



*Leaving a Trail of Truth*  
**God's Righteousness**  
*in The Psalms*

*We March On*



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# God's Reconciling Words of Redemptive Righteousness Through Faith in Jesus Christ and Him Crucified Found in Psalms

## **Introduction**

The book of Psalms is filled with the language of Righteousness. Throughout its many chapters, we find repeated references to Righteousness, meaning God's Righteousness, the Righteousness of His people, the paths of Righteousness, and the judgments of Righteousness. Yet without the proper revelation, these words can be misunderstood, misapplied, and even turned into a pursuit of self-Righteousness. The Truth is that all of God's words are God's Reconciling Words of Redemptive Righteousness, and they must be seen through the One place where that Righteousness is revealed which is exclusively at the Cross of Jesus Christ. The Scriptures declare: "For therein is the Righteousness of God revealed from Faith to Faith: as it is written, The just shall live by Faith."

## **Romans 1:17**

For therein is the Righteousness of God revealed from Faith to Faith: as it is written, The just shall live by Faith.

This means that Righteousness is not revealed through human effort, law-keeping, or religious activity, but only through the Gospel which is the message of Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Throughout the Psalms, the Holy Spirit was pointing forward to a day when Righteousness would no longer be veiled in types and shadows but would be fully revealed in the sacrifice of Christ. Every mention of Righteousness in the Psalms finds its fulfillment in Him. When David speaks of: “my Righteousness”, “the God of my Righteousness”, “paths of Righteousness” and “sacrifices of Righteousness” he is not pointing to something man can produce, but to something God would provide through His Son. At the Cross, God did something that had never been done before in all of human history. He judged sin completely while at the same time justifying the sinner who believes. There, Righteousness and mercy met, Truth and grace were fulfilled, and peace was made through the blood of His Cross.

### **Psalm 85:10**

Mercy and Truth are met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

### **Colossians 1:20**

And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

We can read “To declare, I say, at this time his Righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus” in Romans 3:26. This is the great revelation, revealing the Righteousness spoken of throughout the Psalms which is not separate from the Cross. It flows from the Cross, is revealed by the Cross, and is experienced only through Faith in the Cross. If the Psalms are read apart from this revelation, they will become a call to self-effort, a misunderstanding of Righteousness and a mixture of law and grace will always take place. But when seen through the blood of Jesus, “And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things...” (Hebrews 12:24), then every verse becomes clear, every declaration becomes powerful, and every promise becomes anchored in Christ. This is why the Believer must learn to see all of God’s Word in this light. As it is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). Yet the life found in every word is only experienced through Faith in the blood. The Life is in the Blood. “For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul” (Leviticus 17:11).

## **John 6:53-56**

53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

The Holy Spirit works exclusively within the boundaries of Faith in the Cross, and it is there that Righteousness is revealed, understood, and lived. This booklet is written to help guide the reader into that revelation and to see that every mention of Righteousness in the Psalms is a testimony of Jesus Christ and His Redemptive work. As we read, may the Lord open our eyes to behold His Righteousness as it truly is not something required from us, but something freely given to us through Faith in His Son. And may this Truth lead us into a life that continually trusts in Him, walks in Him, and declares Him. Because in the end, every trail of Truth must lead to one place which is Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

# The Revelation of Righteousness Through the Cross in Psalms

## Psalm 4:1

Hear me when I call, O God of my Righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

David's cry reveals a Truth that can only be fully understood in the light of Christ and His Cross. He does not appeal to his own Righteousness, but unto God as "the God of my Righteousness." This is the revelation that Righteousness is not something man produces, but something God provides in His Son. The Scriptures declare, "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and Righteousness, and sanctification, and Redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30). Here we see that Jesus Christ Himself has been made our Righteousness. Therefore, David's cry reaches forward prophetically to the day when Righteousness would be revealed, not as a standard to achieve, but as a Person to receive through Faith in His sacrifice. When David says, "thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress," he speaks of deliverance that only God can bring. The distress of humanity is sin's bondage, condemnation, and separation from God. Yet it is in this very condition that God intervened through the Cross. "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly" (Romans 5:6).

The enlarging is the liberty that comes through justification. It is the transition from being bound under sin to being made free in Christ. This is why the apostle Paul would later write, “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1). Mercy is then requested as “have mercy upon me.” Mercy is not God overlooking sin, but God dealing with sin Righteously in the sacrifice of His Son. At Calvary, God remained just while extending mercy, “To declare, I say, at this time his Righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus” (Romans 3:26). To be heard by God is to approach Him through Righteousness, and there is only one way this is possible, “Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus” (Hebrews 10:19). Thus, this verse reveals that every answered prayer, every measure of mercy, and every enlargement of the soul comes through Faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. Outside of this, there is no access to God.

