

## Guide to the Faithful Soldier

As you may guess many forms of poetry are hard to understand and need some interpretation. I have decided to help a little those hungry to know the Lord. Remember that the Lord promised show Himself to those who diligently seek Him. Eternity is worth it! (Proverbs 8:17)

This Psalm opens with the question of Who. (Please keep your Bible with you when you read this so you can access all Scripture referenced.) Of course we are looking at Jesus but how is does come to be. (Colossians 1:12 thru16) says He is the first fruit of all at creation and all things created were made through Him and for Him. Sound familiar? If you remember the Gospel of John In the beginning was the Word.

Let us go back to (Genesis 1:2&3) and God said let there be light (Wisdom). I believe this is when Christ came forth. He later said: I am the light of the world (John 8:12). He is the only begotten of God and scripture says He gave us the ability to become His brothers and sisters through His shed blood (the Fathers love).

He made a promise to a man. Let's explore this, if you go to (Genesis 12:2&3) verse 3 is the first mention of the everlasting kingdom of Christ. Then read (Genesis17:15 thru 19) When God changed the name Abram and added the ha It was a sign of giving the breath of the Holy Spirit in the old language. The Lord also changed his wife's name to Sarah. They are now spiritual beings and able to have a descendant named Jesus Christ redeemer of the world.

The next question is why. God told Abraham to offer his son Isaac as a burnt offering (Genesis 22:2). This gets interesting now. He told him to go to a particular place to do this, which happens to be exactly where Christ was crucified tens of hundreds of years later. God of course stopped him but I believe that God knowing that He was going to sacrifice His son for us wanted to build a covenant through a man willing to do the same for God. I suggest you read the entire story of Abraham. You will like what is next so read thoughtfully (Genesis 22:8 **will provide Himself**). As I said this was the exact place where Christ was crucified.

Next, Who is this Soldier that fights the battles for His people. If you remember the covenant with Abraham you will know that they are ancestors of Jesus. Later all the children of Jacob (son of Isaac, Abraham's child of promise)

go to Egypt during a famine and later become enslaved there. Total time in there 430 years. They prayed to be delivered from bondage. This is what is called a type of what was to come in Christ. The amazing part here is their deliverer was one of their own again a type of what was to come. There are many such types in the Old Testament all pointing to Christ (John 5:39&40).

Then came Moses named such because a daughter of Egypt rescued him from the water (Exodus 1:22 thru 2:10). A while after Moses felt he was to help his people and he killed an Egyptian then fled from Egypt. He was in the desert where he had the burning bush experience meeting the I AM God. Don't forget the "I AM" you'll see Jesus use this many times in the Gospel of John speaking of Himself (John 18:6 also Luke 22:70) Now, through Moses He put all kinds of plagues on Egypt until they set Israel free. God through Moses used as plagues all the false gods of the Egyptians. However the final plague was judgement (death to the first born) again a type of Christ. However Israel was delivered from death and this by the blood of a lamb. Sound familiar? This was the first of many battles as the Lord set them free from oppression.

What is His quest? I know it is love but in order to love properly one must be willing to die for love (Mark 15:34). If the Father had answered out loud everyone would have heard, for Love's sake Son (Who is the living Word of God) sacrificed for us. Therefore He became Love because of His sacrifice (1John 4:8) and fulfilled His quest for Love's purpose. The Word put to death is atoning grace (God's Love to forgive and be an advocate).

They were set free from the slave masters figurative of being set free from our sin. Because of His love the Lord has given us the ability to be free and overcome the oppression of the devil.

He guides them through deep waters. Figuratively the water represents judgement as seen in the flood. When the Israelites got to the Red Sea directed by the Lord their backs were against the wall so to speak or facing judgement as their enemy pursued them (read Exodus 14). Our enemy Satan says we do not deserve freedom (lie) (John 8:44) and he is constantly dogging us but it does not take into account God's love or the passion of the Holy Spirit (Luke 10:19). When the Lord opened the Red Sea and blocked their pursuers with a pillar of fire (God's passion Holy Spirit) the enemy was made fearful and blind until Israel made it through. This is figuratively representing our freedom from sin and clears our way through judgement. Now when the Egyptians tried to go through the same way they had no redeemer and were judged and drowned. Our pass through judgement is the same when we are with Jesus. The Holy Spirit will

keep the enemy at bay until we pass through into eternity and the Lord returns (2Thessalonians 2:7&8).

We will suffer persecution however because there are those around us who are doubters and complainers (Exodus 14:11&12) and do not want to take responsibility for their sin. What is sad Jesus has made redemption so easy but it does take humility. Satan hates this because pride keeps people on his side and makes them guilty of his same sin. Unless they repent and accept Jesus' gift they will be judged along with Satan (Revelation 20:10 thru 15) the second death (ordained only for those too proud to accept the blood of Jesus- God's love).

The Lord (the I AM God) is the pre-incarnate Jesus, Who continues to lead His own against their enemies as he does for all believers. Jesus will return with us (Those written in the Book of Life)(Revelation 3:5) to rule the earth and dash His enemies with a rod of Iron (Psalm 2:7thru12) His unbending and unflinching law.

Although His people say: who wants You? Who needs You? Not all the Jewish people have accepted Jesus as their Messiah (meaning Christ in the Greek). They paid a heavy price for their unbelief because in 70A.D. The Romans came into Jerusalem and killed it is said a million Jews and then tore down the Temple of God (Matthew 13:1&2). The rest of the Jews scattered worldwide.

His face like flint denotes Christ' resolve to fulfill His purpose and defeat the final enemy for all who believe (Isaiah 50:6&7). Without complaint (Isaiah 53:7&8) He spills His blood, (2 Timothy 1:9&10) and His blood exchanged death for life as sets out to destroy death (1Corinthians 15:54&55)

His blood full of life, for those who receive Him (Romans 8:11) and fire (love, passion, The Holy Spirit). A passion that destroys death and Love that consumes the hardest hearts (Deuteronomy 30:19)

The temple of the Lord had a curtain that divided man from God in the most Holy Place. The curtain represents the barrier of sin that blocks man from God because of the law, which defines our sin. We cannot enter the presence of God without the blood of the lamb. Jesus was a proper sacrifice and on the day of His crucifixion and the Temple curtain was torn from top to bottom representing that this was a work of God. The temple curtain represented the body of Christ because he is the Word of God, Who contains the law. Scripture says where there is no law there is no trespass (Romans 4:15). We through the sacrifice of Jesus can enter into the presence of God. The temple sacrifice was the blood of a pure lamb with no blemish (Figuratively a sinless Christ). This was done once a year on Passover to celebrate the death angel passing over Israel in Egypt

(Exodus 12:21 thru 27). The old things have passed away but we still cannot see God without the Blood of Christ or we will die.

We know the Blood is the Father's Love and the Fire of life the Spirit of God's passion. The veil of death here is the scary part. It represents pride and willful ignorance (2 Corinthians 3:14 thru 18).

We know Jesus is the Faithful and True Soldier and we know He paid the price to defeat all our enemies including death. Our price has been the same since creation. He wants our love. No one wants a bride who does not love him!