

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

THE LORD IS MY” (Part 2)

INTRODUCTION:

A. In “The Lord is My” (Part 1), we studied: The Lord is My Shepherd (Ps 23:1); My Rock and My Fortress (2 Sam 22:2; Ps 18:2); My Deliverer (2 Sam 22:2; Ps 18:2); and My Strength (Exod 15:2; Ps 28:7; 118:14) .

B. The Way to God and How to Find It

“Christ is our Way; we walk in Him. He is our Truth; we embrace Him. He is our Life; we live in Him. He is our Lord; we choose Him to rule over us. He is our Master; we serve Him. He is our Teacher, instructing us in the way of salvation. He is our Prophet, pointing out the future. He is our Priest, having atoned for us. He is our Advocate, ever living to make intercession for us. He is our Saviour, saving to the uttermost. He is our Root; we grow from Him. He is our Bread; we feed upon Him. He is our Shepherd, leading us into green pastures. He is our true Vine; we abide in Him. He is the Water of Life; we slake our thirst from Him. He is the fairest among ten thousand: we admire Him above all others. He is 'the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of His person;' we strive to reflect His likeness. He is the upholder of all things; we rest upon Him. He is our wisdom; we are guided by Him. He is our Righteousness; we cast all our imperfections upon Him. He is our Sanctification; we draw all our power for holy life from Him. He is our Redemption, redeeming us from all iniquity. He is our Healer, curing all our diseases. He is our Friend, relieving us in all our necessities. He is our Brother, cheering us in our difficulties.” (Source: Goodreads — D.L. Moody)

C. “God is a God of second chances, a God who transforms lives and a God who is actively involved in His creation. God is not limited by human understanding and His plans are always greater than our own.” – Pastor Adrian Rodgers

In Part 2 of this Bible Study, we will continue to meditate on who God is to us:

I. “THE LORD IS MY LIGHT” (Ps 27:1)

Light refers to God as the source of guidance, clarity, and revelation, dispelling spiritual darkness and showing the way forward. It is God who provides clarity and direction in the darkness of life's challenges.

A. God as Light Guides Believers by His Presence and His Word

- “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Ps 119:105).
- 1. The Bible is the Believer's Light to show the path ahead so we will not stumble as we live for Jesus.
- 2. The Bible reveals truth about God from error so that we will not become entangled with **false** values, philosophies, and doctrines.

B. God as Light Gives Believers a Spirit of Gladness and a Reason to Rejoice

- “Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance” (Ps 89:15).

- “Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart” (Ps 97:11).

As Believers, what a day of rejoicing it will be when we get to Heaven.

- **When We All Get to Heaven**

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.
When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

II. **‘THE LORD IS ... MY SHIELD’** (Ps 28:7)

Shield represents the protection of God.

A. **When we Trust in God, He will Protect us – Defend us – from Dangers and Attacks of our Enemies**

- “Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over” (Ps 23:5).
- David trusted in the Lord – The Good Shepherd – to protect him during encounters with his enemies. David testified that the Lord was with him in every battle, strengthening, encouraging, and refreshing him to the point that he said, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me” (Ps 23:4).

B. **In the hymn, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” by Joseph Scriven. He penned these words “His arms He’ll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.” This line emphasizes the comfort and protection that is offered by Jesus Christ when we face trials, adversities, and tribulations.**

Scriven penned this hymn when dealing with the drowning of his fiancée and the illness of his mother. He found Jesus Christ to be a source of comfort in the midst of his loss and difficulties. That hymn also states: **“Take it to the Lord in prayer.”** As Believers, we are to cry out to God for help, comfort and protection because – **“In His arms, He’ll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.”**

III. **“THE LORD IS ... MY SONG”** (Exod 15:2; Ps 118:14)

Song refers to that which is sung or uttered with musical modifications of the voice; a hymn; a little poem to be sung; words of praise; redemption and thanksgiving.

A. **Exodus 15:2 declares the Praise and Gratitude of the Israelites after their miraculous deliverance from the Egyptian army at the Red Sea (Exod 14).**

B. **Just as the Israelites praised God for their deliverance from the Egyptian army, we are to praise God for delivering us from the penalty of sin, power of sin, and one day, the presence of sin (2 Cor 1:9-10).**

- Praise God through His Son Jesus Christ for your Salvation!

C. Christians are to make sure their music reflects God's Truths and Goodness

Christian music must align with the Bible. Our music should be to bring Glory and Honor to God and to exalt His Name.

- Do not sing music that will not be melodious in Christ's ear. Choose music that is pleasing unto God.
- "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph 5:19).
- **Praise Him! Praise Him!**
Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died.
He, our Rock, our Hope of eternal salvation—
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus, the Crucified!
Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness.
Praise Him! Praise Him ever in joyful song!

