

## Daily Devotional, August 27, 2020

### “God-Who-Forgives”, (Psalm 99:8, NKJV)

*“You answered them, O LORD our God; You were to them God-Who-Forgives, Though You took vengeance on their deeds.” (Psalm 99:8)*

In **Psalm 99**, the Psalmist celebrates the great works of God in human history, both universally and personally. Moses and Aaron are mentioned by name in that Psalm (Psalm 99:6). Though these Old Testament saints were sinners, they also found divine grace and forgiveness. For instance, God did not allow Moses or Aaron to physically enter the promised land in their lifetimes. They reaped the consequences of their actions. God **“took vengeance on their deeds”** in this way. Yet their faith in the promises of God of the coming Messiah resulted in answered prayer. They were able to go to the grave in fellowship with God. Moses is commended in the Bible for **“esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward”** (Hebrews 11:26).

Will you this day celebrate with the Psalmist of old the great works of God around you and in your life? Some may find that hard to do, given the disruption that the pandemic has caused in all our lives. But this gives us more cause to realize our own lack of self-sufficiency, and more cause to consider our need for Jesus.

Perhaps you have sinned. Let’s face it. We are all sinners, and those of us who are spiritually awake have felt the shame of it. It may be that your sinful behavior of late or of years ago has had some consequences in your life. But there is a solution. Join the penitent in prayer, that you may be among those of whom it is said, **“You answered them, O LORD our God.”** **“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”** (1 John 1:9). Wherever you have been, whatever you have done, Jesus is **“God-Who-Forgives”** for you, if you will let Him exercise His divine prerogative to forgive. He shed His blood for the forgiveness of your sins. Is this not God’s heart?

Moses and Aaron never got to set foot in the promised land in their lifetimes. But in the resurrection they shall surely set foot in **“Beulah land”** (Isaiah 62:4-5). If you have accepted God’s forgiveness offered through Christ Jesus, then one day you shall join **“God-Who-Forgives”** in **“Hephzibah”** (Isaiah 62:4), and the saints of old. For God has shed His grace on thee, and today, we have reason to rejoice, in Him.