

Praise for the Redeemed Part 2

by Chuck Smith

The sermon emphasizes the importance of giving to God, taking the cup of salvation, paying vows to God, and praising God for His merciful kindness, while also acknowledging God's judgment and mercy.

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Scripture: Psalm 24:1, Psalm 116:12, Psalm 118:1, Matthew 28:19, 1 Thessalonians 5:9

Topics: "Redeemed"

Description

In this sermon, Pastor Chuck Smith discusses the question of what we can give to God for all His benefits towards us. He emphasizes that there is nothing material that we can give to God that isn't already His. The Psalm being discussed praises the Lord for His merciful kindness and the enduring truth of the Lord. Pastor Chuck also mentions the importance of recognizing God's mercy and kindness in not bringing judgment upon mankind, despite our deserving it. He warns that the day of God's wrath is coming and points out the presence of scoffers who question the promise of His coming.

Transcript

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you With His Spirit and His love Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh, let Him have the things that mold you And His Spirit and His love Will descend upon your life And
make you whole Welcome to The Word for Today Featuring the Bible teaching of Pastor Chuck Smith
From Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa, California Pastor Chuck is currently leading us On a verse by verse
venture Through the entire Bible And on today's edition of The Word for Today We'll be once again looking
at Praise for the Redeemed As we pick up in the 116th Psalm Beginning with verse 12 And now with
today's message Here's Pastor Chuck Smith So then the important question What shall I render to the
Lord?

What can I give to God For all of His benefits towards me? Here God has given me life What can I give to
God? In reality there is nothing of a material sense That we can give to God That isn't His already The
earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof All they that dwell therein And thus when I think about giving to
God It has to be in the realm of Spirit or myself He wants you You know I think that a lot of times We try to
sort of buy our way In other words you know Here God you know We give Him of our substance When He
wants us That's what He longs for Just you Time with you, fellowship with you Giving yourself to Him So
it's interesting The psalmist said what shall I give to God?

But then he starts out by saying I will take The cup of salvation Now it's interesting thinking about giving to God The first thing you do is talk about what you're going to take You say well that doesn't make sense does it I mean what shall I give to God?

Well I'll take The cup of salvation But it makes real sense Because I cannot give anything to God Until I first Have taken the cup of salvation And thus have a relationship with God You see it is our sin That broke the fellowship It is our sin that separated us from God It's sin that stands in the way Between you coming to God And thus we have to first of all Receive the forgiveness of our sins That cup of salvation That was offered to us by Jesus Christ I will take the cup of salvation And then I will call Upon the name of the Lord Once I've taken the cup of salvation The door is open for my prayers The door is open for communion I can now call upon God Because I've been washed and cleansed of my sin I've received the cup of salvation I will pay my vows Unto the Lord Now in the presence

of all his people Now in another psalm David said I will pay my vows That I made in the day in which I was in trouble Well this psalmist was in trouble Whether it was David or not we don't know for sure But he was in trouble He was dying He thought he was gone And he probably Made a lot of promises to God God if you just heal me God if you just let me live You know I'll really live right Lord I'll really serve you Lord And so He says I'm going to pay my vows Unto the Lord In the presence of all of his people Makes you think it was probably David For in a public figure like that The things that you do are always In the presence of all of the people Precious in the sight of the Lord Is the death of his saints Now this just sort of seems to be Inserted in here And it doesn't really seem to

fit The guy is just rejoicing In that God did not let him die But that God healed him And raised him from this Affliction in which he thought he was going to die But then in reflecting upon it He just said well precious In the sight of the Lord Is the death of his saints Ponder on that one for a while Our attitude towards death God's attitude towards death Precious in the sight of the Lord If a person is a saint of God If a person is a believer in Jesus Christ When they die In the eyes of the Lord It's just precious He's receiving his child home He's bringing him on into glory They're going to have that glorious Face to face confrontation The child is going to enter into the Awesome glory of the presence of God As the saint passes that veil We call death Oh that's precious Coming home And

so It doesn't seem to fit Contextually but Yet it's just thrown in there and it's Worthwhile Oh Lord Truly I am your servant I am your servant and I'm the son of your handmaid And you have loosed my bonds Bonds of death So I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving Again God is good God has heard my prayer Then it is only right and natural That I should thank God For his goodness For his mercy For his grace towards me Offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving Back in Leviticus it was a part of the Peace offering The offering of fellowship was A part of the peace offering was the offering of thanksgiving Leviticus 7th chapter there I will pay my vows unto the Lord Now in the presence of all his people He said that earlier he's repeating it And in the courts of the Lord's house In

the midst of thee O Jerusalem Praise ye the Lord Another one of the Hallel Psalms A very short one Again one that was sung by Jesus In the Passover feast O praise the Lord All ye nations Praise him all ye people You see through the death of Christ Salvation is now to be offered to the world And taken to the world Jesus said to his disciples Go into all the world Preach the gospel to everyone And so Psalms 117 Takes us into the whole race of people All of the nations All of the people Praise the Lord for Why do you praise the Lord?

For his merciful kindness Is great toward us And the truth of the Lord Endureth forever Praise ye the Lord
Beautiful little short psalm here In joining the whole world To praise the Lord For his merciful kindness is
great I have to concur with that When I look at the things that are transpiring In our world today God is
merciful and God is kind That he has not already wiped out mankind I mean surely We are deserving That
is the world Apart from Christ is deserving the judgment of God Thank God We have escaped the
judgment of God Through our faith in Jesus Christ We are no longer appointed to wrath But the day of
God's wrath is coming And I can't see That it can be too far off Peter tells us in his second epistle That in
the last days There would be scoffers who would come saying Where is the promise of his coming?

