

The Prayer of the Destitute

Psalm 102 is written for us, to us, because of us. It talks about us and who we are and what kind of people we are made up of. It talks about whom He has compassion on in the restoration of Israel (verse 13). It says He will arise and show Himself. Just as soon as He has a people who are keeping His commandments and proving their love for Him, He will rise and, He said, “I will manifest myself to you.” He will arise and have compassion on Zion. Zion is His special people, the edah, who carry out His purpose, who are just as committed to His purpose as Yahshua himself was committed when He was here on earth — just as committed. We are committed to our Father's purpose no less than our Master Yahshua was committed to His Father's purpose when He was here on earth. No less are we to be committed to His Father than He was Himself. If we are committed any less, we will not accomplish His purpose, just as He would not have accomplished our Father's purpose had He been any less committed to it.

“It is time to show favor to her, the appointed time has come. And He will arise and have compassion on Zion.” The *moed*, the appointed time that we will meet Him, a time in history, the appointed time in history — the appointed time has come. This is the *moed*, the time in history when He will show favor to Zion to restore her. *“Her stones are dear to your servants. Her very dust moves them to pity. The nations will fear the name of Yahshua, and all the kings of the earth will revere your glory. For YHWH will rebuild Zion,”* He will restore Zion. Something that is not in existence anymore will be restored. It will not be reformed, but it will be restored, and will appear in His glory — which is the saints. His glory is us; we are His glory. *“He will respond,”* — this is the most important verse. *“He will respond to the prayer of the destitute; and He will not despise their plea.”*

In verse 18 it says that this is written down for a future generation. It is written down for a future generation, which is yet to be born — a people not yet created. This was written 3000 years ago. It said, *“...so that people not yet created may praise Yahshua.”* And it says, *“He*

looked down from His sanctuary on high, from heaven, and He viewed the earth, and heard the groans of the prisoners and released those who were condemned to death.”

The most important verse here is who we are: “*He will respond to the prayer of the destitute, He will not despise their plea.*” What do you think *destitute* means? Who are we? We are the destitute, the needy, those who had nothing. *Destitute* is altogether lacking and devoid; empty; utterly impoverished, abandoned, and deserted. That is who He is going to pay attention to. It is their prayers, the destitute's, that He will hear. *Destitute* means useless; extreme want; dry and empty and feeling worthless, good for nothing, deficient in every way — that is the destitute. *Destitute* means set away from; you do not feel a part of anybody, you are needy, abject. What is *abject*? Comfortless; without friend or comfort; forsaken; deprived; having no virtue.

Well, He said He will arise and have compassion on Zion, He will rebuild Zion and appear in His glory, He will respond to the prayer of the destitute, He will not despise their plea. So that gives us all hope. I have hope that He has responded to my plea, and He will respond to your plea — because we are the destitute of the earth. That is who He is going to rebuild Zion with. That is who we are — those who had nothing. Amen.

(A *plea* is a desperate request from someone who is destitute, void, who has nothing to offer, nothing to give.)

Ben Naby: I'm so thankful for this word. It's like when you feel that way you just feel cut off or feel like forsaken, feel like your God can't hear your prayers — we get accused feeling this way. I'm just really thankful that it's normal that we would be this way, and that our God does hear our prayer. He's going to come to hear our plea to Him because he cares. He cares for us. He cares that His purpose would be accomplished on the earth. And I was thinking about that verse that says that their stones are dear to your servants. We are starting to really value the stones, the living stones in the Body and submit ourselves to one another and see our need for one another. And I was even thinking about this verse that says that her very dust moves them to pity, and how the wall that Nehemiah was building was just dust, but those guys had faith! You know? And David's mighty men, and our forefathers, they really poured there life out. And that isn't anything to

anybody but those who have faith the same heart as they have. And their dust moves us to pity — that we'd rebuild those walls.

I'm thankful that our Master chose us, that He's called each one of us. And this generation He's talking about, the generation He called us out of, well, we're the dirtbags. We're the scum of humanity. But He chose us because He saw something in us that was salvageable. I'm just thankful for that word. It causes my heart to really be thankful for a good Father, a good God.

We await the time when He will arise. We wait for when it dawns on His people that there is no middle ground, that we would obey every word. That is who loves Him, those who obey Him. And at that time He will distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve Him and those who do not.

Our Master came to undo the work of the evil one — to untie, undo the work of the adversary.