### **Psalm 4:5**

Offer the sacrifices of Righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

The phrase “sacrifices of Righteousness” finds its true meaning only in the Cross of Christ. Under the Old Covenant, sacrifices were continually offered, yet they could never remove sin, “For it is not

possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins” (Hebrews 10:4). These sacrifices pointed to the One who would come and fulfill them all, which is Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. His sacrifice was not repeated, but completed, “By one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified” (Hebrews 10:14). Therefore, the only sacrifice that God recognizes as Righteous is the sacrifice of His Son. This is why the verse immediately connects sacrifice with trust, “and put your trust in the Lord.” The Believer today does not bring a sacrifice to become Righteous; he places his trust in the Sacrifice who has already made him Righteous. Faith in the Cross is the only avenue through which anything we offer becomes acceptable to God. The New Covenant expression of this is seen here, “By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name” (Hebrews 13:15). Notice that it is “by him.” Everything acceptable to God must come through Christ and what He accomplished at Calvary. Thus, the sacrifices of Righteousness today are not works performed to earn favor, but the fruit of a life that is trusting wholly in Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Only then is God at work, and only then is He pleased.

### **Psalm 5:8**

Lead me, O Lord, in thy Righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

This verse reveals that Righteousness is not only something given, but something that God must continually lead us in. The Believer cannot walk in Righteousness apart from the leading of the Lord, and the Lord only leads within the boundaries of His Righteousness. The Scriptures declare, "For therein is the Righteousness of God revealed from Faith to Faith: as it is written, The just shall live by Faith" (Romans 1:17). God's Righteousness is revealed in the Gospel, which is the message of Christ and Him crucified. Therefore, to be led in Righteousness is to be led in the Truth of the Cross. Most do not know this, but it is vital and necessary, for without Faith in the Cross, we are not following the Jesus of the Bible.

### **Luke 9:23**

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

### **Luke 14:26-27**

26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

David mentions “mine enemies,” which points to the opposition faced by every Believer. These enemies include sin, the flesh, and the adversary. Victory over these enemies is not found in human effort, but in the finished work of Christ, “Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed” (Romans 6:6). The Cross is the place where every enemy has already been defeated. Therefore, the leading of the Lord will always direct the Believer back to Faith in that finished work. When David asks, “make thy way straight before my face,” he is asking for clarity and direction. God’s way is not complex, but it is singular, “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the Truth, and the life” (John 14:6). The straight way is Christ Himself, and specifically Christ in His Redemptive work at Calvary. Any departure from this leads to confusion and spiritual defeat. Thus, this verse teaches that the Believer must depend entirely upon the Lord to lead them continually in the Righteousness that is revealed only through the Cross, where all victory is found.

### **Psalm 7:8**

The Lord shall judge the people: judge me, O Lord, according to my Righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.

At first glance, this verse can appear as though David is appealing to his own Righteousness. However, when understood through the Cross, we see that no man possesses Righteousness of his own, “There is none Righteous, no, not one” (Romans 3:10). Therefore, this cry must be understood prophetically and positionally. David’s confidence before God can only rest in the Righteousness that God provides. This is fulfilled in Christ, “Even the Righteousness of God which is by Faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe” (Romans 3:22). The “integrity” spoken of here is not sinless perfection in the flesh, but a heart that is trusting in God. Under the New Covenant, this integrity is defined as Faith in the Cross. It is a singleness of heart that refuses to trust in self and rests entirely in Christ. Judgment, therefore, is no longer something the Believer fears, because Christ has already borne that judgment: “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree” (1 Peter 2:24). Thus, when we stand before God, we do so in the Righteousness of Christ, and in Him, we are accepted.

### **Psalm 7:17**

I will praise the Lord according to his Righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.

True praise is always rooted in the Righteousness of God, not in human achievement, but in divine accomplishment. The Righteousness of God was most clearly revealed and offered at the Cross of Christ, where God dealt with sin completely and justly. “To declare his Righteousness for the remission of sins that are past” (Romans 3:25). This means that our praise is not based on circumstances, but on what God has done in Christ. The Cross becomes the foundation of all true worship. When we understand that God has justified us through the blood of His Son, praise becomes the natural response of the heart, “Therefore being justified by Faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1). Thus, to praise God “according to His Righteousness” is to praise Him for the finished work of Christ, where His Righteousness was revealed and made available to us.

### **Psalm 9:8**

And he shall judge the world in Righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

God’s judgment is not arbitrary but is grounded in His Righteousness. The Cross is the ultimate demonstration of this Truth. At Calvary, sin was judged fully and completely in the Person of Jesus Christ. For those who believe, judgment has already been satisfied, “He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me... shall not come

into condemnation” (John 5:24). However, for those who reject Christ, the same Righteousness that provided salvation will stand as the basis of judgment. God’s uprightness ensures that He is both just and fair in all His dealings. The Cross proves that God does not overlook sin, but He judges it Righteously. Thus, this verse points us to the Cross as the place where judgment and Righteousness meet, and to the coming day when Christ will judge the world in that same Righteousness.

