The Blessedness of Answered Prayer

A Psalm. A Song at the dedication of the house of David.

- 1 I will extol You, O Yahweh (LORD), for You have lifted me up, And have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- ² O Yahweh Elohay (LORD my God), I cried out to You, And You healed me.
- ³ O Yahweh (LORD), You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.*
- ⁴ Sing praise to Yahweh (the LORD), you saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.* ⁵ For His anger *is but for* a moment, His favor *is for* life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy *comes* in the morning.
- ⁶ Now in my prosperity I said,
- "I shall never be moved."
- ⁷ YAHWEH (LORD), by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong; You hid Your face, *and* I was troubled.
- 8 I cried out to You, O Yahweh (LORD);
 And to Adonay (the LORD) I made supplication:
 9 "What profit is there in my blood,
 When I go down to the pit?
 Will the dust praise You?
 Will it declare Your truth?
 10 Hear, O Yahweh (LORD), and have mercy on me; Yahweh (LORD), be my helper!"
- 11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, 12 To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Yahweh Elohay (LORD my God), I will give thanks to You forever.

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Facts Revealed:

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You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit. [Psalm 30:1-3]

- → David acknowledged the goodness Yahweh has extended to him and the answered prayers for which he offered praise of gratitude.
- ♦ Yahweh has kept David alive though so many came against him.
- ☆ Sing praise to Yahweh (the LORD), you saints of His,

And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.*

For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life;

Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning. [Psalm 30:4-5]

- → David calls the Saints to sing praises with thanksgiving to Yahweh at the remembrance of His Holy Name.
- ❖ Remember that the anger of Yahweh is temporary, and His desire is for life.

Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?" says Adonay Yahweh (the Lord GOD), "and not that he should turn from his ways and live? [Ezekiel 18:23]

Say to them: 'As I live,' says Adonay Yahweh (the Lord GOD), 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?' [Ezekiel 33:11]

Kurios (The Lord) is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us,* <u>not willing that any should perish but that all</u> should come to repentance. [2 Peter 3:9]

- ❖ Weeping may endure for the night, but Joy comes in the morning, Praise God for this blessed hope.
- ☼ Now in my prosperity I said, "I shall never be moved."

YAHWEH (LORD), by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong; You hid Your face, and I was troubled. [Psalm 30:6-7]

- ♦ The difference in our feelings between sensing the approval of Yahweh or His disfavor.
- ➡ I cried out to You, O Yahweh (LORD); And to Adonay (the LORD) I made supplication:

"What profit is there in my blood, When I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth?

Hear, O Yahweh (LORD), and have mercy on me; Yahweh (LORD), be my helper!" [Psalm 30:8-10]

- ❖ Considering the prospect of death, David questions his ability to praise Yahweh From the grave.
- ♦ David pleads for mercy and help.
- ☆ You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent.

- O Yahweh Elohay (LORD my God), I will give thanks to You forever. [Psalm 30:11-12]
- ❖ David expressed his hope in God's blessings giving him ability to sing thankful praises to Yahweh forever even after death.