

Watchman Part 20

The Watchman Can See God's Forgiveness and Redemption from Sins and Troubles

“1 Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD. 2 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. 3 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? 4 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. 5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. 6 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning. 7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. 8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.” (Psalm 130:1-8 KJV)

This psalm can be applied for temporal concern, either personal or public, but in reality it is not relates to any but only it is wholly taken up with the affairs of the soul. It is reckoned one of the seven penitential psalms, which have sometimes been made use of by penitents, those who repented upon their admission into the church; and, in singing it, we are all concerned to apply it to ourselves. The psalmist as watchman expresses the followings:-

1. The watchman can see that calling on God is the first response and the first option to do in whatever circumstances of troubles: “1 Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.” (Psalm 130:1 KJV) In whatever condition we are in, we need to continue calling upon God. The best men may sometimes be in the depths, in great trouble and affliction, and utterly at a loss what to do, in the depths of distress and almost in the depths of despair, the spirit low and dark, sinking and drooping, cast down and disquieted. But, in the greatest depths, it is our privilege that we cry unto God and be heard. ***It is our privileged that we have such a God who hear us when we cry to Him. A prayer may reach the heights of Heaven, out of the depths of the greatest trouble we can be in this world;*** prayer brought Jeremiah's out of the dungeon, Daniel's out of the den, and Jonah's out of the fish's belly. ***How about you now? Where are you? Are you in the depth of troubles? Call upon God that He may have mercy on you and deliver you out of all your troubles.***

2. The watchman can see that calling on God is the only option that can help us in whatever circumstances: “2 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.” (Psalm 130:2) ***It is our duty and interest to cry unto God, for this is the likeliest way both to prevent our sinking lower and to recover us out of the horrible pit and miry clay, while we continue calling upon God to assure ourselves of an answer of peace from him; for this is that which David in faith prays for “Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.”***

3. The watchman can see that humbling before God and accepting our own faults and sins, with sincere repentance is the only way that we can approach God for restoration from our sins: “3 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?” (Psalm 130:3 KJV) We are taught to humble ourselves before the justice of God as guilty in His sight, and unable to answer Him for one of a thousand of

our offences, ***“If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord! who shall stand?”*** The Psalmist is calling God Lord twice in this verse. He is feeling very awful about his sins, and he sensed of God's glorious majesty and the dread of His wrath. Let us further learn the followings:

A. To acknowledge our iniquities, that we cannot justify ourselves before God, or plead and say we are not guilty. ***“8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.” (1 John 1:9-11 KJV)***

B. To acknowledge the power and the justice of God, which are such that, if He were extreme to mark what we do amiss, there would be no hope of coming to Him. His eye can discover enough in the best man to ground a condemnation upon; and, if He proceeds against us, we are undone and have no way to help ourselves; we cannot stand, but shall certainly be cast. If God deal with us in strict justice, we are finished; if He makes remarks upon our iniquities, He will find them to be many and great, greatly aggravated and very provoking; and then, if He should proceed accordingly, He would shut us out from all hope of His favor and shut us up under His wrath; and what could we do to help ourselves? We could not make our escape, nor resist nor bear up under His avenging hand. ***“10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.” (Psalm 103:10-12 KJV)***

C. Let us admire God's patience and forbearance; we should be undone if He were to mark iniquities, and He knows it, and therefore bears with us. It is of His mercy that we are not consumed by His wrath. ***“13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. 14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. 15 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. 16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. 17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; 18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.” (Psalm 103:13-18 KJV)***

D. We are taught to cast ourselves upon the pardoning mercy of God, and to comfort ourselves with that when we see ourselves detestable to His justice, ***“But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.”***

4. The watchman can see clearly and live the true forgiveness of God: “4 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.” (Psalm 130:4 KJV) The Psalmist here discovered God's grace, and pleaded with Him as a penitent sinner: ***“But there is forgiveness with thee,”*** it is our unspeakable comfort, in all our approaches to God, that there is forgiveness with Him, for that is what we need. He has put Himself into a capacity to pardon sin if we sincerely repent; He has declared Himself gracious and merciful, and ready to forgive if we sincerely repent. ***Will you be willing to sincerely repent and come back to God? Truly you need to repent of your sins and your wrong doings so your sins will be forgiven and you will be pardoned.***

Jesus Christ is the great propitiation, the ransom which God has found to cover our sins by shedding His blood on the cross; He advocates for us. He is a sponsor for us and through Him we obtain forgiveness as we sincerely repent and accept the consequences of our sins one by one. As you repent sincerely do not doubt the true forgiveness of God. The favor of God on us through the forgiveness of sin is a matter that is so appreciated. Also the Psalmist said, *“that thou mayest be feared.”* that as God forgive us then that will lead us to fear Him, revere Him and be at awe in His presence, behaving ourselves in the manner that God wants us to be and that will also lead us to worship God and to serve Him.