### **Psalm 11:7**

For the Righteous Lord loveth Righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

God loves Righteousness because He Himself is Righteous. However, fallen man cannot produce Righteousness that God will accept. The upright are those who have been made upright in Christ, “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 Corinthians 5:21). God’s countenance and His favor and presence is toward those who are in Christ. This is not because of anything they have done, but because they are clothed in His Righteousness. Thus, this verse reveals that God’s love for Righteousness is fulfilled in His Son and extended to all who believe in Him.

## **Psalm 15:2**

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh  
Righteousness, and speaketh the Truth in his heart.

This verse describes the character of the one who dwells with God. Yet, no man can fulfill this in himself. Only Jesus Christ has perfectly walked uprightly, worked Righteousness, and spoken Truth from the heart. Therefore, this verse ultimately describes Christ. For the Believer, this becomes a reality only through union with Him through Faith in His death. As our Faith remains in the Cross, the Holy Spirit works within us, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13). The Truth in the heart is the Gospel believed, "For with the heart man believeth unto Righteousness" (Romans 10:10). Thus, this verse is not a demand placed upon man, but a description of what God produces in those who trust in Christ.

## **Psalm 17:15**

As for me, I will behold thy face in Righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

To behold the face of God is only possible in Righteousness. This Righteousness is found in Christ alone. Through the Cross, the veil has been removed, "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

## **2 Corinthians 4:6**

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Satisfaction is not found in the world, but in being conformed to the image of Christ. This transformation takes place as we continue to look to Him in Faith. Ultimately, this verse points to the resurrection, when we will fully bear His likeness, “We shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2).

## **Psalms 18:20**

The Lord rewarded me according to my Righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

This verse finds its fullest fulfillment in Christ, who alone possessed perfect Righteousness. Jesus lived a sinless life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice, “Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth” (1 Peter 2:22). Because of His obedience unto death, He was rewarded with resurrection and exaltation, “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him” (Philippians 2:9). Through Faith in Him, His Righteousness is credited to us. Thus, the reward that belongs to Christ is shared with those who are in Him.

### **Psalm 18:24**

Therefore hath the Lord recompensed me according to my Righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

Again, this speaks perfectly of Christ, whose hands were truly clean, yet were pierced for our transgressions. “But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities” (Isaiah 53:5). Through His sacrifice, we are made clean, “The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). Thus, what was true of Christ becomes true of us through Faith in Him.

### **Psalm 22:31**

They shall come, and shall declare his Righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

This is one of the clearest declarations of the Cross in all the Psalms. “That he hath done this” points directly to the finished work of Christ, “It is finished” (John 19:30). The Righteousness of God is not something we achieve but rather something that has been accomplished. This message is to be declared to every generation, to those who will be born again through Faith in Christ.

### **Psalm 23:3**

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of Righteousness for his name's sake.

The restoration of the soul comes through the Cross, where sin was dealt with and life was given. The “paths of Righteousness” are not self-made paths, but the way of the Cross where the Believer lives by Faith in what Christ has done. “For we walk by Faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). It is for His name’s sake because all Righteousness belongs to Him.

### **Psalm 24:5**

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and Righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Righteousness is only received and cannot be earned. “For if by one man’s offence death reigned... much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of Righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:17). Salvation and Righteousness are inseparable, both flowing from the Cross.

### **Psalm 31:1**

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy Righteousness.

Deliverance is not requested on the basis of human merit, but entirely upon the Righteousness of God. David places his trust in the Lord, revealing that trust and Faith is the only avenue through which Righteousness operates. The plea, “deliver

me in thy Righteousness,” points directly to the Cross, where God’s Righteousness was revealed as both just and saving, “To declare his Righteousness... that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus” (Romans 3:26).

***God does not deliver outside of His Righteousness. He delivers through it.***

This means that deliverance comes only through what Christ accomplished at Calvary, where sin was judged and the sinner justified. To never be ashamed is to stand in Christ, where there is no condemnation, “Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed” (Romans 10:11). Thus, this verse reveals that all true deliverance is rooted in Faith in the Righteousness of God revealed in the Cross.

**Psalm 33:5**

He loveth Righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

God’s love for Righteousness and judgment is perfectly revealed at the Cross. There, judgment was executed against sin, and Righteousness was upheld fully. This is why the Cross is the ultimate demonstration of God’s goodness, “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). Many view goodness as God overlooking sin, but

true goodness is God dealing with sin Righteously while extending mercy through His Son. The earth is full of His goodness because the message of the Cross, that is the Gospel, has gone forth into all the world, declaring His Righteousness and His love.

### **Psalm 35:24**

Judge me, O Lord my God, according to thy Righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.

To ask God to judge according to His Righteousness is to appeal to the work of Christ. Apart from the Cross, such a request would bring condemnation, not deliverance. But in Christ, judgment has already been satisfied, “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1). Thus, the Believer can stand confidently, knowing that God’s Righteous judgment has been fulfilled in Jesus. The enemies, whether spiritual or natural, cannot triumph over those who are in Christ, because victory has already been secured, “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us” (Romans 8:37).

