

Flames of Faith Ascending Prayers



November 19, 2013 Psalm 44:4 (Because the Lord woke me at 4:44 am)

Thou art my King, O' God: command deliverances for Jacob. Through Thee will we push down our enemies: through Thy Name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. But Thou hast saved us from our enemies and has put them to shame that hated us. In God we boast all the day long, and praise Thy name forever. Selah.

We acknowledge Him as God but we must also allow Him to be our King. The bow is a symbol of precision and provision. The bow was made by hand very carefully from the best wood. If made properly only the strongest man could bend the bow and the arrow would hit the target precisely. But David says, "I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me."

In this Psalm, David is acknowledging God as His King, his commander, and his precise provider. He knows that only in the Name of the Lord there is victory over the enemy. Lord, Let us also put no trust in our own bow or be deceived that our own precision can hit the target. Amen.

Thanks to everyone that responded to my first email and to the preface of "The Gardener's Heir." I hope you will continue to be blessed as you read Chapter One, There's Something in the Heir. When you finish reading please email your thoughts to me and any prayer requests also as the Lord is pretty good about waking me to pray!

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Chapter One There's Something in the Heir

We can't deny the profound magnificence of the creation. I believe the actual account as God inspired it to be written is placed before us in such a way that it instills in us a feeling of awe and wonder. The world around us is filled with every creature imaginable. There are flying creatures and swimming creatures, and the ever loving things that creep along the ground. We look up into a place of darkness and see shining lights with varying degrees of brilliance. We have always known the presence of the sun and wonder just how big God must really be to be able to place this object of immense heat in just the perfect spot. Indeed, if we could make a list of all that God has created it would stretch around the earth many times over.

Here, in this place, is where we begin. Isn't that really why we read Genesis? It is perfectly natural for us to desire to know where we come

from. More to the point, we want to know where we are going and as we go where we will end up. Here also, in Genesis, we find the truth and why we desire to know these things. This created place is where God chose to make us. He thoughtfully supplied everything we would need to grow and thrive and if per chance there should be something we need, He would always be there ready to give.

Let's back up a minute. Oh, I know what you are thinking. Back up to where? You thought we were already at the beginning? The Apostle John knew something about the beginning before the beginning.

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not.

Now, this is a really good place to start. I think John was on to something. Speaking of the Word, John tells us that all things were made by Him and that nothing was made without Him. In Him was life and this life was the light of men. So God formed Adam from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul (**Genesis 2:7**).

It is important to understand about the "light" and the "life" because **John 1:5** tells us that **the darkness comprehended it not**. What was it that the darkness did not comprehend? It did not comprehend the light and the life "*in*" men. He continues on to say that the light (of men) shines in darkness. And, that He is the light and life shining within the man. The Greek definitions of light, life, darkness, and comprehend are very enlightening so let's look.

Light -Strong's #5457- Greek-to shine, make manifest especially by rays, luminousness, light.

Light -Strong's #216, 219- Hebrew- illumination, happiness, prosperity.

Life - Strong's #2222- Greek-life, vitality.

Darkness -Strong's #4653, 4655, 4639-Greek-dimness, obscurity, shadiness, the darkness of error.

Darkness -Strong's #2822 - Hebrew-darkness, misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, wickedness.

Comprehended - Strong's # 2638, #2596 -Greek-to take eagerly, seize, possess, apprehend, attain, perceive, figuratively denotes opposition, resists distribution or intensity, dims, shading.

John is explaining to us what happened when God created man. The very life and light of God made the man a living soul and the brilliant light of God within the man burst into the darkness. Wow!

Again John says, **in Him was life and the life was the light of men and the light shines in the darkness but the darkness does not comprehend it.**

The darkness could not accept it. It could not apprehend or attain or perceive the *light emanating from the man*. The darkness set itself in opposition to the light and remained committed to the wickedness of error. Although the word study was from John 1:1-5, I listed the Hebrew definitions of light and darkness found in Genesis 1:2-4. I wanted you to see from John 1:1-5 why God separated the light from the darkness. Here is what it says:

Genesis 1:2-4

And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light that it was "good," and God divided the light from the darkness (emphasis mine.)

When God saw that the light was good, He was saying that He was seeing goodness, happiness, and prosperity (Strong's Hebrew #216,219). When He separated it from the darkness, He was separating it away from misery, destruction, wickedness, death and sorrow (Strong's Hebrew #2822).

The Lord God made man to be full of light and life. The plan was one of happiness and prosperity. Then, the Lord God planted a garden and after He planted the garden, He placed the man in it. It was a beautiful, perfect garden. Have you ever noticed that the Lord likes hanging out in gardens? Well He does. And this garden was a perfect place where He could visit with the man and woman that He had created. The Lord God had created

the first generation of His family. His family was set securely inside the garden. Have you ever looked up the Hebrew word for the Garden of Eden?

