

Faithfulness & the Divine Decrees, Tapping into the Cache, Psalm 31:19a-20

Psalm 31:19b - You have manufactured goodness for those who take refuge [mahseh] in You.

This is a reference to the divine decrees. God's omniscience is completely aware of all the trials of His children and provides solutions for them in eternity past. God and His faithfulness is a cache in which are stored both deliverance and safety.

The word "manufactured" translates the Hebrew verb *pa'al* and is the verb "to do" or "to work."

There are many promises throughout the scriptures that say to the believer what God does for him. Promises are unconditional unless the condition is stated. For example, you have:

Isaiah 41:10 – 'Do not fear for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, [the enabling power of the Holy Spirit] yes I will help you, [deliverance under pressure] surely I will uphold you [protection] with my righteous right hand.'

God is in his heaven and He provides assistance to His children.

God is doing something for believers who both have reverence and respect for Him and who seek protection through His faithfulness.

It is very difficult to keep up with the news today without seeing a historical trend develop. And on occasion when I note these things I begin and try and project that problem, should it remain a trend, out forward some 10 to 20 years. And then try and evaluate that particular circumstance based on the current zeitgeist.

Based on the way people are presently thinking, and doing, and reacting, what will be the ebb and flow of this particular trend if it remains unchecked? And the one that has recently come to my attention is the emergence of gangs in St. Louis and St. Charles counties. Not in the inner city anymore, but now in suburbia. These individuals seem to be unrestrained youth. And they are somewhat organized. And as time passes and as our laws are more and more geared to protect children, adults are going to find themselves at the mercy of what I would call rabid animals (teenage gangs) as they move into the neighborhoods. How are we going to deal with this? You say, "Well I'll lock and load." Well, I think you need to reconsider that for at least a moment in order to think about this.

No matter what the circumstance, 10 years from now, 20 years from now, firing a round into someone less than 18 years of age, may in and of itself place you in prison regardless of what they were trying to do to you. So, where does that leave us? Incapable of defending ourselves, and our homes, and our property, and our families.

I'm taking this apparent trend and projecting forward and saying how would we handle this? How would an individual best handle this? I'm telling you that a low profile is the first thing you start with. Then secondly, you get involved in David's mental attitude. You do everything you can to keep quiet, to obey the law and to otherwise do nothing to provoke anyone's anger. That will require a great deal of unconditional love on your part, requiring you to overlook a lot of wrong doing.

You have to know your limitations. What can I do something about? What can I not do anything about? And learn to walk away from things you can't change. Keep a low profile and turn the details over to God.

Stay in prayer. Prayer is not a problem-solving device but it's the way that several problem-solving devices are activated. For example, the faith rest drill, essence of God rational, which is what David is involved in here. That was the major problem-solving device in the Old Testament by the way was the faith rest drill. And he's using that here.

He's saying, "Father I'm placing my faith in you. I'm going to permit you to take care of the details, and I'm going to relax in the knowledge that you are faithful to take care of those who are righteous and just in your plan."

Now, David had done everything right yet he's still being pursued by the government. David had done everything he knew how to do to show Saul proper respect for not only as an individual but in his office. Yet Saul is pursuing him and trying to kill him.

What is it that David can do here? Is he justified in assassinating the sovereign? No, he is not. We've just spent 12 hours discussing how that is not the problem-solving device. But you say, "If he doesn't do something Saul is going to kill him." Well, I would agree with that up to a point. If he doesn't use the faith rest drill and utilize what God has in his cache of intrinsic value, then Saul may very well find him and may very well kill him.

However, God says, "Let Me take care of the details. Do you have the courage?" Now listen to me. Maybe not this year or next or 5 years from now. But 10, 15, 20 years from now, are you going to have the courage to do nothing while leaving the details in the hands of God?

"Hide me, protect me. Permit me to move under your shadow of refuge."

Do you have the courage to do that? When all these human problem-solving devices have been removed and you have nothing else with which to defend yourself, will you use the faith rest drill? Will you use the essence of God rational? Will you utilize unconditional love for people who do not deserve it and who do not have it coming? Are you going to have the flexibility to make spiritual decisions under pressure and let God protect you and hide you and deliver you? That's what happened to David, and he's the example we're looking at here.

And you say, "No. No. I'm going to do this. I'm going to do that." That's your privilege. I'm not telling you what to do. I would never think of such a thing. I'm just telling you what did David do in this kind of circumstance. He did nothing. He kept moving and he kept praying. But he never used vengeance or violence on Saul.

God is faithful to protect the righteous. You stay in the Divine Power System; you have a wall of fire. You will be protected, you will be delivered, you will be hidden in the day of wrath.

What He manufactures is the deliverances, the solutions, the protections which are inserted into the divine decrees in eternity past.

That's what he's manufacturing. You have manufactured goodness. Good of intrinsic value for those who take refuge in you. Note that there's a cache involved here. The cache is God's good of intrinsic value. We may go in there and take refuge. That means that we are protected, and that means that we have in here safety.

What is this specifically, physically that you can touch and hold on to? Not there. Faith. The faith rest drill is what is in view here. There's no specific place you can go to hide other than where God guides you and leads you and directs you. You'll have your own Zicklag. Where will it be? It will be different for every individual. You'll have your own Zicklag. When you get to that particular geographic locale, then it's in that periphery that God has set up this wall of fire.

