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“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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He Leadeth Me in Paths of Righteousness for His Name’s Sake

Psa. 23:3

The Psalmist David as he penned the beautiful 23rd. Psalm was revealed the sovereign and Almighty attributes of our Jehovah God of the Holy Writ.

*If you carefully dissect the composition of this Psalm, you see that it is God alone that has convinced David that God is his ALL sufficient provider as he proclaims
The LORD IS MY SHEPHERD: I shall not want.*

Look at the works of God in the expression of David as he writes, “HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN.” David did not have a choice whether he was to lie down or not. God caused David to lie down.

“HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS,” David was LED to the place of peace and tranquility as he followed the good Shepherd who is our PEACE.

“HE RESTORETH MY SOUL”, if the Almighty does not restore our souls by the operation of his grace and mercy, we would be left desolate and void of the joy of the Lord.

“HE LEADETH ME IN PATH’S OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME’S SAKE.” Here is my main focus as I ponder these verses, just as Job expressed, “Thou numberest my steps” (Job 16:18), and David further proclaimed that “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and HE delighteth in his way (Psa.37:23). “A man’s heart deviseth his way; but the Lord directeth his steps”(Prov.16:9).

David, the beloved King of Israel as determined by the divine decree of the Almighty God of the inspired scriptures, was a man after God’s own heart.

He sought God's heart because God FIRST sought David with elective love and sovereign grace, causing him to follow as a sheep called by the good Shepherd. David was revealed through his own failure in time, that he could NEVER measure up to the perfect unachievable standard that had been set forth in the Old Covenant, Old Testament of the law through works of obedience.

If God by his sovereign love and grace does not LEAD US IN PATH'S OF RIGHTEOUSNESS as New Testament, New Covenant believers, we shall fail as being witnesses of Christ righteousness. But, sense God had promised us that when the Holy Ghost shall come upon you, ye "SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO ME," not try to be, but, have been promised that God shall CAUSE US TO BE his witnesses through his sovereign work of grace in the believer's heart, mind and soul.

I am blessed to be able to rest in the promise of our God the he shall lead us in paths of righteousness as he causes us the "BOTH WILL AND TO DO OF HIS GOOD PLEASURE" (Philippians 2:13).

This continues to add to the building blocks that CHRIST is our absolute SUFFICIENCY in all things, including the pilgrim path of righteousness that is evidence that we are the adopted heirs of grace and children of the Most High God.

Therefore, to whom shall receive glory for such Spirit led righteousness as it is demonstrated as we walk through the world of sin and woe? Only Christ shall receive the glory, honor and worthy praise from such a sinner as I. For "how to PERFORM that which is GOOD I find not within me" (Rom. 7:18).

Beloved Children of God, we need a PERFORMER, and our sovereign Father has provided one. "For He PERFORMETH the thing that is appointed for me" (Job 23:14).

David proclaimed, "I will cry unto God most high; Unto God that PERFORMETH all things for me" (Psa. 57:2). Oh, how sweet to rest upon our PERFORMER, our loving Saviour that alone shall cause fruits of righteousness to be manifested in the Lord's adopted heirs. This God of the scriptures is worthy of ALL praise, honor and glory.