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PSALM 004-01

GOD IS GRACIOUS

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PSALM 4:1

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PSALMS THREE AND FOUR

PSALM 3 – MORNING PRAYER

- LITURGICAL SONG DURING MORNING SACRIFICE: 0900
- COINCIDED WITH CHRIST BEING PUT ON THE STAUROS
- COINCIDED WITH MOSES' CALL FOR GOD TO SCATTER BELIEVERS' ENEMIES

PSALM 4 – EVENING PRAYER

- LITURGICAL SONG DURING EVENING SACRIFICE: 1500
- COINCIDED WITH CHRIST GIVING UP HIS SPIRIT ON THE STAUROS
- COINCIDED WITH MOSES' CALL FOR GOD TO BLESS BELIEVERS ENTERING THEIR REST

CONTINUING BACKDROP OF PSALMS THREE AND FOUR

- ABSALOM'S REBELLION THE RESULT OF DAVID'S SIN, REBELLION, AGAINST GOD WITH BATHSHEBA: SWORD SHALL NOT DEPART FROM YOUR HOUSE (2SA 12:10-15; 15:10-12)
 - HOUSE HAD A FAMILIAL SENSE; I.E., ABSALOM HIS SON FOLLOWED HIS FATHER INTO SIN: REBELLION
 - HOUSE HAS A NATIONAL SENSE; I.E., ISRAEL WAS DAVID'S HOUSE IN THAT HE WAS THEIR KING
- PSALM THREE DEALT WITH DAVID'S ENEMIES SURROUNDING HIM AS HE LOOKED TO GOD FOR SAFETY – CORRESPONDED WITH CHRIST ON STAUROS AS SIN'S SACRIFICE (PS 22:6-8, 16-18; MT 27:39-44)
- PSALM FOUR DEALS WITH DAVID LOOKING TO GOD WHILE NOT SEEKING VENGEANCE; HE WAS GUILTY OF HIS SIN – CHRIST LOOKING FORWARD TO FATHER'S VINDICATION FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS IN DYING FOR SIN THOUGH SINLESS HIMSELF (PS 22:19-23; 2CO 5:21)

ORGANIZATION

PSALM FOUR

- THIS PSALM HAS A PROLOGUE AND EPILOGUE WITH THREE STANZAS BETWEEN THEM
 - PROLOGUE: FATHER HEARS PRAYERS AND WILL ANSWER BASED ON HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS
 - STANZA ONE: SINNERS SEEK TO TURN ONE'S RIGHTNESS IN GOD INTO SHAME BUT GOD PRESERVES THOSE HE SAVED
 - STANZA TWO: INCLINATION IS SELF-VINDICATION; BE SILENT AND OFFER RIGHT SACRIFICES: DO NOT ANSWER EVIL WITH EVIL
 - STANZA THREE: FIFTH COLUMN MOVEMENT QUESTIONS, AND WOULD HAVE YOU QUESTION, GOD; GOD GIVES SPIRITUAL PEACE WHILE MANY LOOK TO MATERIAL BOUNTY WHICH PASSES AWAY
 - EPILOGUE: REST IN THE FATHER IS PEACE AND SAFETY; NOW AND IN ETERNITY – NOT FOR SINNERS

ALL WHO CALL ON THE LORD SHALL BE HEARD – SAVED

- PSALM BEGINS WITH CHRIST-DAVID-BELIEVER CALLING ON THE FATHER, THE GOD {SOURCE} OF THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS (LK 18:18-19)
 - NO ONE POSSESSES SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS; EVER (JN 17:22-24; RO 3:10-18; PH 2:5-8)
 - CHRIST DID NOT DECLARE HIS OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS; HE DECLARED THE FATHER'S (JN 3:31-36)
- ALL WHO CALL ON THE LORD'S NAME TO FOR SALVATION ARE CLOTHED IN CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH HE RECEIVED FROM THE FATHER (JN 17; RO 10:13; COL 3:1-4)
 - IN THE MILLENNIUM KINGDOM *TRUE JEWS* WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE GOD OF THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS IN CHRIST, THEIR SAVIOR (JE 23:5-6)
 - PRAYER(S) CANNOT BE HEARD EXCEPT THEY BE IN FATHER'S RIGHTEOUSNESS; HE WILL ANSWER BECAUSE OF CHRIST'S FAITHFULNESS (RO 8:5-10, 14-16, 23-27)

