Humility Marks the spot for continuous victory from the Lord.

The Darkness of Despair

(2Co 4:8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;)

Isa 50:10 Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

1. Ps 77:7 Will the Lord cast off for ever? Has he rejected us?

La 3:31 For the Lord will not cast off for ever:

32 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

33 For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

1. and will he be favourable no more?

Ps 30:5 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Isa 60:10 And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee.

Jer. 3:14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:

Hosea 14:4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.

1. 8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever?

La 3:22 It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

Eph2:4But God who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loved us

1. doth his promise fail for evermore?

1Ki 8:56 Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

Ro 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

1. 9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious?

Isa 49:14 But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.

Ac 4:33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

1. hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.

La 3:22 It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

24 The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

* Will there be no end to this captivity?

Ps 77:2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

* my soul refused to be comforted

**a good man under prevailing sorrowful spirit**

Ps 77:3 I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah

* Such sorrowful complaints

There was Javelin aimed at David;There is a firery dart aimed at you.

Jer 33:7 And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.

Pr 15:33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

22:4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

1John 5:16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

Mat. 12:31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

Mark 3:29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:

Hebrews 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

Hebrews 6:6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

**Ps 77:10** And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High.

1. This is my weakness
2. This is my affliction

Pr 25:20 As he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, and as vinegar upon nitre, so is he that singeth songs to an heavy heart.

1. This is my grief
2. This is my Prayer (travail)

Job 18:5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.

6 The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his candle shall be put out with him.

True Humility

Job 18:1-21 Lessons for true humility.

* Humility is longsuffering not long winded and tedious in remarks. V.2
* Humility not arrogance. V.2
* Humility not resentment. V.3
* We must be known for our humility not anger. V.4
* Humility not fear. V.5-11
* Humility not hungerbittern. V.12
* Humility with obedience even unto death. V13-21

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Php 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Re 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Mt 16:25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

Ga 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Joh 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

**True humility must always be with patience.**

Job 18:2 How long will it be ere ye make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak.

The mark of true humility is one that can show that he does understand.

* Humility’s steps are strong, sure and shortened. V.7-11
* Humility does not walk after his own counsel. V.7
* Humility shall not be vexed. V.7Power of God and not of us

II Cor.4:8-18 Troubled/not distressed, perplexed/ despaired, Persecuted/ forsaken-cast down/destroyed, 16 fainting, nor 18 looking at the seen.

**The humble shall know the Lord even through agony and torment. Heb.11:37**

Lu 22:44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Heb 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; “**feared**”-reverenced He took it well with humility it didn’t win.