From ***Genesis 2:8 – And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden.***

Garden – Strong’s # 1588 and #1598 – Hebrew – a garden as fenced, from 1598 – to hedge about, to protect and to defend.

This was His chosen place to start a family. It was like a cradle. It was a place fenced and protected by a hedge. It was a place for growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. He loved being with them in the cool of the day. He loved talking with them and teaching them. They were and are to this day a joy to Him.

But, there was a problem. This problem was “subtil” (as spelled in KJV). It presented itself in the form of a serpent. The first time the word “serpent” is used in scripture is ***Genesis 3:1***. First mention of a word in scripture is extremely important and usually means a necessary lesson or warning. So, in this case I would say that it is both. Let’s look at our problem.

Genesis 3:1

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And He said to the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

We remember what happened but the Lord wants me to show you something. The Hebrew word for “**serpent**” used in ***Genesis 3:1*** is also the same word used ***in Isaiah 27:1***. This is important for two reasons. The first reason is found in the definition discovered in the Hebrew text.

Serpent – Strong’s #5175 from #5172 in ***Genesis 3:1 and Isaiah 27:1***, snake, to hiss, i.e. to whisper a magic spell, to prognosticate (to foretell future events), divine, enchanter, use enchantment.

Subtil (spelling KJV) – Strong’s #6175 – cunning, crafty – the only time this form of the Hebrew word is used is found in ***Genesis 3:1***.

Now, let me write ***Isaiah 27:1*** for you because it is an incredible statement from the Lord our God.

Isaiah 27:1

In that day the Lord with His sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and He shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

This is referring to the demise of the serpent that crept into the garden of the Lord and dared to disrupt God's family. The Lord describes this serpent as the piercing and crooked leviathan. Leviathan in Strong's #3882 describes him as "a wreathed creature." In other words, the Lord says leviathan is twisted! He will get his just reward. Let me show you the second important point to this part of our history.

Everything in God's Word is perfect and precise. Did you know, for example, that when the Hebrew scribes copied the scriptures every dot and tittle had to be absolutely perfect? Not even one character was or is allowed to touch the next. If there is any flaw or question, the whole script is thrown out and buried in a special burial site. Nothing in God's word is accidental. Here is something that I believe is also not accidental or coincidental. It concerns the number nine. Nine is scripturally noted as the number of judgment. Nine is the final number in the line of the digits (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9) before we start over with the next set. All scripture that reveals judgment, especially in its finality can be calculated with the number nine. As a simple example, Jerusalem was besieged 27 times (9x3). The scriptures that we are talking about right now are about the serpent's introduction and his finale. The scriptures are ***Genesis 3:1 (introduction) and Isaiah 27:1 (finale.)***

Isaiah 27 divided by Genesis 3 = 9 (Judgment.)

It's interesting but not coincidental. The "serpent's" judgment is final.

Let's recap a little about what we are seeing. The Lord God created everything needful for life and godliness. He saw everything He had created and it was filled with goodness, happiness, and prosperity. Then God separated the darkness that was full of misery and wickedness and death from His light. He planted a garden that was fenced and hedged round about and there He placed the man and woman that He had created. They glowed with His life and His light. But, the darkness did not understand. It could not comprehend the light and life of God emanating from within mankind. The darkness opposed this and resisted these Children of Light and wanted to destroy them (***John 10:10***).

Here we are able to see the division of light from darkness a little more clearly. From this vantage point we are able to understand that our Father's

intent toward us was only good. Even before we were formed He anticipated our needs and how He would provide. In all this we see our Father's love. We see that darkness with all its attributes existed before we did and stands in opposition to us. Here in this knowledge we realize that our Father has an enemy. His enemy is our enemy. We have come to know that the enemy is twisted and desires to harm us and to stop the heirs of God. The serpent thought he could do this through the trickery of twisting the truth into a deceptive lie. He is the father of lies. Here are the words of our brother Jesus concerning the serpent as He explained it to the evil Pharisees.

John 8:44 – Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because, there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

God created us and filled us with something wonderful. This “something” was the light and life of His self existence. After the piercing hole made by sin (death) entered the light and life of mankind, the future of man became dark and as twisted as the enemy. But our Father, the Lord God, put into place a Savior to rescue and redeem us. God called Him the Seed. Our Father will not abandon or forsake us! Father God has a perfect Heir. He will save us.

And we who seek the face of God know “***there is something in the Heir***”!

I will praise Thee for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well (Psalm 139:14).



yes, this is a real photo of the only freshwater Lake in Israel called the Kinneret. In other words, it is the Sea of Galilee. Looks like the Garden of Eden. Please, don't forget to send an email to me with your thoughts and prayer requests. Jewells218@gmail.com
Love in Jesus Name, Jody (Jewells).