PRAYER BEGINS WITH ACKNOWLEDGING GOD

- ALL PRAYER BEGINS IN HUMILITY, THE CHARACTER OF THE MATURING BELIEVER AS DESCRIBED IN THE BEATITUDES AND CHRIST'S EXAMPLE DURING HIS FIRST ADVENT (MT 5:2-12; HE 5:7-10)
 - JEW'S LORD'S PRAYER BEGINS BY ACKNOWLEDGING GOD AND HIS WILL OVER ONE'S DESIRES (MT 6:9-13)
- CHRIST-DAVID ACKNOWLEDGED GOD PROVIDED RELIEF FOR THEM IN THEIR DISTRESS **IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR MISSION**; AS WE SHOULD ALSO {THANKFULNESS}
 - CHRIST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED HIS MISSION AS SIN'S SACRIFICE
 - DAVID PUBLICLY REPENTING WHEN CONFRONTED AND SEEING GOD AS THE TRUE KING OVER ISRAEL {THOUGH OCCASIONALLY HE FORGETS} (1CH 21:1-8, 16-17)

FIND GRACE IN GOD'S EYES

- GRACE MEANS FATHER HEARS PRAYERS BASED ON HIS OWN RIGHTEOUS VIA CHRIST'S FAITHFULNESS
 - PRAYERS ARE NOT HEARD BECAUSE OF THEIR FORMULAIC RECITATION; THEIR FIGURES OF SPEECH NOR ONE'S PERSONAL GOODNESS; THEY MUST BE IN THE FATHER'S WILL
 - PRAYERS ARE HEARD BECAUSE THEY ARE CARRIED BY THE SPIRIT TO THE FATHER BASED ON THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST WHO SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR BELIEVERS
 - PRAYING IN GRACE MEANS ONE MUST BE ON RIGHT TERMS WITH GOD; HENCE, SIN PREVENTS OUR PRAYERS AS DOES RESISTING THE SPIRIT
- SEEKING ANSWERS FROM GOD ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE ALONE HEARS AND ANSWERS

SERMON ON MOUNT EXEMPLIFIES DUALITY

- LOST SEEK THEIR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND DISPARAGE GOD'S TO GAIN EARTHLY BLESSING AS CHRIST CLEARLY SHOWED IN THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (MT 5-7)
 - BEGINS: DEFINES MEEK CHARACTER OF ONE W/O SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS BUT HAVING GOD'S
 - MIDDLE: PHARISEES-SADDUCEES MODEL THEIR RIGHTNESS AS THE GOAL BUT REJECTED BY CHRIST
 - END: ONE IS RIGHT-ONE IS WRONG; MATURITY IN THE WORD GUIDES ONE TO CHOSE GOD AND REJECT THE SELF-RIGHTNESS OF PEOPLE {WORKS}
- GOSPELS HAVE THIS CONSTANT TENSION {DUALITY: MAN'S VS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS} CULMINATING WITH THE SELF-RIGHTNESS ONES *SEEMINGLY* OVERCOMING CHRIST: STAUROS
- CHRIST RISES IN NEWNESS OF LIFE ACHIEVING PEACE WITH FATHER AND SAFETY FOREVERMORE WHICH HE PROMISES TO ALL WHO ENTER THE NEW COVENANT (RO 6:4-12)

CHALLENGE CONFRONTING EACH BELIEVER EACH DAY

- EACH PERSON IS CONFRONTED WITH THIS *DAILY* SIMPLE CHOICE: FOLLOWING FATHER OR FOLLOW SELF; I.E., SATAN WITH EVERY SINGLE DECISION {LAW OF EXCLUDED MIDDLE}
 - EVERY DECISION IS A MORAL CHOICE REVEALING WHAT ONE TRULY BELIEVES **AND** SHAPING ONE'S FUTURE CHARACTER AND CHOICES
 - WILL YOU BE GUIDED BY WHAT YOU SEE OR WHAT YOU BELIEVE, IF SAVED?
 - WILL YOU RELY ON YOUR *STRENGTH* {RIGHTNESS} OR REST IN GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS?
- ESSENCE OF PAUL'S ARMOR METAPHOR RESTS ON THIS CHOICE; ONE WHO MATURES AND DEVELOPS THE ARMOR WILL BE ABLE TO STAND WHILE THE LOST AND IMMATURE WILL LIVE IN FEAR RELYING ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND ATTACK: ONE LEADS TO PEACE, OTHER TO MORE FEARFULNESS – WHICH PATH ARE YOU ON? (EP 6:10-20)