5. The watchman can see clearly the value of waiting upon God: *“5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. 6 My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.”* (Psalm 130:5-6 KJV) Here the Psalmist expressed his trust and dependency on God as he was willing to wait for God, *“I wait for the LORD”*. He waited because from Him he expects relief and comfort, believing it will come, longing till it does come, but patiently bearing the delay of it, and resolving to look for it from no other hand. He said, *“my soul doth wait”*, that he was an expectant, and it is for the LORD that his soul waited; he waited for the gifts of His grace and the operations of His power of doing miracles and witnessing miracles in his life. He was waiting and had put his hope on God’s Word, *“and in his word do I hope.”* In the same way we must hope only for that which He has promised in His Word; we must hope for it because He has promised it, and not from any opinion of our own merit. But we must not put our hopes in what He did not promise in His Word.

The degree of that dependence on God is what measure the watchman, *“My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning:”* The watchman was well assured that the morning will come; and so God will return in mercy to him, according to His promise; for God’s covenant is more firm than the ordinances of the day and the night, for the ordinances of the day and the night shall come to an end, but that is of God is everlasting. The watchman that keep guard upon the walls, those that watch with sick people, and travelers that are abroad upon their journey, long before day wish to see the dawning of the day; but more earnestly does this good man long for the tokens of God’s favor and the visits of God’s grace, and more readily will he be aware of His first appearances than they are of the dawning of the day.

The steadfast assurance of the watchman who see the forgiveness and the restoration of God is a sign of sincere repentance and returning to the Lord. And that hope in the Lord is initiated by the Lord in return to the watchman repentance and his return back to God. *Therefore your true repentance and turning away from sins will restore your hope in God and you can embrace and without any doubt the forgiveness and the restoration of God for your life and ministry.*

After himself received assurance, the watchman went further; and started to encourage all the people of God in like manner to depend upon God and to trust in Him: *“7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous*

redemption.” (Psalm 130:7 KJV) Let Israel hope in the Lord and wait for Him; Let all that devote themselves to God cheerfully stay themselves upon him and depend fully on Him because in Him there are forgiveness, love, care and mercy, *“for with the LORD there is mercy”*, that He is a merciful God and the Father of mercies. As well as with Him is plenty of redemption. The nature of this redemption is redemption from sin, from all sins, and therefore can be no other than the eternal redemption which Jesus Christ became the author of; for it is He that saves His people from their sins, *“21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”* (Matthew 1:21 KJV), that redeems them from all iniquity, *“14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”* (Titus 2:14 KJV), and turns away ungodliness from Jacob, *“26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.”* (Romans 11:26 KJV) It is He that redeems us both from the condemning and from the commanding power of sin. The riches of this redemption; it is plenteous redemption; there is an all-sufficient fullness of merit and grace in the Redeemer, enough for all, enough for each; and enough for me, says the believer. Redemption from sin includes redemption from all other evils, devil and demons, therefore is a plenteous redemption. *“8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.”* (Psalm 130:8 KJV) The persons to whom the benefits of this redemption belong as he says, *“he shall redeem Israel”*, is Israel according to the spirit, and are all those who are in covenant with God including ourselves, as Israel was, and who are Israelites indeed, in whom is no guile.

My Dear and Beloved: The message is a revival and healing for our souls to return to God and wait for Him patiently to come to us and visiting us with His grace and mercy. *Let us be diligent today to repent and renounce all our sins and let us come back to God and have hope and confidence on His power of forgiveness and redemption.*

“7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.” (Psalm 130:7 KJV) *As we got healed and delivered from the condemnation of sin and its power let us now go forward to encourage others around us with the forgiveness and the redemption of God. Let us bring that revival to the rest of the body of Christ and the rest of the church congregations, workers and members, and to the lost souls in the world, bringing to them the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the power of His blood that was shed on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins and the sins of the world.*

Let us pray

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for the revival that I received in this message and the teaching I received from your Word. Thank you Lord for your love, mercy, the forgiveness from sins and your plenteous redemption and the hope that your Word planted in my heart.*

Confess and renounce all your sins. Confess all your fears, your doubts, discouragements and your lack of full trust in God, especially in His power of forgiveness and His power of deliverance during times of troubles. Confess your lack of reading the Bible and your lack of

prayer. Confess your lack of serving God and your non willingness to suffer for Him. Lord I repent, forgive me the following sins _____.

*Lord I learned the lesson, “**But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.**” Lord I will continue to cry out to you for help and draw near to you in repentance. Lord I cry out to you to save me from the following troubles _____. Lord I will continue to serve you and do your work and your will. Lord I will continue to encourage others to trust you and do the same. Lord continue to give me assurance and sustain me and my soul to continue to do that. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*

Lord, I pray for all my Brothers and Sisters who had committed their lives to you. Lord continue to heal their souls, and bring revival in their lives and give them assurance of forgiveness and salvation. Lord bless them and prosper them and use their lives as good testimony to others to follow you. Lord continue to use them and prosper their ministries and service unto you.

Lord, bless us as your church, and continue to bring healing and revival to our members, workers, ministers and the church congregations, and continue to do miracles and wonders to increase the faith of your people in you. Lord protect us from the flaming arrows of the evil ones. Devil and all your demons we come against you all in the name of Jesus and cast you away from our lives and out of God’s church. Lord lead us to go forward and to encourage others and bring revival to them. Lord add to us more of the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be ready to evangelize and to reach new people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with the message of God’s Word. Lord, we pray that you will enable us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, ‘Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.’ Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus’ name, Amen.

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