IV. **"THE LORD IS MY PORTION"** (Lam 3:24)

Portion refers to a part, though not actually divided; share, reward, property, associate

God as the Believer's portion emphasizes a personal relationship with God which involves:

- A. **Prayer** – which is a direct line of communication with God. It is a time to praise God, share concerns, make requests, and seek His guidance (Ps 145:18; Jer 29:12-13; Rom 8:26; 1 Thess 5:16-18).
- B. **Bible Study** – provides insights about God's character, humanity, and His will for our lives.
 - "10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. 11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Ps 119:10-11).
 - "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17).
 - "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim 2:15).
- C. **Fellowship** – fellowship with other Believers in church and other ministries gives us the opportunity to learn about God and learn from the experiences of other Believers (Acts 2:42-27).
 - "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb 10:25).

- It is important for Believers to attend church as opportunities to fellowship, encourage, and worship with other Christians. It is also an opportunity for Christians to utilize their God-giving spiritual gifts.
- **This is My Church**
This is my church. It is composed of people just like me. It will be friendly if I am. It will do a great work if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am generous. It will bring others into its fellowship if I bring them. Its seats will be filled if I fill them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of faith and service. If I who make it what it is, am filled with these, Therefore, with God's help, I dedicate myself to the task of being all these things I want my church to be. – (Source: Unknown)

V. **'THE LORD IS MY HELPER** (Heb 13:6)

Helper defines God as one that helps, aids, or assists in times of need, both large and small.

Ways in which God acts as our Helper:

A. **God strengthens us to face challenges and protect us from harm**

He is the **Divine Bodyguard** who protects and watches over His people.

B. **God protects us from unseen dangers**

This includes dangers that we do not even know about. God watches over His children.

C. **God is our very help in times of need**

- “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Ps 46:1)

- **If You Call On Jesus**

If you call on Jesus, He will answer prayer.

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Call Him when you need Him, He will answer prayer.

Just call Him when you need Him, He will answer prayer.

- **CARE OF GOD**

George Muller (1805-1898) built many orphanages at Ashley Down, England. Without a personal salary, he relied only on God to supply the money and food needed to support the hundreds of homeless children he befriended in the name of Christ. A man of radiant faith, he kept a motto on his desk for many years that brought comfort, strength, and uplifting confidence to his heart. It read, "It matters to Him about you." Muller believed that those words captured the meaning of 1 Peter 5:7, and he rested his claim for divine help on that truth. He testified at the end of his life that the Lord had never failed to supply all his needs.- (Source: Sermon Illustrations).

- “¹I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. ²My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth” (Ps 121:1-2).

VI. ‘THE LORD IS MY SALVATION’ (Exod 15:2; Ps 27:1)

Salvation refers to deliverance from evil or danger; the act of being saved, preserved, or delivered from danger, destruction, or great calamity.

A. Salvation is God’s Act of Saving Us from the Consequences of Sin

1. Salvation is by **Grace**, through **Faith** in **Christ Jesus** alone.
 - “⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Eph 2:8-9).
2. Salvation is unmerited, unearned, and undeserved. It is the Gift of God.

B. Jesus Christ is the Way, The Truth and The Life to Salvation

- “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6).

C. Jesus Christ’s Death on the Cross was a Substitutionary Sacrifice

This means that He died in our place and on our behalf, taking the punishment that we deserved for our sins.

- “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom 5:8).
- “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2 Cor 5:21).
- “Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth” (1 Pet 2:22).
- Jesus Christ is the only means by which we can have our sins forgiven and Heaven is our home.
- **Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.**

D. The Gospel in a Nutshell

“³ For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; ⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures” (1 Cor 15:3-4).

TAKEAWAYS:

A. God is our Light – “Come To The Light” – You’ll see thing you’ve never seen before.

- Allow God as Light to guide and direct you – step by step – as you walk with God.

B. God is our Shield – Trust Him for protection from all harm and evilness.

C. God is our Song – make sure that the songs you sing and listen to align with God’s teachings and truths.

- D. God is our Portion** – always go to the Lord in prayer – big matters as well as small matters. The communication line – prayer – is always open. God our Father is waiting to hear from you.
- E. God is our Helper** – we can depend on God for help during the adversities, calamities, and difficulties of life.
- F. God is our Salvation** – “The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world” (1 John 4:14).

MEMORY VERSE:

- “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

CONCLUSION:

A. Salvation

A.B. Simpson is reported to have said that the gospel "Tells rebellious men that God is reconciled, that justice is satisfied, that sin has been atoned for, that the judgment of the guilty may be revoked, the condemnation of the sinner cancelled, the curse of the Law blotted out, the gates of hell closed, the portals of heaven opened wide, the power of sin subdued, the guilty conscience healed, the broken heart comforted, the sorrow and misery of the Fall undone. – (Source: Sermon Illustrations)

B. “This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5).

“God is Light” means that God is perfectly holy and true and that he alone can guide us out of the darkness of sin. The Light of the world is Jesus – Come to the Light for Salvation.

- “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light” (1 Pet 2:9).

C. ABC’s of Salvation

- **A – Admit** that you’re a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).
- **B – Believe** that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).
- **C – Confess**/Call on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (Rom 10:9-13)

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).