOGUE: NARROW ROAD MADE BY CHRIST

- ALL FLESH TAKES THE ROAD TO DEATH (RO 3:23)
- **NO** ROAD OF LIFE TILL CHRIST MADE THE *PATH* OF LIFE VIA THE STAUROS (RO 3:21-26; 1PE 1:18-21)
- CHRIST LITERALLY WAS *THE WAY* TO LIFE (JN 14:6)
- EPITOMIZED BY ABRAM AND LOT: LOT CHOSE EASY ROAD TO SODOM AND DEGRADATION (GE 13:8-15; 19:30-38)
- CHRIST AGONIZED OVER **EVERY** DECISION TO CHOOSE THE FATHER'S WAY TO STAUROS (MT 27:45-50; JN 6:38-40)



PROLOGUE: WEIGHT OF SALVATION ON CHRIST ALONE

- WEIGHT OF OUR SALVATION LITERALLY RESTED ON HIM (PS 42:1-4, 10)
- EVEN HIS LAST NIGHT WAS SPENT ALONE IN PRAYER (MT 26:37-46)
- HIS *WEAK EYE* REPRESENTED HIS FLESH: SINGLE {GOOD} OR SCATTERED {EVIL} (MT 6: 22-23)
- IN PRAYER CRYING TO FATHER, “GUIDE ME! HELP ME!” (MT 6:24)



SHOUT OF VICTORY! WEEPING PRAYER HEARD!

- PSALM CONCLUDES WITH CHRIST'S SHOUT OF VICTORY!
 - THIS PRAYER, AS DO MANY IN PSALMS, EXEMPLIFIES CHRIST'S **FIRM HOPE** IN GOD'S GUIDANCE AND COMING DELIVERANCE (PS 4:7-8; 5:11-12; 107:39-43)
 - HOPE THAT IS SEEN IS NOT HOPE; I.E., HOPE IS FUTURE THAT GOD WILL DO ALL THAT HE SAYS HE WILL DO: HENCE THE REJECTION OF *JEWISH REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY* (RO 8:24-25; 11:28-32)
- CHRIST SAW HIS VICTORY; WAS IT STILL *HOPE*? YES!
 - CHRIST IN HIS FULNESS COULD NOT BE TESTED (JA 1:13-18)
 - CHRIST'S FLESH WAS TESTED AND COULD HAVE SINNED; IT WAS ONLY THROUGH TRUST, FAITH, IN THE FATHER AND IN SPIRIT 'S POWER THAT GUIDED AND HELPED HIM RESIST SIN: SAME FOR US (GA 5:4-6)

CHRIST'S VICTORY BY FERVENT PRAYER

- CHRIST HAD TO EXPERIENCE OUR FLESH'S TEMPTATIONS AND CONTROL THEM, NOT IN HIS SELF, BUT VIA THE INDWELLING SPIRIT: ESSENCE OF HUMILITY (1CO 10:12-13; PH 2:5-8; HE 2:14-18; 5:7-10; 1PE 4:12-19)
 - CHRIST CONSISTENTLY, RESOLUTELY, PRAYED FOR GUIDANCE AND STRENGTH TO UNDERGO GOD'S WRATH FOR SIN; THUS, WE ARE TOLD TO PRAY WITHOUT CEASING, CONSISTENTLY (1TH 5:17)
 - IT WAS NOT ENOUGH TO **KNOW**; HE HAD TO **EXPERIENCE**, AND PASS, THE EXAMINATION THAT BEGAN WITH HIS MINISTRY AND ENDED AT THE 6TH HOUR ON THE STAUROS AS THE PASCHAL LAMB; **THEN** HE FACED GOD'S WRATH BETWEEN 6TH-9TH HOURS (EX 12:1-6; 14:43-49; MK 15:33-39)
- WE KNOW THE FATHER HEARD HIS WEEPING PRAYERS BECAUSE HE SENT ANGELS TO COMFORT, STRENGTHEN AND GUIDE HIM TOWARD HIS GOAL AS MESSIAH (LK 22:39-46)

