WEDNESDAY Ever Mindful of His Covenant

The theme of God's judgment prompts a significant question: How can God's people have peace with God and assurance of salvation at the time of judgment?

Daniel 7:22 the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

Psalm 94:8–15 God's judgments are given to turn the people to righteousness and to demonstrate that God cares for them **Psalm 94:12–15** ¹²Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O LORD, And teach out of Your law, ¹³That You may give him rest from the days of adversity, Until the pit is dug for the wicked. ¹⁴For the LORD will not cast off His people, Nor will He forsake His inheritance. ¹⁵But judgment will return to righteousness, And all the upright in heart will follow it.

Psalm 105:7–10 ⁷He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth. ⁸He remembers His covenant forever, The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations, ⁹The covenant which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac, ¹⁰And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel as an everlasting covenant,

- God's people = His treasured inheritance w/ whom He established His everlasting covenant of righteousness by faith
- Revelation 13:8 = Hebrews 13:20 = 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Introduce everlasting covenant = **GENESIS 3:15** = promised Seed
- **Genesis 15:6** Abraham believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.
- Ratified covenant in form of vision w/ Abraham = Genesis 15

Genesis 26:4–5 Renewed w/Isaac ⁴And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; ⁵because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."

• Genesis 28:12-15 renewed w/Jacob = who was given covenant name of Israel

Isaiah 42:6–7 ⁶"I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You / give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles, ⁷To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house.

- Jesus Christ ratified new covenant w/ His blood
- Galatians 3:16 ¹⁶Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

Galatians 3:6–9 ⁶just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." ⁷Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. ⁸And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." ⁹So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

Galatians 3:26–29 ²⁶For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and **heirs according to the promise.**

• God actively works to keep His people secure in Him

Psalm 103:2–5 ²Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: ³Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, ⁴Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, ⁵Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 29:11 The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace.

Psalm 25:8–10 ⁸Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore **He teaches** sinners in the way. ⁹The <u>humble</u> **He guides** in justice, And the <u>humble</u> He teaches His way. ¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

- God keeps covenant w/those who keep covenant w/Him
- To keep covenant = remain faithful to
 - o everlasting covenant of righteousness by faith
 - by observing God's laws = obedience motivated by love

Psalm 78:7 That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments;

Matthew 7:21–23 ²¹"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²²Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

1 John 3:7–8 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. ⁸He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Psalm 105 as a whole shows the Lord's faithfulness to His covenant in Israel's history. In everything that happened, the good and the bad, God was there.

Psalm 89:26–29 ²⁶He shall cry to Me, 'You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.' ²⁷Also I will make him My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth. ²⁸My mercy I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall stand firm with him. ²⁹His seed also I will make to endure forever, And his throne as the days of heaven. **Psalm 89:34** ³⁴My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

We are secure in Christ = in protective covenant of the almighty and merciful God