For since our fathers have fallen asleep All things continue as they were from the beginning A description
of uniformitarianism The world just goes on Everything that we can see can be explained By the
processes that we can observe And so that life does not have to be created The processes that we can
observe Can show us how life could come into existence That is a fallacy I don't see any cells being
created out of mud I don't see any transitions taking place I don't see any half men, half apes I mean if we
went through that transitional state How is it that that transitional state isn't continuing?

Why aren't monkeys still losing their tails? Half cats, half dogs I mean I don't see any transitions So how
can you explain By the processes that we can observe How can you explain this transition from one
species to another When we don't have any evidences of transitional forms now? It seems to me that if we
did evolve Every transitional form of the evolving order Should be observable now And surely we should
have found some fossils of those transitional forms In the same abundance as we find the fossils of the
plain species So it's really a fallacy to say that The whole process from fish to man is observable I can't
observe it, I don't see it And I can't find an explanation In the forms of life that I see today In the speciated
forms So Peter went on to say the last days They're going to say that hey Just all things continue From the
beginning, we've just evolved, here we are But of this he said they are willfully ignorant Or willingly
ignorant That God destroyed the world with a flood The judgment of God came upon those people That
were existing at the time of Noah They came to the place where they went too far And though God's
mercy is great Yet there's a limit And God said at the time of Noah My spirit will not always strive with man
Now what was happening at the time of Noah?

We read that everyone was doing that which was right in his own eyes Or the philosophy of existentialism
Had prevailed in that society You make your own rules Does it feel good to you? Is it wrong to you? Is it
right to you?

There is no absolute truth And so it was a period of existentialism Everybody doing that which was right in
his own eyes And the thoughts and the imagination of man's heart Thoughts and imagination in man's
heart was evil continually They'd gotten into Satanism, the worship of Satan They got into genetic
engineering God said that's enough And his judgment came People don't like to think of a God of
judgment That's the whole thing behind the evolutionary theory I don't want to think that God is going to
judge me for what I do I want to do what I please And I don't want to have to worry about God
Disapproving of what I'm doing And thus I don't want to retain God in my mind I want to put God out of my
mind I want to explain the universe apart from God So I don't have to think about a creator

And we look at the world today And we're just about the same boat that Noah was in God destroyed
Sodom and Gomorrah Sodom and Gomorrah The final straw Was the blatant parading of the
homosexuals The defiance of God's laws God's natural laws And the aggressive, militant behavior of the
homosexuals Was the final straw, God says that's it And he destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah God

intervened with judgment The nation of Israel, God's people Though they were the people of God, they turned from God And they began to worship their idols Ashereth The female goddess of sexual passions Pornography, the little pornographic dolls and idols Representing Ashereth Designed to inflame people's passions Arouse and stimulate Pornography And as a result of that, the sexual licentiousness Open prostitution Free

sex And as a result of that Unwanted pregnancies And the destruction of the new life The babies Offered on the fires to Molech And God said, though they are my people That's it When they got to the place of behaving like the heathen around them When they were giving over to pornography Open, licentious living And then destroying the babies That came from that kind of life The judgment of God came And he brought the Babylonians who carried them away into captivity He brought the Assyrians who carried the northern kingdom of Israel into captivity He said, that's it It is interesting that in the United States today All of these things Are existent and growing In the United States today Our educational system has been captured by the humanist And they are teaching the existential philosophy

Do what you feel like If it feels good, feels right, do it Everybody is doing that which is right in their own eyes And our land is so filled with pollution and corruption TV I don't watch the major channels anymore except for the football games I mean, they are getting worse all the time I mean, it's like they are seeing how much they can get by with Before the righteous people really get up in arms The film And what they are doing is planting in the minds of men evil So that the thoughts of man are evil continually The conditions of Sodom and Gomorrah Parades Festivals The homosexuals becoming militant Aggressive Forcing their lifestyles Sodom and Gomorrah Pornography The United States has become the pornographic capital of the world That free sex You don't have to go but a few blocks

over here on Harbor Boulevard You see the things that existed In the decadent age of Israel And then with it unwanted pregnancies And so the aborting of babies The thing that brought the judgment of God on Israel They are prevalent today How can we think By any stretch of our imagination that we can escape the judgment of God When we are doing the very things that brought God's judgment Upon Israel, upon Sodom, upon the world We are living in a fool's paradise if we think that we can do these things without pain By experiencing the judgment of God upon our land If ever there were a time when the church ought to be desperate before God In our prayers and intercession for our nation it's today We're living in desperate days His merciful kindness is great towards us But His truth endures

forever And in truth and in righteousness God will judge But thank God if you're a child of God There is therefore now no condemnation, no judgment Jesus bore it for us No fear of judgment But I fear for the world Concern for the world Psalm 118 the last of the Halal Psalms And it is a Psalm that is known as a Messianic Psalm That it is a prophecy concerning Jesus Christ So that as Jesus sang this Psalm with His disciples He was fully cognizant of the fact that portions of it referred directly to Him Oh give thanks unto the Lord for He is good Because His mercy endureth forever Let Israel now say that His mercy endureth forever The house of Aaron now say that His mercy endureth forever And then it comes down to you Let those who fear or reverence the Lord Say that His mercy endureth

forever Well why don't we say it His mercy endureth forever That's right, good We'll return with more of our verse by verse study through the book of Psalms In our next lesson As Pastor Chuck Smith continues with Let all the people praise God And we do hope you'll make plans to join us But right now I'd like to remind you That if you missed any part of today's message Or perhaps you'd like to order a copy for that special friend or loved one You can do so by simply contacting one of our customer service representatives And

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