### **Psalm 35:28**

And my tongue shall speak of thy Righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.

What fills the heart will flow from the mouth. When the Righteousness of God is understood through

the Cross, it becomes the continual testimony of the Believer. “For with the heart man believeth unto Righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:10).

**Matthew 12:34**

O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

**Proverbs 23:7**

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

So, we see that man speaks out of his heart who he is. The message of God’s Righteousness is the Gospel itself. Therefore, to speak of His Righteousness is to declare Christ and Him crucified. This is the daily occupation of the Believer, speaking, rejoicing, and testifying of what God has done in His Son.

**Psalms 36:6**

Thy Righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.

God’s Righteousness is described as vast, immovable, and unshakable, like great mountains. His judgments are deep, beyond human comprehension. Yet both Righteousness

and judgment meet perfectly at the Cross. There, the depth of God's judgment against sin and the height of His Righteousness were revealed together, "For the preaching of the cross is... unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18). Preservation comes through this same Righteousness as God preserves those who are in Christ, because they stand in His Righteousness, not their own.

### **Psalm 36:10**

O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy Righteousness to the upright in heart.

To "know" God is to know Him through His Son and His sacrifice, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3). The upright in heart are those whose hearts are fixed in Faith toward the Cross (Psalm 94:15). Their uprightness is not self-produced but given through Christ. God's Righteousness continues to flow toward such individuals, not intermittently, but continually, moment by moment as their Faith remains in Christ.

### **Psalm 37:6**

And he shall bring forth thy Righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

Righteousness is brought forth as light. This points directly to the revelation of the Gospel, "For God,

who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts” (2 Corinthians 4:6). The Cross of Christ is the light of Christ that reveals the Righteousness of God. What was once hidden is now made manifest. Judgment as the noonday means clarity with no shadows and no confusion. At Calvary, God’s judgment against sin was made fully known. Thus, Righteousness is not hidden but is revealed openly through the message of Christ crucified.

### **Psalm 40:9**

I have preached Righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest.

To preach Righteousness is to preach the Gospel. There is no Righteousness apart from what God has revealed in Christ. This is the message that must not be withheld, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation” (Romans 1:16). The great congregation represents all who will hear. The preacher’s responsibility is not to entertain or impress, but to declare the Righteousness of God found only in the Cross.

### **Psalm 40:10**

I have not hid thy Righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy Faithfulness and thy salvation: I

have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy Truth from the great congregation. Righteousness must not be hidden but declared. The Righteousness of God is inseparable from His salvation, His Faithfulness, His love, and His Truth which is all revealed in Christ. “For therein is the Righteousness of God revealed... The just shall live by Faith” (Romans 1:17). To conceal this message is to withhold life. To declare it is to participate in God’s great work of reconciliation, “God... hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation” (2 Corinthians 5:19). Thus, the Believer becomes one who leaves a trail of Truth declaring everywhere that Righteousness is found only in Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

### **Psalm 45:4**

And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of Truth and meekness and Righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

This verse speaks prophetically of Christ, the King, who rides forth in majesty, not through earthly power, but through Truth, meekness, and Righteousness. These three are perfectly united and fulfilled in the Cross. Truth is revealed in Christ, “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the Truth, and the life” (John 14:6). Meekness is seen in His submission unto death as, “He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the

death of the cross” (Philippians 2:8). Righteousness is established through that very death, where sin was judged and Redemption secured. The “right hand” of God represents His power, and the greatest display of that power is the Cross, “Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God” (1 Corinthians 1:24). The “terrible things” are not fearful for the Believer, but awe-inspiring because of the judgment of sin, the defeat of Satan, and the triumph of Righteousness, all accomplished at Calvary by Christ.

### **Psalm 45:7**

Thou lovest Righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

This verse is directly applied to Christ in the New Testament, “Thou hast loved Righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee...” (Hebrews 1:9). Jesus loved Righteousness perfectly, which is why He went to the Cross to fulfill it. He hated wickedness, not merely in word, but by taking its penalty upon Himself. His anointing with gladness came after His obedience unto death, “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him” (Philippians 2:9). Thus, Righteousness is not merely something Christ loved but what He established through His sacrifice, and what He now shares with all who believe.

## **Psalm 48:10**

According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of Righteousness.

God's name represents who He is, and His praise extends to the ends of the earth because of what He has done in Christ. The "right hand" being full of Righteousness again points to Christ, seated at the right hand of God, "Who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us" (Romans 8:34). Righteousness is not found in human effort, but in the exalted Christ, whose finished work continues to avail for us. Thus, the praise of God spreads as the message of His Righteousness, revealed in the Cross, is proclaimed throughout the world.

## **Psalm 50:6**

And the heavens shall declare his Righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.

The heavens declare God's Righteousness most clearly in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When Christ was raised from the dead, it was the Father's declaration that the sacrifice had been accepted, "Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification" (Romans 4:25). God, as Judge, judged sin at the Cross. Therefore, He can now justify those who believe. The declaration of Righteousness is not

silent but is proclaimed through the Gospel, confirmed by the resurrection, and witnessed by heaven itself.

