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When you ask the Lord, **May Your work appear**; and the words: **Let the redeemed of the Lord say so...** suddenly appear in your thoughts, pay attention. The prophet Isaiah said, He has given me the tongue of a disciple, and aren't we all to be disciples of the Lord... students doing their math, putting it together piece by piece; that I should know how to speak a word in due season, to the weary: He awakens me morning by morning and He still does today, He awakens my ear to hear as a disciple — Isaiah 50. Mercy = getting what we do not deserve.



Divisions: Book 5 (Psalms 107-150); This is a choice song for the redeemed of the Lord. Although it celebrates God's deliverances, and may be sung by anyone whose life has been preserved in time of danger; yet, it mainly magnifies the Lord for His blessings. The Psalmist begins with the redeemed gathered from captivity (1-3); their history like the lost in a desert (4-9); prisoners in iron bondage (10-16); the sick (17-22); mariners toss in the sea (23-32); the judgment on the rebellious; the mercies on the afflicted (33-42) and closing praise to God (43). – Charles Spurgeon.

Book 5

¹O give thanks to the good LORD, for His mercy continues forever:

Just an aside: the Lord gave us His scripture filled with good words... as He speaks to His creation in the language of the heart -- which isn't what a science minded generation likes to hear. Science experts insist words like: grace and peace, aren't scientific -- though they hypocritically use them all the time! Well, the Lord also speaks in numbers. Taken to the extreme, such as the Kabbalah, the esoteric numbers become as irrelevant as 99.9% of overstuffed opera singers are to the music world; numbers in scripture simply suggest:

1 = the number of the one true God -- the only One who is. Psalm 62 tells us, God has spoken once. Today, millions want Him to chatter away all day long, like those text messaging. When troubles come, they argue: where's God? Right where He said He would be! He is not a slave to mankind's stupidity. God has spoken once. He sent His representatives, but does anyone listen to what He said through them?

- 2 = most legal systems of the world require 2 witnesses to give adequate, verifiable testimony of truth.
- 3 = the expression of the 3-natured, 3-person God; where 2, or is it 3 gather in the Name:
- 4 = the number of mankind; the world
- 5 = the number of grace; and a handful of blessings
- 6 = the number of man -- fallen individuals of Adam's race
- 7 = the number of completion -- 7 days of creation; 7 words on the cross
- 8 = the number of new beginnings
- 9 = the number -- 3x3 representing the fullness of God; an example: Galatians 5, the fruit of the Spirit
- 10 = the number of human responsibility
- 11 = man doing their part, then God
- 12 = the number of governance, 12 tribes; 12 disciples



And then there are multiples such as: $25 = 5 \times 5...$ grace upon grace $50 = 5 \times 10...$ grace times human responsibility, for example: $\frac{1 \text{ Corinthians } 14 \text{ says: } 1 \text{ time, women keep silent; and } 2 \text{ times, men keep silent}}{1 \text{ So we get the point!}}$

- ²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
- ³ and gathered them from earth, from east, west, north, and south.

Think about it: Paul to the Ephesians spoke of The good words God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; Paul lets us know God is generous... full of grace and peace; we are His work, His poem created in Christ Jesus for good works -- His works. He redeems; He repurchases; reclaims; repairs and restores. To all environmentalists, who think they are more concerned about the creation than the Creator; the church was first to open reclamation stores; which is a great picture of the church in the world – under the same roof, hardly an item matches; contrast with the world, its members match in uniform; they march to wannabe Hitlers and Stalins; local gangsters and others, even news readers all read from the same script.

Members in the church Jesus is building... are as different as all those reclamation items; as different as the head is from the fingers, toes, lungs, bones and veins... all part of His body! Clearly, our FatherGod loves variety; the redeemed come from every direction of Adam's race: every nation, every tribe; no one not included; no language excluded; here we learn about 4 types of people; found throughout the world:



- ⁴ wanderers in the wilderness, in a Jeshimon way; they found no city to dwell in.
- ⁵ Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.
- ⁶ Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble and He delivered them from it.
- ⁷ And He led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a habitable city.
- ⁸ Oh that men would lift empty, thankful hands to the LORD for His mercy; and for His wonderful works to the children of Adam!
- ⁹ For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.

Think about it: **wandering**, those who have no roots; who move without a fixed course; moving aimlessly, pointlessly; God's word instructs God's people.

Jeshimon, meaning: waste place, perhaps the local dump! But it sounds so elegant, doesn't it?. And is the Lord speaking to sophisticated folk? 10 miles from downtown L.A., is mall full of Jeshimon Hills folk with



resources galore; elegantly bored with life, wandering about their Jeshimon reality; peddling their Piña Colada scented crap; from the poorest to the wealthiest who dream of **a dwelling place**; a place to call home.

let's go on...



- ¹⁰ Sitting in darkness, being bound in affliction and iron;
- ¹¹ because they rebelled against the words of God, and despised the counsel of the Most High:
- ¹² So He humbled their heart with labor / and, what work did all these sassy geniuses do? they fell down, and there was none to help.
- 13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them from it.
- ¹⁴ He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke their bands.
- ¹⁵ Lift empty, thankful hands to the LORD, for His mercy; and for His wonderful works to the children of Adam!
- ¹⁶ For He shattered the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron asunder.

