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The Pen of a Ready Writer

...I speak of the things which I have made touching the king:

My tongue is the Pen of a Ready Writer (Psalm 45:1).

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The Lord Will Shew to Him The Salvation of God

Psalm 50 is attributed to Asaph, the son of Berechiah. He was appointed by King David to preside over the service of song in the Tabernacle. Called the Tabernacle of David, the ark of God still dwelled “in curtains” in David’s day (2 Samuel 7:2) until Solomon was allowed to complete the Temple (1 Kings 7:51).

Asaph declares: *Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver. Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God (Psalm 50:22-23).*

Who, then, ordereth his conversation aright? Not the Fool. The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God (Psalm 53:1)*. As the Lord explains: *Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good (Psalm 53:1b)*.

The Wicked have not ordered their conversation aright. Of the Wicked, though he be a mighty man, the righteous will exclaim, *This is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness (Psalm 52:7)*. The Wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all the nations that forget God (Psalm 9:17).

Pride is the problem. The Wicked, in his pride, persecute the poor (Psalm 10:2). They boast of their heart’s desires and bless those who are covetous. Through the pride of their countenance, the Wicked will not seek after God: God is not in their thoughts (Psalm 10:4). They crouch and humble themselves, yes; but they do so that they might catch the poor and draw them into their nets (Psalm 10:9-10).

The Wicked believe God has forgotten judgment. They think he hides his face from their sins; and, they say, *He will never see it (Psalm 10:11)*. They condemn God. They say in their hearts, *Thou wilt not require it (Psalm 10:13)*. No, the Proud Man, who thinks himself to be better than others, he has not ordered his conversation aright.

Who is this man to whom God will show his salvation? He is the Repentant Man. Like the Publican who would not lift his eyes, but smote his breast, saying, *God be merciful to me, a sinner (Matthew 18:13)*. The Lord Jesus said, *This man went down to his house justified (Matthews 18:14)*. Which Man are you?

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Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus...

Helen Howarth Lemmel wrote the song *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*. Published as a pamphlet in 1916, Lemmel included it in a 1922 collection called *Glad Songs*. These words hold a special memory: *Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace.*

My oldest son David, at 19, developed a life-threatening tumor on the brain. There were no surgeons in Greenville that did the surgery required. For that reason, we were sent to a specialist at MUSC, the Medical University of South Carolina at Charleston.

While we were in Charleston, talking to the doctor about our options, my son asked: *What happens if I don't have the surgery you're recommending?* The doctor just simply stated: *You will die.*

When David was faced with death, he was at peace. I marveled and rejoiced. Three years earlier, at 16, David had asked the Lord to save him. The peace of God showed in his countenance.

That peace kept him during the two weeks the doctor needed to put his surgical team together. He had warned us that the cauterization might not hold. Sure enough, at Christmas, David's nose bleeds returned.

Our trip back to Charleston was from emergency room to emergency room, trying to stay or slow his loss of blood. God's peace kept David calm; and, by God's grace, the surgery was successful!

As David heard that this tumor would take his life, the song *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* came to my heart. In every situation, whether in life or in death, in sickness or in the struggles of life, I have a wonderful Savior I can turn to. Is Jesus your Savior?

In What Do You Rejoice?

Do you rejoice in power? The Lord gave his disciples power to tread on serpents and scorpions. He gave them authority over all the power of the enemy. Protection from anything that in anyway could hurt them (Luke 10:19).

When they returned to him, rejoicing that even the devils were subject unto them through his name, the Lord said: *Notwithstanding, in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you* (Luke 10:20).

In what, then, are we to rejoice? The Lord said, *Rejoice, rather, because your names are written in heaven* (Luke 10:20b).

We can know that our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Paul knew others who had their names written in the Book of Life and names names (Philippians 4:3).

The men and women mentioned by Paul labored with him in the gospel of Jesus Christ. The disciples of our Lord shared Peter's declaration: *Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God* (Matthew 16:16). Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ in born of God (1 John 5:1) and shall never perish (John 3:16).

Woe unto you who shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in (Matthew 23:13)

APRIL'S OPEN DOORS

April 3rd – An Old Fashion Sunday, Wayside Baptist Tabernacle, Pelion, SC

April 4th – South Carolina Baptist Fellowship, hosted by Choice Hills Baptist Church, Greenville, SC

April 17th – An Easter meeting at Harmony Baptist Church, Blakely, GA, beginning Easter Sunday morning. Nightly services through Friday

April 24th – Sunday services at Redemption Baptist Church, Enoree, SC

***Stand fast therefore
In the Liberty wherewith
Christ hath made us Free***
(Galatians 5:1)