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*We Live*

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During this Corona pandemic, I have been meditating on Psalm 91 in the Passion Translation. After several days of pondering this tremendous truth of God, I had an unusual thought during the night. I did not hear an audible voice, but I did have a thought from the Lord. It went like this: “Did you notice the first two words of this Psalm? They are WE LIVE.” Actually, I had not.

My heart instantly went to the last verse of this psalm, “*With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.*” In the Passion Translation, it says, “*You will be satisfied with a FULL LIFE and with all that I do for you. For you will enjoy the FULLNESS of my salvation.*” The word “*salvation*” in this verse includes far more than the new birth. From the day of our commitment to Jesus as Savior and Lord, there is a fullness of salvation, of God’s eternal plan, that is available to us.

The apostle Paul penned this truth in Ephesians when he said we will be blessed with “ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST.”<sup>1</sup> A “*spiritual blessing*” is anything that God, who is a spirit, can provide. Since God has blessed us with “all spiritual blessings” through Christ’s sacrifice, we are assured of living in His FULLNESS.

In 2 Peter 1:2, this tremendous truth of FULL SALVATION is written this way: “*According as his divine power hath given unto us ALL THINGS that pertain unto life and godliness.*” This means the new birth is only the beginning of our life in God. As we walk with God, as we live in His presence,

*Unceasing Prayer & Continual Praise*

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My days have been filled with physical pain. At some point in my past, I strained a back muscle. It could have been from any number of activities. I am not a particularly strong person, simply one that is determined to do things. To my detriment, it seems, because in recent days, I aggravated that injury.

I haven’t been able to lie down without pain or sit up without pain or walk across the house without pain. Everything hurts and nothing is comfortable. I am incapable of bending or reaching or, really, doing anything past blinking. I’m not sure that that doesn’t hurt, too. I have become an expert in back pain. I have discovered migraine medicine works best. Good for your head or your back. I know when to switch from one pain-relieving gel to another.

More importantly, I have had hours and hours to occupy my brain while I practice becoming inanimate and have spent a great deal of my time in prayer and worship. Here are two things I can do without causing myself more discomfort. I can pray for my friends, for the nation, for my future, and I can praise God for what He’s done in me to date. Which is a lot.

Prayer and praise are two halves of a whole. In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, it says, “*Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*” It is no random coincidence that “*pray without ceasing*” is sandwiched between rejoicing and giving thanks. When we

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our salvation grows bigger and bigger. It expands to meet every need until our life is full and abundant, until it includes ALL THINGS.

Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."<sup>2</sup> The word "abundantly" means that which is superior in quantity and quality. In everyday vernacular, it means plenty of the very best. THAT'S FULL!

We cannot live a full and generous life on Barely-get-along street at the end of Grumble alley. The Land of Never Enough is not a place of FULLNESS. God has said that He would meet our need out of His riches in glory, and God does not lie. His will for us from the day of the new birth until the day we die is FULLNESS.

Now, the question is, "How can we walk in FULL SALVATION?" The key is in Psalm 91:1. It says that we must dwell or live in the shadow of the Almighty God. A shadow is produced by light, and our God is the Light of the world.<sup>3</sup> If we are living in the shadow of the Almighty, then we are very, very close to God. A shadow is never in one room while the person casting the shadow is in another room.

But, here is the importance of this wonderful truth. We must LIVE IN THE SHADOW. In the New Testament, Jesus said, "Abide in me, and I in you."<sup>4</sup> This is the same powerful directive in different words. We are branches who must stay connected

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approach prayer with praise on our lips, then our complaints fade away. Our praise replaces what we *would* say with what we SHOULD say.

Psalm 34:1 tells us this as well. The psalmist sang, "I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." We "pray without ceasing," and we "praise continually." These are things we do "at all times." When our back hurts, for instance, and we can't move without weeping.

My praises have kept me at peace. This, too, is a promise of the Scripture. In two places, the Word of God says to "seek peace." Something we must seek is only obtainable through persistence.<sup>9</sup> We have peace because we choose to be at peace, to

to the Vine, who is Jesus. We must abide in Him, or similarly, we must live in His shadow.

The Passion Translation helps us understand how to live in God's shadow when it addresses those who are "enthroned under the shadow of Shaddai."<sup>5</sup> In the translation footnotes, it writes, "Or 'O, you who sits enthroned.'" To sit enthroned with Jesus sounds confusing at first glance, but the New Testament says we are seated with Christ in heavenly places.<sup>6</sup> We sit with Him on His throne; we are seated together.

This same picture is given to us in Revelation when it says that Jesus is the King of kings.<sup>7</sup> He is the King, and we are seated with Him, empowered by Him, to carry out His commission on the earth. We are kings under His authority, declaring His sovereignty, His supremacy, over our lives.

With these examples in our mind, we come to our point. We can live in the shadow. We can sit enthroned with Him. We can walk as a king under His supreme authority. We can stay connected as a branch. These expressions express the same valuable fact. If WE LIVE, we must be as close as a shadow; We must be seated together; We must yield to His majesty. We must stay connected.

The apostle Paul understood this when he said, "For in him WE LIVE, and move, and have our being."<sup>8</sup>

Do you want to live, really *live* in the FULLNESS OF SALVATION? There is only one way. It is IN HIM!

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<sup>1</sup>Eph 1:3 <sup>2</sup>Jn 10:10 <sup>3</sup>Jn 12:46 <sup>4</sup>Jn 15:4 <sup>5</sup>Ps 91:1 <sup>6</sup>Eph 2:6 <sup>7</sup>Rev 19:16 <sup>8</sup>Act 17:28 <sup>9</sup>Ps 34:14; 1Pe 3:11

spend our words talking to our heavenly Father instead of cursing men. To pray for others, instead of focusing on ourselves.

Colossians 3:15 makes this fully clear. It says, "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." You let peace rule AND be thankful, we are told. We must do both or we will forfeit both.

I will praise my way to complete health. This is God's will for me. I will sing with the psalmist of the goodness of God and see the Holy Spirit work in me. I will grow in inward strength as I grow in outward strength and come out the other side of this bump in the road with my hands lifted, my heart light, and the Word of God on my lips. Won't you join me?