### **Psalm 51:14**

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy Righteousness.

Bloodguiltiness points directly to sin that demands judgment. Under the Old Covenant, there was no full removal of guilt, but under the New Covenant, there is complete cleansing through the blood of Christ, “In whom we have Redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins” (Ephesians 1:7). Once delivered, the response is praise, specifically of God’s Righteousness. This is because forgiveness is not based on God overlooking sin, but on His Righteous judgment of sin in Christ. Thus, the redeemed soul sings not of its own goodness, but of God’s Righteousness revealed in the Cross.

### **Psalm 51:19**

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of Righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

God is only pleased with sacrifices that are connected to Righteousness, and Righteousness is

only found in Christ. All Old Covenant sacrifices pointed to Him. “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). Now that Christ has fulfilled all sacrifice, God is pleased only with what comes through Him. The altar represents the Cross, and everything acceptable to God must pass through that altar. Outside of Christ’s sacrifice, nothing is pleasing to God.

### **Psalm 52:3**

Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak Righteousness. Selah.

This verse exposes the condition of fallen man. Apart from the Cross, man does not naturally love Righteousness, he resists it. “And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light” (John 3:19).

**To reject the Righteousness of God revealed in Christ and His Cross is to embrace deception.**

True Righteousness can only be spoken by those who have believed and are believing the Truth of the Gospel. Thus, this verse highlights the necessity of the Cross, not only to forgive sin, but to transform the heart so that it loves Righteousness.

## **Psalm 58:1**

Do ye indeed speak Righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

This question confronts humanity with a sobering reality which is that man, in himself, does not speak or judge Righteously. Only God is truly Righteous, and His Righteousness has been revealed in Christ, “But now the Righteousness of God without the law is manifested” (Romans 3:21). The congregation can only speak Righteousness if it is speaking the Gospel. Any message that does not center on Christ and His Cross is not the Righteousness of God. Thus, this verse calls for discernment where we are found either speaking God’s Righteousness, or our own ideas?

## **Romans 1:16-17**

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from Faith to Faith: as it is written, The just shall live by Faith.

***The Righteousness of God is only revealed in the Gospel***

## **Psalm 65:5**

By terrible things in Righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:

The “terrible things in Righteousness” point to the Cross, where judgment fell upon Christ in a way that was both fearful and glorious. There, God answered humanity’s greatest need which is salvation. “Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3). This act becomes the confidence of all the earth. No matter how far away one is, spiritually or geographically, the Cross stands as the only hope. Thus, what appears terrible is actually the greatest expression of God’s love and Righteousness.

## **Psalm 69:27**

Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy Righteousness.

This verse reveals a sobering Truth, for those who reject God’s Righteousness, remain outside of it. Righteousness is not automatic; it must be received through Faith in Christ. “For they being ignorant of God’s Righteousness... have not submitted themselves unto the Righteousness of God” (Romans 10:3). To reject the Cross is to remain in sin. There is no other entrance into Righteousness. Thus, this verse emphasizes the urgency of the

Gospel as it reveals only through Christ can one enter into God's Righteousness.

### **Psalm 71:2**

Deliver me in thy Righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

Once again, deliverance is tied directly to God's Righteousness. Salvation is not separate from Righteousness but flows from it. "For the Righteousness of God... is unto all and upon all them that believe" (Romans 3:22). To escape is to be rescued from sin, judgment, and death, and this is accomplished through Faith in the Cross. God hears and saves on the basis of what Christ has done, not on the basis of human effort.

### **Psalm 71:15**

My mouth shall shew forth thy Righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers thereof.

The Righteousness of God and the salvation of God are inseparable, because both are revealed in the same place, that place being the Cross of Jesus Christ. "For therein is the Righteousness of God revealed... The just shall live by Faith" (Romans 1:17). To speak of God's Righteousness is to declare His salvation, because salvation comes through the Righteousness He has provided in His Son. David says he will do this "all the day,"

showing that this is not a one-time declaration, but a continual testimony. The Believer who understands the Cross cannot exhaust its riches, “for I know not the numbers thereof.” The work of Christ is immeasurable. Its benefits, its depth, and its ongoing power in the life of the Believer cannot be fully counted. Thus, the life of the Believer becomes one of continual proclamation and declaring the Righteousness of God revealed through the sacrifice of Christ.

### **Psalm 71:16**

I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy Righteousness, even of thine only.

True strength is not found in human ability, but in the Lord. This strength flows only through Faith in the Cross. “My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9). David declares that he will make mention of “thy Righteousness, even of thine only.” This is a powerful statement that excludes all human Righteousness. “Not having mine own Righteousness... but that which is through the Faith of Christ” (Philippians 3:9). There is only one Righteousness that God recognizes, which is His own, revealed in Christ. Any mixture of self-Righteousness corrupts the message. Thus, the Believer walks in God’s strength by continually placing Faith in Christ and His Sacrifice and proclaiming His Righteousness alone.