Who finds their Zicklag? Where do you go to find this? Right out of your inventory of ideas. You move as God leads you in the crisis. This requires you to be filled with the Holy Spirit and utilize doctrine under pressure.

Therefore, God's has manufactured something for you in such an instance. What He's manufactured include the deliverances, the solutions, the protections, all are inserted into the Divine Decrees. These forces no matter what they are, be they overbearing rules and regulations, or draconian laws, or out of control teenagers, or an unraveling government, or a budding revolution, or a family reunion, or whatever it is, you will be protected.

Now, I want to show you how this works utilizing the concept of the Divine Decrees. God has omniscience. That means that He knows all things. He knows that which is potential in human history, or you might say what is possible but doesn't occur, and He knows the actual, what actually does occur in human history. Omniscience provides Him with this information in eternity past.

All that God has to do with as far as human history is concerned, is logged within a computer of Divine Decrees. There is the ROM chip and there is the PROM chip. The ROM chip has to do with those things that have to do with the sovereignty of God and that is intrinsically good and unwavering. This over here is the free will of man.

What man's job is in time is to do whatever he can to link his PROM chip up with God's ROM chip. To tap into God's intrinsic value. Now, how do you do this? How do you make this particular thing work? You have GAP (the Grace Apparatus for Perception). This is where you use your free will to move over to this side of the machine and to delve into what the sovereignty of God is all about. His good of intrinsic value.

Therefore, you begin to learn about God. And you store that in your stream of consciousness. One of the things that you learn about has to do with God's justice. You learn about the fact that you're in the Royal Family of God. You learn about the fact that you're under divine protection and divine safety. As you make the connection here, then you have accomplished what God has desires for you to accomplish in time. You have taken the word of God which comes out the unchangeable ROM chip. This thing is done at the factory and cannot be altered. This is an absolute here. Right out of the ROM chip comes Bible doctrine and it comes right into your soul, and free will is what enables that to occur in our dispensation under the enabling power of the Holy Spirit (that's GAP).

As you learn these things, then you begin to associate with the sovereignty of God chip.

What God manufactures is the deliverances, the solutions, the protections which are inserted into the divine decrees in eternity past and they are available for those who learn about them and therefore know to use them. It is all based on grace, and faith, and believing, and trusting. Grace, faith, believing, and trusting. God takes care of the details.

“Learn that I am in control, that I have the power, that I will protect you, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness. Will you place your faith and trust in me in times of pressure and in times of need? Cast all your cares upon Me and I will sustain you, says the Lord.”

What God manufactures is the deliverances, the solutions, the protections which are inserted into the divine decrees in eternity past and you simply tap into it. That's the cache.

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These are the mechanics of righteousness demanding righteousness, justice demanding justice, and how what righteousness demands, justice executes.

In eternity past God sees the problems faced by believers who are being victimized by the exigencies of cosmos diabolicus and He hears their prayers for deliverance.

It is only the positive and advancing believer who has the spiritual inventory to seek out God's help, to place his faith in the divine solution, and to seek refuge in God's cache of doctrine.

When omniscience hears the prayer of the righteous man, righteousness demands of justice that a solution be provided for his deliverance in time. The verb *pa'al* in this context then refers to God's actions in human history on behalf of those who seek refuge in His faithfulness.

The word “refuge” is the Hebrew noun *mahseh* and means “to take refuge” or “to take shelter from danger.”

From this verse we see the concept of a secret cache in which the believer can place his trust, receive benefits, and find safety from the Devil's world. The cache is even further amplified in the next verse:

Psalm 31:20 - You hide [satam] them from the conspiracies of men within the secrecy [sok] of your presence. You shall hide them [sapan] in a secret refuge [mehseh] from the strife of tongues.

The word “hide” is the Hebrew verb *satam* and means “to hide,” “to be hidden,” “to lie hid.” The believer is the content of the cache which lies secretly in its hiding place, in this case, the presence of God Himself.

Saul was desperately trying to track down David to kill him. The divine decrees had already worked out the solution for David in eternity past. It was the city of Ziklag.

No matter what the conspiratorial machinations developed by Saul, they all failed in the face of God’s protective care of David. David placed his faith and trust in God, God provided David with deliverance, protection, and refuge. In effect, David placed himself into the cache of divine faithfulness from which he also withdrew its blessings.

It is interesting to note that justice is forced to keep balanced books. While on the one hand it is required to make recompense, on the other hand it is exacted to enforce a reckoning.

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, s.v. “recompense”:

To return in kind; a return for something done.

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, s.v. “reckoning”:

A settling of accounts.

Consequently, whereas David was protected and delivered, Saul was abandoned and dethroned.

1 Samuel 28:15 - Then Samuel said to Saul, “Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?” And Saul answered, “I am greatly distressed; for the Philistines are waging war against me, and God has departed from me and answers me no more, either through prophets or by dreams; therefore, I have called you, that you may make known to me what I should do.”

1 Samuel 28:16 - And Samuel said, “Why then do you ask me, since the Lord has departed from you and has become your adversary?”

1 Samuel 28:17 - The Lord has done accordingly as He spoke through me; for the Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, David.”

Righteousness demands righteousness; justice demands justice. Whatever righteousness demands, justice executes.