Think about it: They weren't moving; just sitting there, under the shadow of death the Lord shepherding... sometimes His sheep walk in valleys with shadows. Winston Churchill once said, if you are going through hell; keep going! Don't stop! some stop for years. The guy in John 5 sat in boredom, sitting there 38 years.

imprisoned; If your choice is between easy or hard always choose hard! Joseph was thrown into prison, until iron entered his soul. He needed to toughen up before he could accomplish great things.

As He brought the children of Israel out of Egypt; He pulled apart their chains; so, some actually got up, and started walking with Him, the good Shepherd. He shattered the brass gateways, and smashed the prison bars. Paul wrote: When Christ ascended on high, He freed a host of captives who then followed Him.

let's go on...



- ¹⁷ Foolish ones because of their stepping over the line, due to their crimes are afflicted.
- ¹⁸ Their soul abhors all kind of food; and they draw near to the gates of death.
- ¹⁹ Then they cry to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress.



- ²⁰ He sent His word, and healed and delivered them from it.
- ²¹ Lift empty, thankful hands to the LORD, for His mercy; and for His wonderful works to the children of Adam!
- ²² Sacrificing the offering of giving thanks, and declaring His works with rejoicing.

Think about it: **pasha**... **their foolish rebellion**, Daniel uses this word 3 times describing the last generation; Amos speaks of the many rebellions of Damascus, Gaza, Tyre -- Lebanon, Edom, Ammon -- Jordan, Moab -- the Golan Heights, Judah and Israel – all still in the news today; things haven't changed much.

Because of their twisted crimes; and perverse inequalities...they are plagued and distressed; they bring it on themselves. So they are fools! But in this Psalm we discover consummate complaining fools; people who say: I don't like this; and I don't like that. Who cares?! The Creator God isn't an absentee Father. He takes care of His creation, and the sun and the rain fall on the just and the unjust alike. I knew someone who had a small company; one day one of the workers got paid to sit 16 hours, complained: This is too hard. Starting the next day, no one ever again called needing his help! On the other hand, I met a guy who grew up in a different country; who heard his mom say, some days, there might not be food. To this day, he is the most honest person I know. What I learned: Sometimes it's better to keep our mouths shut and smile.

Lift empty hands why? for His mercy continues to us; and for His wonderful works to those of Adam's race! Peter in his last words to the church said, Add to your faith... and was inspired with 7 things for starters the church can do! Here, the Lord says, Add to your empty hands... sacrifice; add putting to death something valuable; and God knows... the most precious thing in our lives is our self; the Lord said, if you do not pick up your cross, if you do not die daily, you cannot be My disciple! Don't just declare His works, get a little joy mixed in the declaration. The Lord doesn't have grumpy people – not even one populating His eternity!

let's go on...



- ²³ Those who go down to the sea in ships, who do business in great waters;
- ²⁴ they see the works of the LORD, and His wonders in the deep,
- ²⁵ for He commands, and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up its waves.
- ²⁶ They rise up to the heavens, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.
- ²⁷ They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunk, and were at their wit's end.



And it isn't over!

- ²⁸ Then they cry to the LORD in their trouble, and He brought them from it.
- ²⁹ He makes the storm still, so its waves do nothing.
- Then are they glad because it is quiet; so, He guided them to their desired harbor.
- Lift empty thankful hands to the LORD for His goodness, for His wonderful works to the children of Adam!
- ³² Let them lift Him up! also in the assembly of the people; and praise Him in the meeting of the elders / so both the people and their leaders are to shout: Hallelujah! to the Lord. The 3 verses recall the shipwreck Paul experienced, when he said, all hope was lost! Acts 27. describing rogue waves reported at the Magellan Straits of Chili 100+ feet; 30+ meters higher than a 10-story building! They faint... the Psalmist describes those in the middle of a great roller-coaster experience of life. It is fearful; they are overwhelmed and fainting!

Next, the Psalmist tells about the ways of our God, whose name is: I AM that I AM... and fill in the blank. This is our God. HE is whoever HE wants to be: HE is whatever HE needs to be! HE is the LORD!

- ³³ He turns rivers into a wilderness, and the water springs into dry ground;
- 34 a fruitful earth into barrenness, for the wrongdoers of them who dwell in it.
- ³⁵ He turns the wilderness into pools of water, and dry ground into water springs.
- ³⁶ and there He makes the hungry to dwell, so they firmly establish a city for habitation,
- ³⁷ and sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which abundantly yield fruit.
- ³⁸He blesses and multiplies them greatly; their cattle do not decrease.
- ³⁹ He diminished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow. The Lord who blesses, who knows how to prosper and multiply, He also knows how to curse, and cause to shrink and decrease.
- 40 He pours contempt on princes, and causes them to wander in the wilderness, where there is $\frac{1}{100}$ way.



- 41 Yet He sets the poor on high from trouble, and makes his families like a flock.
- ⁴² The upright see it, and rejoice: butt all fools will shut their mouth.
- 43 Whoever is wise, observe and understand the mercies of the LORD / shamar; guard, protect. This word goes with the people of God in every generation, from Adam to the Revelation. So, let us do it! Discern, reconsider; give attention to the loving-kindness of the Lord... which continues, even today.

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We Came From Where?

The Sheep Hear His Voice And They Follow Him