## **Psalm 71:19**

Thy Righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!

God's Righteousness is described as "very high," far above human understanding or attainment. This Righteousness was displayed in the greatest act ever performed by the giving of His Son, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). The "great things" God has done, all center in the Cross. There is no greater work than Redemption. The question, "who is like unto thee?" reminds us that no one else can provide Righteousness. Only God, through Christ, has accomplished this.

## **Psalm 71:24**

My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

The continual testimony of the Believer is the Righteousness of God. This is not merely doctrine, but it is the only message that brings victory. Those who oppose the Believer are ultimately confounded, because they cannot stand against what God has accomplished in Christ, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31). The Cross has already secured the victory. Therefore, the

Believer's response is not fear, but the continual declaration of God's Righteousness.

### **Psalm 72:1**

Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy Righteousness unto the king's son.

This verse points prophetically to Christ, the King's Son, who would receive God's Righteousness and execute His judgments perfectly. Jesus did not act independently, but in perfect union with the Father, "The Father... hath committed all judgment unto the Son" (John 5:22). Through the Cross, Christ established Righteousness and secured the authority to rule in it.

### **Psalm 72:2**

He shall judge thy people with Righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.

Christ judges in Righteousness because He fulfilled Righteousness at the Cross. For the Believer, judgment has already been borne in Christ, "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth" (Romans 8:33). The "poor" represent those who recognize their need and those who come to God empty, trusting only in Christ. These are the ones who experience His Righteous rule as salvation, not condemnation.

### **Psalm 72:3**

The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by Righteousness.

Peace is the result of Righteousness. There can be no true peace apart from it. “Therefore being justified by Faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1). The imagery of mountains and hills speaks of stability and permanence. The peace that comes through the Cross is not temporary but is established forever. Thus, Righteousness revealed in Christ brings lasting peace to all who believe.

### **Psalm 85:10**

Mercy and Truth are met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

This verse is one of the clearest revelations of the Cross in all Scripture because at Calvary in Christ, mercy was extended, Truth was upheld, Righteousness was satisfied and Peace was established. God did not compromise Truth to show mercy. Instead, He fulfilled Truth through judgment, allowing mercy to flow Righteously. “Having made peace through the blood of his cross” (Colossians 1:20). Here, Righteousness and peace truly “kissed” as they were brought together in perfect harmony through the sacrifice of Christ.

### **Psalm 85:11**

Truth shall spring out of the earth; and  
Righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Truth sprang from the earth in the Person of Jesus Christ, who came in the flesh, “The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). Righteousness looked down from heaven as God revealed His plan of Redemption and at the Cross, heaven and earth met as Truth and Righteousness were fully revealed and united together.

### **Psalm 85:13**

Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us  
in the way of his steps.

Righteousness goes before Christ because His entire mission was to fulfill it. Through the Cross, He opened the way for us to follow, “Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps” (1 Peter 2:21). We are set in His way, the Way of His steps, not by our effort, but by Faith in what He has done.

### **Psalm 88:12**

Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy  
Righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

Righteousness is not known in darkness. It is revealed in the light of the Gospel, “Who hath called

you out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). The “land of forgetfulness” represents spiritual death. Without the Cross, Righteousness remains unknown, but through Christ, light has come, and Righteousness has been revealed.

### **Psalm 89:16**

In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy Righteousness shall they be exalted.

Rejoicing flows from understanding God’s Righteousness. Exaltation does not come from self, but from being lifted up in Christ. “Humble yourselves... that he may exalt you” (1 Peter 5:6). We are exalted because we are in Him who has been exalted. Thus, Righteousness becomes the foundation of joy and the source of our lifting up.

### **Psalm 94:15**

But judgment shall return unto Righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

This verse reveals that all true judgment ultimately returns to Righteousness. At the Cross, judgment was not discarded but was fulfilled. God did not ignore sin; He judged it fully in His Son, “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 Corinthians 5:21). Thus, judgment returns to Righteousness because Righteousness was satisfied at Calvary. The “upright in heart” are those

whose hearts are fixed in Faith toward this Truth. Uprightness is not self-attained, but the result of believing the Gospel which is Jesus Christ and Him crucified. “For with the heart man believeth unto Righteousness” (Romans 10:10). Those who believe follow this path, not by human strength, but by the leading of the Holy Spirit, who always works within the boundaries of Faith in the Cross.

### **Psalm 96:13**

Before the Lord: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with Righteousness, and the people with his Truth.

The coming judgment of the Lord will be according to Righteousness, and that Righteousness has already been revealed at the Cross. For the Believer, judgment has already been satisfied, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth... shall not come into condemnation” (John 5:24). For the world, judgment will be according to the Truth of the Gospel and whether Christ was received or rejected. Those who received Christ, followed Christ. To not follow Christ is not to truly Believe in Christ. Thus, the Cross stands as both the place of salvation and the standard of judgment.

## **Psalm 97:2**

Clouds and darkness are round about him:  
Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of  
his throne.

