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THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

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Introduction to the Text:

Isaiah 57:1-21

John 10

(selected verses)

4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. **5** Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers, **7** Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. **8** All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. **9** I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture, **11** “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep, **14** I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. **15** As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep, **27** My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. **28** And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. **30** I and My Father are one.”

The Lord Knows

1.) The Lord knows those who are His

vs. 1-2

1 The righteous perishes, and no man takes it to heart; merciful men are taken away, while no one considers that the righteous is taken away from evil.

2 He shall enter into peace; they shall rest in their beds,
each one walking in his uprightness.

The Lord Knows

2.) The Lord knows those who are not His

vs. 3-14

3 “But come here, you sons of the sorceress, you offspring of the adulterer and the harlot! 4 Whom do you ridicule? Against whom do you make a wide mouth and stick out the tongue? **Are you not children of transgression**, offspring of falsehood, 5 Inflaming yourselves (**sexual activity**) with gods under every green tree, slaying (**aborting**) the children in the valleys, under the clefts of the rocks? 6 Among the smooth stones of the stream is your portion; they, they, are your lot! Even to them you have poured a drink offering, you have offered a grain offering. Should I receive comfort in these?

Micah 6:7

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my **firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body** (womb) **for the sin of my soul?**

HERE’S WHERE WE LEFT OFF LAST TIME.
(IT WAS BOTH THE WORST PLACE TO END A MESSAGE - - YET THE MOST REALISTIC OF OUR DAYS)

7 “On a lofty and high mountain you have set your bed; even there you went up to offer sacrifice. *(to be out in the open, publically, an exhibitionist)*

In a blatantly-overt
“religiously sexual” culture, pleasure is god.

On a very serious note”
“consider how ‘faithful’ we can be to
our passions and desires”

8 Also behind the doors and their posts **you have set up your remembrance: for you have uncovered yourself** (become naked or exposed) **to those other than Me**, and have gone up to them; you have enlarged your bed and made a covenant with them; you have loved their bed, where you saw their nudity.

9 You went to the king (**Molech**) with ointment, and increased your perfumes; you sent your messengers far off, and even descended to Sheol (hell). 10 You are wearied in the length of your way; yet you did not say, “There is no hope.’ You have found the life of your hand; Therefore you were not grieved.

Images of Molech

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“The Sacrifice of Conception (the first born)”

would be dedicated to Molech who would in turn promise #1 financial gain and #2 to add future children. – Molech was (is) the habitation of a spirit-being, and is either that of Satan or a fallen angel or a rank of demon.

Molech is alive and well in America today.

It is the demon powers behind human sacrifice today.

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11 “And of whom have you been afraid, or feared, that you have lied and not remembered Me, Nor taken it to your heart? Is it not because I have held My peace from of old That you do not fear Me?”

12 I will declare your (false) righteousness and your (empty) works, For they will not profit you. **13** When you cry out, **let your collection of idols deliver you.** But the wind will carry them all away, a breath will take them. **But he who puts his trust in Me (the Lord) shall possess the land, And shall inherit My holy mountain.”** **14** And one shall say, “Heap it up! Heap it up! Prepare the way, take the stumbling block out of the way of My people.”

The Lord Knows

3.) The Lord knows those who love Him

vs. 15-19

15 For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a **contrite** and **humble** spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

This is having a **Proper Heart** for God.
This is the **Repentant Heart** toward God.

“But there’s a fine line we walk between brokenness and being broken.”

There is a world of hurt that is aligned against us.

If it is not the world around us, it can be those nearest us. If it’s the condemnation of self-sin and failure, it is the devil at every turn...

When Darkness Surrounds You:

There are some things that you must know in advance.

#1 That isolation, being alone could be fatal.

#2 That your understanding will not be correct / bad view from that point.

#3 That feelings will take control of your emotions.

#4 Desperation leads to depression which leads to despondency which leads to hopelessness which leads to death....

16 For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry; **for the spirit** (of man) **would fail before Me**, and the souls which I have made. **17** For the iniquity of his covetousness I was angry and struck him; I hid and was angry, and he went on **backsliding** in the way of his heart **18 I have seen** his ways, and **I will heal** him; I will also lead him, and restore comforts to him and to his mourners. **19** “I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near,” Says the Lord, “**And I will heal him.**”

Isaiah 1:18-20

“Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. **19** If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; **20** But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword”; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

So Jack, what are we to do?

Ephesians 6:11-14a

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **14a** Stand therefore!

So how do we “stand therefore”?

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of **our warfare** are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

#1 Believe this now – That God Knows Your composition. There is a reason(s) and it’s known but to God alone.
#2 Believe this now heartbreak, hardship and distress in any form and with whomever or whatever is God’s seminary for future ministers.

Spurgeon once said, “It would be a very sharp and trying experience for me to think that I have an affliction which God never sent me, that the bitter cup was never filled by his hand, that my trials were never measured out by him, nor sent to me by his arrangement of their weight and quantity”

But I need hope now!

Psalms 27:1-4

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell. 3 Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war may rise against me, in this I will be confident. 4 One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

Moses “Am I Alone in This?”

Numbers 11:13-15

“Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they weep all over me, saying, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ 14 I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy for me. 15 If You treat me like this, please kill me here and now

Job “Am I Alone in This?”

Job 3:1-6

After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. 2 And Job spoke, and said: 3 “May the day perish on which I was born, and the night in which it was said, ‘A male child is conceived.’ 4 May that day be darkness; may God above not seek it, nor the light shine upon it. 5 May darkness and the shadow of death claim it; may a cloud settle on it; may the blackness of the day terrify it. 6 As for that night, may darkness seize it; may it not rejoice among the days of the year, may it not come into the number of the months.

This is great grief, depression and deep sadness

Elijah “Am I Alone in This?”

1 Kings 19:4

But he (Elijah) himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness (not a good place to go when you’re depressed), and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, “It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, (here comes his self-diagnosis) for I am no better than my fathers!” (disappointment)

David “Am I Alone in This?”

Psalms 42:1-6

As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while they continually say to me, “Where is your God?” 4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast. 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance. 6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me;

Jeremiah “Am I Alone in This?”

Jeremiah 20:15-17

Let the man be cursed who brought news to my father, saying, “A male child has been born to you!” Making him very glad. 16 and let that man be like the cities which the Lord overthrew, and did not relent; let him hear the cry in the morning and the shouting at noon, 17 because he did not kill me from the womb, that my mother might have been my grave,

Paul “Am I Alone in This?”

2 Corinthians 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. 6 Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. 7 And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation. :8 For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. 9 Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,

Jesus “Am I Alone in This?”

Matthew 27:45-46

Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

The Lord Knows

4.) The Lord knows those who do not love Him

vs. 20-21

20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. **21** “There is no peace,” Says my God, “for the wicked.”

End of Study

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