

The following are excerpts from “**Faith & Trust**”...

## **Wells of Salvation—**

Take a look at this nugget: “Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation” (Isaiah 12:3). That doesn’t sound like just a one item thing. Once receiving salvation (which begins with forgiveness of our sins for eternal life in Heaven) through faith in Christ, there are many *benefits* of our salvation that we can draw from. *There are wells of salvation we can draw from!* The word “salvation” there was the Hebrew word *yashuw`ah* (*Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* #3444) meaning *something saved, (abstractly) deliverance; hence, aid, victory, prosperity*. This same Hebrew word was translated in other places as: *deliverance, health, help, saving (health), welfare*. That word, *yashuw`ah*, is actually the name of Jesus in Hebrew! It doesn’t mean that because you are saved you will never get sick, or never have any problems, or never be attacked by the devil, but there are benefits of our salvation that we can draw from when those things do happen. We can draw deliverance from the wells of salvation. We can draw aid. We can draw victory. We can draw health and help. We can draw prosperity and welfare. These are all things we can draw from our salvation. All these things are there for us to draw from— and it says we can draw them with joy!

Listen to these definitions of “draw” and think about how each one applies to drawing from the wells of salvation: “*To pull out, as to draw a sword from it’s sheathe. Hence, to draw the sword, is to wage war. To pull up or out; to raise from any depth; as, to draw water from a well. To receive or take, as from a fund; as to draw money from a bank. To draw or take from; to cause to flow from. To cause to issue forth; to call forth. To pull; to exert strength in drawing.*”<sup>i</sup> How do you *unsheathe your sword and wage war?* With the Sword of the Spirit— speaking God’s Word aloud. We are to take it *as from a fund and receive it*. We are to draw from our salvation *as drawing water from a well, to call it forth*. And it does require us to *exert strength in drawing*.

## **Higher Perspective ~ Spiritually Minded**

What God seeks is an intimate, loving relationship with you. He doesn’t seek people who simply adhere to a set of rules. *He wants our hearts*. If He has our heart, appropriate actions will follow. He doesn’t want actions that do not come from a heart of love that desires to know Him *and be with Him*. God said through the prophet Hosea that He doesn’t really want your offerings or your sacrifices; He wants you to know Him and love Him (Hosea 6:6). God seeks those whose hearts are fully His, so He can reveal Himself to them. He wants that kind of relationship to be the deepest longing of your heart.

I read something one time that describes this kind of a relationship so well:

“It is clear that God longs for us to truly know Him. He doesn’t want to be a mystery to us. Throughout the OT, God takes pains over and over to reveal to us

what He is like, and how we can live in fellowship with Him. In examples of those such as Abraham, Jacob, and Moses, we can see that God uses and blesses people who are imperfect, who become angry with Him, and who, like us, seem to have an uncanny aptitude for mistakes. He also, however, uses and blesses those whose heart is fastened on Him, despite their mistakes. They show us that He doesn't zap us with lightning when we have trouble believing, when we ask questions, even when we grab onto Him, refusing to let go without a blessing (*like Jacob*).

“In short, God seeks real people, who long to know Him, and He responds to their longing by revealing Himself— His person— to them and entering into a friendship that surpasses any other.

“Abraham, Jacob and Moses— none of them ‘perfect’— were ‘real people,’ like all the rest of us. However, there was a steadfastness in all three, a determination to continue in the path they had chosen. There is questioning and wondering, but no turning back. Finally, there was a wonderful openness and honesty in their conversation with God. There is nothing ‘holy’ about the exchanges between Moses and God, or between Jacob and his wrestling partner. And both Abraham and Sarah laughed out loud when God spoke to them about the coming birth of their promised son. They were fallible, they were faithful, and they were, above all, honest before God. And God loved it.”<sup>iii</sup>

It was out of this kind of love for you that God sent His Son to save you. It was His finished work at the cross that purchased and provided everything *for you*.

To live your life to the fullest, to truly fulfill the Lord's commission, and to fully accomplish the plans and purposes God created you for, you must have a correct mindset about this very thing. We must be *spiritually minded*. It is a way of looking at things from a *higher perspective*. It is a *mindset*, which God's Word says produces life and peace (Romans 8:6).

**If we don't already have this higher perspective, we have to adjust our mind to a different way of thinking; to have a correct perspective. It's like this: Just as you already have eternal life in Heaven by accepting Christ, you *already have everything that is in the New Covenant of Christ. Think of it that way. Have that perspective.* You *already have* perfect peace. You *already have* perfect health. You *already have* perfect healing. You *already have* perfect wholeness, etc...; just the same as you *already have* eternal life. The degree to which you see these things manifest (appear) *in this life* depends on several things, which we will be covering in this section of our study. Having this proper understanding though, can make so much difference. It is having the right *mind-set*, where we stand on what God's Word *says* and what Christ has *already done*, even if it is still unseen. He told us to walk by faith and *not by sight* (2 Corinthians 5:7). “For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace” (Romans 8:5-6). To have the most life and peace, we have to be**

*spiritually minded.* We want to teach you to be spiritually minded. It is a totally different way of thinking than most people have, but I think that's part of what God had in mind when He said: "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..." (Romans 12:2). "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18).

1 John 4:1-3 is talking about demonic spirits. Verse 4 says, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world." The verb tense in the Greek means that you have *already* overcome and defeated them—and this is because He who lives in you is the one who overcame them!

From this point on, we are going to try to state everything from this higher perspective and teach you how to be spiritually minded. Please keep in mind this is what we are doing as you go through the rest of this study. We are going to state things as *already done* and benefits as *already yours*—that is being *spiritually minded*—which is *life and peace*.