God's throne is established upon Righteousness and judgment. These are not separate, but they are joined together perfectly in Christ. At the Cross, Righteousness and judgment became the very foundation upon which God now deals with humanity. "Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne" (Psalm 89:14). Because of the Cross, God can now reign in Righteousness while extending grace. The "clouds and darkness" speak of the mystery of God's dealings, which are fully revealed in the Gospel. What was once hidden is now made known through Christ crucified.

## **Psalm 97:6**

The heavens declare his Righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

The heavens declare God's Righteousness most clearly in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. "Declared to be the Son of God with power... by the resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4). The resurrection is Heaven's testimony that the Cross was sufficient and that Righteousness has been fulfilled. God's glory is seen in this work, not in human achievement, but in Redemption accomplished through His Son.

## **Psalm 98:2**

The Lord hath made known his salvation: his Righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

God has not hidden His Righteousness, for He has openly revealed it through the Gospel. “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ... For therein is the Righteousness of God revealed” (Romans 1:16–17). This Righteousness is not for one group only, but for all, Jew and Gentile alike. The Cross is a public declaration of God’s Righteousness, displayed before the whole world. “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men” (Titus 2:11).

## **Psalm 98:9**

Before the Lord; for he cometh to judge the earth: with Righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

God’s judgment is perfectly fair because it is grounded in Righteousness. The Cross of Christ ensures that God’s judgment is just and that sin has been judged, and salvation has been offered. “Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in Righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained” (Acts 17:31). That Man is Jesus Christ, for He is the One who bore judgment and will also execute it.

### **Psalm 99:4**

The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and Righteousness in Jacob.

The King, The Lord Jesus Christ, loves judgment because He fulfilled it. His strength was demonstrated at the Cross, where He bore the judgment of sin. "And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it" (Colossians 2:15). Through this, equity is established as God dealt Righteously with all because of what Christ has done. Judgment and Righteousness now flow exclusively through the finished work of the Cross.

### **Psalm 103:6**

The Lord executeth Righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

The oppressed are those bound by sin, condemnation, and the weight of the fall into sin. God executes Righteousness on their behalf through the Cross, where Christ bore their oppression, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to preach deliverance to the captives" (Luke 4:18). At Calvary, the oppressed are set free, but not by human effort, only by the Righteousness of God revealed in Christ.

### **Psalm 103:17**

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his Righteousness unto children's children;

God's mercy flows eternally, but it is always connected to His Righteousness. The fear of the Lord is rooted in the Cross, where we see both the seriousness of sin and the greatness of God's love. "There is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared" (Psalm 130:4). His Righteousness extends to future generations, but not through lineage, only through Faith in Christ. Thus, the Cross becomes the continual source of mercy and Righteousness for all who believe.

### **Psalm 106:3**

Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth Righteousness at all times.

No man can do Righteousness at all times in himself. This verse finds its fulfillment only in Christ. For the Believer, Righteousness is lived out as Faith remains in the Cross, "The just shall live by Faith" (Romans 1:17). To "do Righteousness" is not to perform perfectly, but to walk in continual dependence upon Christ, allowing God to work through us.

### **Psalm 106:31**

And that was counted unto him for Righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

This points to the principle of imputed Righteousness which is that which is credited, not earned. “Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for Righteousness” (Romans 4:3). Righteousness is counted to those who believe. This has always been God’s way, fulfilled completely in Christ.

### **Psalm 111:3**

His work is honourable and glorious: and his Righteousness endureth for ever.

The work of God that is honorable and glorious is the work of Redemption through His Son. “It is finished” (John 19:30). Because the work is finished, His Righteousness endures forever. It does not change, diminish, or fade, and the Believer stands eternally in this Righteousness.

### **Psalm 112:3**

Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his Righteousness endureth for ever.

The true wealth of the Believer is not earthly, but spiritual, found only in Christ. “Blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3). These riches are tied directly to

the Righteousness that endures forever which is the Righteousness given by God through the Cross of Christ. “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 Corinthians 5:21).

### **Psalm 112:9**

He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his Righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

This verse reflects the character of one who has received God’s Righteousness. Because he has been given freely, he gives freely. “Freely ye have received, freely give” (Matthew 10:8). The enduring Righteousness is still the foundation as everything flows only from what Christ has done.

### **Psalm 118:19**

Open to me the gates of Righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord:

The “gates of Righteousness” are not accessed through human effort, religious works, or personal merit. There is only one entrance, “I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture” (John 10:9). Jesus Christ Himself is the gate. Through His sacrifice at the Cross, He opened the way into Righteousness.

Before the Cross, access was limited, veiled, and symbolic. But when Christ died, “The veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom” (Matthew 27:51). The gates were opened. To “go into them” is to enter by Faith into what Christ has accomplished. It is not a physical movement, but a spiritual reality, the very entering into justification, peace, and communion with God. The result is praise. True praise flows from those who have entered into God’s Righteousness through Faith in the Cross. Outside of this, praise becomes empty form, but within it, praise is the response of a Redeemed heart.