CHRIST'S FAITH KEPT HIS ENEMIES AT BAY

- CHRIST'S FAITH DID NOT PREVENT HIS TESTING, PROVING HIS ACCEPTABILITY TO BE THE SACRIFICE FOR SIN; IT ENSURED HIS DEATH ON THE STAUROS: OUR EXAMPLE (MT 4:1-11; 17:1-8)
 - HE PUT ON HIS ARMOR OF GOD AS HE COMMANDS US TO WEAR THE SAME ARMOR (EP 6:10-18)
 - THE ARMOR ENABLES YOU TO *PRAY* IN THE **SPIRIT** TO THE FATHER VIA THE SPIRIT TO EXTINGUISH THE FLAMING DARTS, TEMPTATIONS {LIES}, OF THE DEVIL WHICH WOULD STAMPEDE YOU INTO SIN AND DOUBT THE FATHER (GE 3:1-6; JN RO 8:26-27)
- HAGIAZO PROCESS TESTING TEACHES US TO PRAY AS CHRIST PRAYED LEST WE FALL IN PRIDE (AC 7:54-60; RO 5:3-5; 2TI 4:6-8; JA 1:2-8; 2PE 1:5-11)
 - PRAYERS REFLECT FAITH: FEW, WEAK PRAYERS = WEAK FAITH; WEEPING PRAYERS SEEKS GOD'S STRENGTH
 - WITHOUT DILIGENT PRAYERS SATAN'S APPARENT DOMINEERING CONTROL OVERWHELMS US

VICTORIOUS ENEMIES BECOME TERRIFIED LOST

- THE RESULT OF CHRIST'S FAITH BECOMES THE BASIS NOT ONLY OF OUR SALVATION BUT ASSURES THE ETERNAL JUDGMENT OF THE LOST (JN 16:4-11)
 - THOUGH THEY APPEAR STRONG, VICTORIOUS DURING THEIR TENURE ON EARTH; THEIR DAY OF JUDGMENT WILL OVERTAKE THEM IN A MOMENT; DEMONS KNOW THIS (MT 8:28-29; JA 2:19)
 - LOST MEN LIVE IN THEIR SINFUL, DELUSIONAL WORLDVIEW UNTIL THE MOMENT OF THEIR DEATH (LK 16:22-23)
 - HELL IS SIMPLY A HOLDING PLACE UNTIL THE WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT; THEN COMES ETERNAL JUDGMENT IN THE LAKE OF FIRE (RE 19:20-20:15)
- SAVED, WHO BECOME TEMPTED BY THE *APPARENT* REWARDS OF THE LOST SHOULD REMEMBER THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD AND WARNINGS: ALL WILL BE JUDGED; EVEN THE SAVED (PS 73:12-26; 2CO 5:9-10)

CHRIST ANNOUNCES HIS VICTORY IN PARADISE

- REALITY OF CHRIST'S VICTORY, GLIMPSED THROUGH THE EYES OF THE PSALMIST; ONLY OCCURRED AFTER JESUS ENDURED THE STAUROS (PS 68:18-21; EP 4:4-10)
 - SAME FOR US; OUR VICTORY IS ALREADY ASSURED BUT IT MUST BE EXPERIENTIALLY ENDURED TO CHANGE FROM HOPE TO REALITY (JN 10:27-30; TIT 1:1-3; 2:11-14; 3:3-11)
 - THIS IS NOT SOME IDLE EXERCISE IN A CONTEST OF WILLS BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL AS SATAN AND MAN'S PHILOSOPHIES, RELIGIONS, POSTULATE; THERE IS NO CONTEST! (IS 14:16-20; EZ 28:15-19; RE 20:7-10)
- WE GO THROUGH THE SAME EXPERIENCES AS THE LOST BUT REACT DIFFERENTLY WHICH ILLUSTRATES GOD'S TRUTH AND CALLS SOME TO REPENTANCE (2CO 2:14-16; 3:1-3)
 - THE DIFFERENCE: WE LIVE IN GOD'S LOVE WHILE THEY ABIDE IN SIN'S HATRED OF TRUTH PREFERRING DEATH THAN ACCEPTING CHRIST (JN 8:44; RO 1:18-28; 1CO 13:8-13; 2TI 3:1-5; 4:3-4; RE 6:14-17)