## **Christ's Finished Work—**

It's seeing everything from the proper *perspective* of Christ having *already* purchased and provided everything for you through His broken body, shed blood, death, and resurrection. His work at the cross was finished! It was completely complete! My heart's desire is to help reveal, exalt, and magnify Jesus Christ the Messiah and His finished work. *Magnify* means *to enlarge so you can see it better*. The OT Tabernacle, with all of its meticulously detailed furnishings, did not have any chair where the High Priest ministered. He could *never* sit down, because his work was *never done*. Guess what Jesus did after He became our High Priest in Heaven? He sat down *at the right hand of the Father, signifying that His work was done* (Hebrews 1:3)! He even said it at the cross: "It is finished" (John 19:30). Hebrews 10:11-12 says: "And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God."

He purchased everything for us! We have eternal life *now*. We have health, healing, provision, and protection *now*. That doesn't mean we will never have problems, or sickness, or financial need, but in the midst of any problem, we must know that the broken body and the blood of Jesus Christ our Savior, supplied what we need. I know it is mine—provided purely by the grace of God—and I receive what I need through faith. I was saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8) and I receive everything else that Jesus provided for me the same way. It is already there in the unseen realm. Through faith I draw it into the seen realm. This is what "*drawing from the wells of salvation*" is (Isaiah 12:3)! Remember what we said earlier about the wells of salvation? The word "salvation" there was the word *yashuw`ah*, the name of *Jesus* in Hebrew! We can draw deliverance, aid, victory, health, help, prosperity, welfare—we can draw all these things from *Him*! We must learn to draw from what He has already provided, and this exalts Jesus and His

finished work. This is the higher *perspective*. This is being *spiritually minded*— *life and peace!*

When Jesus finished the work He was sent to do through His death and resurrection, He sat down at the right hand of the Father (John 17:4; 19:30; Hebrews 1:3; 8:1; 12:2; 1 Peter 3:22). Then He made us to sit *with Him*: “But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:4-6). Sitting down with Him is a picture of *rest*. You must always rest in the finished work of Christ. This is what saved you, sealed you, and provided everything that is yours in the New Covenant in Christ. This is what you place your faith in and your trust in— His *finished* work. That means all the work is *already done*. Your faith and trust must be in what Jesus has already done for you, not in anything you do. When you accepted Christ as Your Savior, everything He accomplished at the cross became yours. Do you remember the parable Jesus told of “the prodigal son” in Luke 15:11-32? The father had two sons and to both of them he, in essence, said: *All that I have is yours!*

The younger son demanded his inheritance from his father, then took it and left his *position* of sonship within his father’s house. He squandered his inheritance, not realizing there would have been so much more available to him if he had remained in his *position* of sonship. He was still the father’s son, but he walked away from his father’s *presence* and away from his position of sonship. It says he wasted his portion with riotous living. You want *your* inheritance *with* all the privileges of sonship, or it will inevitably be squandered like the prodigal son’s. Proverbs 20:21 reveals this well: “An inheritance may be gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.” When times got tough, that foolish son began to be *in want*, no longer enjoying the “abundance” of sons and daughters who remain in their *position*. He knew that even the servants in his father’s house had their needs met with even more to spare, and here he was suffering *lack*. Remembering this, it says, *he came to his senses*. He decided to go back to his father’s *presence*. The father hadn’t left his son’s presence; the son had left his father’s presence. He didn’t feel like he even deserved to still be considered a son and had determined to settle for being a servant for his father, but his father didn’t want that. His father was waiting and watching for his son to come back into his presence. When he saw his son coming back, he *ran to him*, and *threw his arms around him*. He clothed him with the best robe, the best shoes, and put a special ring on his finger. Oh, the joy of the added benefits that come from actually being *in the father’s presence*.

Understanding the true intimacy of your relationship with your Heavenly Father makes your prayers way more powerful, because you are praying from this correct *position*. Praying from a position of intimacy is way more powerful than legally presented petitions.

Formal, legally presented promises of God based on His Word are good, but there is an even better way. When you have a relationship of intimacy with the Lord, you barely have to whisper “*Abba...*” before He responds tenderly, “*What can I do for you, My*

son?” or, “*What can I do for you, My love?*” You don’t have to try to convince Him of anything or prove something. *Why?* Because of the privileges of intimacy. Don’t try to move the hand of God— *move His heart.*

**Recommended Resource:** For more on a son’s or daughter’s position of intimacy with the Father, the book “*Son!*” by John Sheasby is excellent.

“Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ” (Galatians 4:7). *A son is so secure in his Father’s love, that he is able to rest in the promises that his Father has made of protection, provision, and His abiding presence.*<sup>iii</sup>

**Message from the LORD:** *My son (My love), I want you to know and understand that all I have is yours.*

We need a moving revelation of what Jesus has already done and provided for us. You can use the following prayer to ask Him for this:

*Father, please give me a moving revelation of what Jesus has done and provided for me. Help me to really understand, comprehend, and embrace His work at the cross as finished and what that means for me as Your son (or daughter). Please continue to renew my mind with the truth of Your Word, so that I may truly be spiritually minded, which is life and peace. In Jesus’ name I ask this, amen.*

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<sup>i</sup> Noah Webster’s 1928 Dictionary.

<sup>ii</sup> Source Unknown.

<sup>iii</sup> ‘*Son!*’, by John Sheasby, Liberated Living Ministries, Roanoke, Texas, 1999, 30.