### **Psalm 119:40**

Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy Righteousness.

To be “quicken” is to be made alive. Spiritual life comes only through Righteousness, and Righteousness is revealed only in the Gospel: “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins” (Ephesians 2:1). The longing for God’s precepts is fulfilled when those precepts are understood in the light of Christ and His Cross. Without the Cross, the Word remains law and unable to give life. But through the Cross, the Word becomes life-giving, “The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:63). Thus, this verse is a cry for life through the Righteousness of God revealed in Christ.

### **Psalm 119:123**

Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy Righteousness.

Salvation and the “word of thy Righteousness” are inseparable. The Word of God must be seen in its Righteous context, which is the Cross. The eyes “failing” speaks of longing or of looking and waiting for the revelation of God’s salvation. That salvation has now been revealed, “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men” (Titus 2:11). To see the Word rightly is to see it through the lens of Christ’s Redemptive work. Outside of this, the Word is misunderstood. Thus, the Believer’s desire is to continually behold God’s Word as the revelation of His Righteousness in Christ.

### **Psalm 119:142**

Thy Righteousness is an everlasting Righteousness, and thy law is the Truth.

God’s Righteousness is everlasting because it is grounded in an eternal work which is the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. “Who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God” (Hebrews 9:14). The law is Truth, but its Truth is only fully understood in Christ, “Christ is the end of the law for Righteousness to everyone that believeth” (Romans 10:4). The law points to Righteousness, but it cannot produce it. Only Christ has fulfilled it and

can now fulfill it in our hearts, “That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” (Romans 8:4). Thus, the everlasting Righteousness of God is not found nor provided in the law, but in the One to whom the law points to, who is Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

### **Psalm 119:144**

The Righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

God’s testimonies are Righteous because they all point to Christ and His work on the Cross. Understanding is required, but not intellectual alone, but rather spiritual understanding that comes through the Spirit of God, “That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ... may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him” (Ephesians 1:17). Life comes through this understanding. When the Word is seen in its Righteous context, only through Faith in the Cross, it brings life. Without this understanding, the Word remains letters. With it, the Word becomes life.

### **Psalm 119:172**

My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are Righteousness.

All of God’s commandments are Righteousness because they flow from His nature. Yet they are

only fulfilled in Christ, “For what the law could not do... God sending his own Son... condemned sin in the flesh” (Romans 8:3). Thus, to speak of God’s Word rightly is to speak of His Righteousness as revealed in Christ. The Believer’s tongue becomes an instrument of Truth, declaring the Gospel as the only message that truly reflects God’s Righteousness.

### **Psalm 132:9**

Let thy priests be clothed with Righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.

Priests must be clothed with Righteousness, because no one can stand before God without it. Under the New Covenant, all Believers are priests, “And hath made us kings and priests unto God” (Revelation 1:6). This clothing is not self-made, “He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of Righteousness” (Isaiah 61:10). This Righteousness is Christ Himself, and joy follows because Righteousness has been given freely. The shout of joy is the response of those who know they stand accepted before God through the Cross.

### **Psalm 143:1**

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy Faithfulness answer me, and in thy Righteousness.

God answers prayer according to His Righteousness, not according to human worthiness. This means every answered prayer is rooted in the Cross, where God's Righteousness was revealed and His Faithfulness confirmed, "All the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen" (2 Corinthians 1:20). Faith does not appeal to self, but to what Christ has done. Thus, prayer becomes effective when it is grounded in Faith in the Righteousness of God revealed in the Gospel.

### **Psalm 143:11**

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake: for thy Righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

Once again, life and deliverance are tied directly to God's Righteousness. God acts "for thy name's sake," meaning for the sake of who He is and that which He has revealed of Himself fully in Christ. The soul is brought out of trouble not by human effort, but by the Righteousness of God revealed at the Cross. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2). Thus, every victory, every deliverance, and every quickening of the soul flows from Faith in Christ and Him crucified.

### **Psalm 145:7**

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy Righteousness.

God's goodness and His Righteousness are inseparable, and both are revealed most clearly at the Cross. The "memory" of His goodness is not merely recalling past events but continually proclaiming what He has done in Christ. "This do in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). To sing of His Righteousness is to rejoice in the finished work of Jesus as the work that secured salvation, justified the sinner, and revealed the nature of God. This becomes the continual expression of the Believer's life: remembering, declaring, and rejoicing in the Righteousness of God revealed through the Cross.

What we have just gone through is a unified testimony throughout the Psalms of God's Righteousness which is not man's attainment, but rather God's revelation of His Righteousness which is found only in Christ Himself. God's Righteousness is only known and experienced through the Cross and our Faith therein. As the Scriptures declare, "For therein is the Righteousness of God revealed from Faith to Faith" (Romans 1:17). This is truly a trail that leads every reader to Jesus Christ and Him crucified, where alone God's Reconciling Words of Redemptive Righteousness are found.







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