

THE KINGDOM AND MERCY TRIUMPHANT

“Mercy Triumphs Over Judgment”

I. The Prophecies of Mercy

- A. Exodus 15:1-13 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spoke, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider has he thrown into the sea. (2) The LORD is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him a **habitation**; my father's God, and I will exalt him. (3) The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name. (4) Pharaoh's chariots and his host has he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea. (5) The depths have covered them: they sank into the bottom as a stone. (6) Your right hand, O LORD, has become glorious in power: your right hand, O LORD, has dashed in pieces the enemy. (7) And in the greatness of your excellency You have overthrown them that rose up against thee: You sent forth your wrath, which consumed them as stubble.



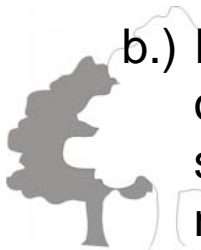
(8) And with the blast of your nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea. (9) The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. (10) You didst blow with your wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters. (11) Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? (12) You stretched out your right hand, the earth swallowed them. (13) You in your mercy have led forth the people which You have redeemed: You have guided them in your strength unto your holy habitation.

Mercy and the Habitation of God (The habitation of God as traditionally misunderstood: Unfortunately the traditional Judeo-Christian world has interpreted the habitation of God as a physical dwelling place. Even some who affirm fulfilled eschatology believe the habitation of God is a physical place or a place of location.)



A. The habitation of God

- 1.) Exodus 15:2 The LORD is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.
- 2.) Deuteronomy 12:5 But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall you seek (“seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness”—Matt. 5), and there You shall come:
- 3.) Deuteronomy 26:15 Look down from your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless your people Israel, and the land which You have given us, as You swore unto our fathers, a land that flows with milk and honey.
 - a.) Psalm 33:12-14 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance. (13) The LORD looks from heaven; he beholds all the sons of men. (14) From the place of his habitation he looks upon all the inhabitants of the earth.
 - b.) Isaiah 63:15 Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of your holiness and of your glory: where is your zeal and your strength, the sounding of your bowels and of your mercies toward me? are they restrained?



4.) Psalm 132 (God and His people at rest) Psalm 132:1-16 LORD, remember David, and all his afflictions: (2) How he swore unto the LORD, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob; (3) Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed; (4) I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids, (5) Until I find out a place for the LORD, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob. (6) Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood. (7) We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool. (8) Arise, O LORD, into your rest; You, and the ark of your strength. (9) Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; and let your saints shout for joy. (10) For your servant David's sake turn not away the face of your anointed. (11) The LORD has sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of your body will I set upon your throne. (12) If your children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon your throne for evermore. (13) For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his habitation. (14) This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it. (15) I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread. (16) I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.



*Psalm 36:5 Your mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens;
and your faithfulness reaches unto the clouds.*

*Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament shows his handiwork.*



a.) **The association of rest and righteousness** (Isaiah 32:14-18)

Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks; (15) Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest. (16) Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and **righteousness** remain in the fruitful field. (17) And the work of righteousness shall be **peace**; and the effect of righteousness **quietness** and assurance for ever. (18) And my people shall dwell in a **peaceable** habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in **quiet resting** places;

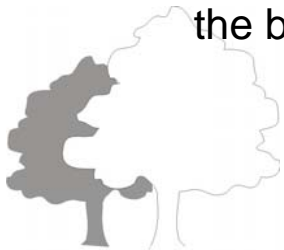
b.) A quiet habitation: Isaiah 33:20-24 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: your eyes shall see Jerusalem a **quiet habitation**, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. (21) But there the glorious LORD will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby. (22) For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us. (23) Your tacklings are loosed; they could not well strengthen their mast, they could not spread the sail: then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prey. (24) And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.



5.) Ephesians 2:11-22 Wherefore remember, that you being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; (12) That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: (13) But now in Christ Jesus you who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. (14) For he is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us; (15) Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; (16) And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: (17) And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. (18) For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. (19) Now therefore you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; (20) And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, (*Revelation 21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.*) Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; (21) In whom all the building fitly framed together grows unto an holy temple in the Lord: (22) In whom you also are built together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.



a.) (We are a habitation of God—that is, we are God’s dwelling place, Jerusalem—the hearts of God’s people—built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets. Cf. Rev 21:2-5, 9-11) And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (3) And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. (4) And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away...Revelation 21:1-5 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. (2) And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (3) And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. (4) And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (5) And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.... 9-11 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife.



(10) And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, (11) Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; (cf. John 17:20-24 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; (21) That they all may be one; as You, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that You have sent me. (22) And the glory which You gave me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: (23) I in them, and You in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that You have sent me, and have loved them, as You have loved me. (24) Father, I will that they also, whom You have given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which You have given me: for You loved me before the foundation of the world.—*Christ fulfills the prophecy of the mercy and glorification of God's people:* Jeremiah 30:18-19 Thus says the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwelling places; and the city shall be built upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof. (19) And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.



6.) Psalm 89:13-18 You have a mighty arm: strong is your hand, and high is your right hand. (14) Justice and judgment are the habitation of your throne: mercy and truth shall go before your face. (15) Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance. (16) In your name shall they rejoice all the day: and **in your righteousness** shall they be exalted. (17) For You art the glory of their strength: and in your favor our horn shall be exalted. (18) For the LORD is our defense; and the Holy One of Israel is our king



b. The habitation of God is righteousness

1.) Psalm 97:1-2 The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. (2) Clouds and darkness are round about him: **righteousness** and judgment are the **habitation** of his throne.

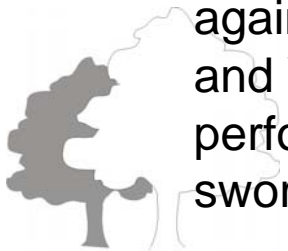
a.) Who and what are we? What have we become? We have become God's habitation by becoming God's righteousness. Isaiah 57:15 For thus says the high and lofty One that **inhabits** eternity, whose name is Holy; I **dwell** in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones...and... 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (18) And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation; (19) To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and has committed unto us the word of reconciliation. (20) Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be you reconciled to God. (21) For he has made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the **righteousness** of God in him.



B. Psalm 123:1-4 Unto you lift I up mine eyes, O You that dwell in the heavens. (2) Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us. (3) Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt. (4) Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.

C. Isaiah 60:10-11 And the sons of strangers shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favor have I had mercy on thee. (11) Therefore your gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto you the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.

D. Micah 7:18-20 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardons iniquity, and passes by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retains not his anger for ever, because he delights in mercy. (19) He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and You wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. (20) You wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which You have sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.



II. The fulfillment of Mercy

- A. Luke 1:46-55 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, (47) And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. (48) For he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. (49) For he that is mighty has done to me great things; and holy is his name. (50) And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. (51) He has showed strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. (52) He has put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. (53) He has filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he has sent empty away. (54) He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; (55) As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.



B. Luke 1:68-79 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he has visited and redeemed his people, (69) And has raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; (70) As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: (71) That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; (72) To **perform** the **mercy** promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; (73) The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, (74) That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, (75) In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. (76) And You, child, shall be called the prophet of the Highest: for You shall go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; (77) To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, (78) Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high has visited us, (79) To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.



- C. Titus 3:3-8 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another. (4) But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, (5) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; (6) Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; (7) That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (8) This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that you affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.
- D. Romans 15:8-9 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: (9) And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to you among the Gentiles, and sing unto your name.
- E. Ephesians 2:4-6 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, (5) Even when we were dead in sins, has quickened us together with Christ, (by grace you are saved;) (6) And has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

