Psalm

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[0:01] Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee. Let such a love like salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified, that I am poor and greedy.

Let the Lord preach it upon me. There art my help and my deliverer, Make no telling, O my God.

The fortieth psalm, the two last verses. Let all those that seek thee, It is natural that everybody seeks something.

A person of ordinary intelligence has something that they seek. A natural man can only seek natural things, Because nothing can rise above its nature.

So that whatever nature we are of, It will determine where our treasure is, What we seek.

[1:38] In the eighth chapter, It is Romans, That precious chapter, We read this, They that are after the flesh, Do mind or seek, The things of the flesh.

They that are of the spirit, Seek the things of the spirit. Just according to nature.

That fallen man, That fallen man speaks, Those things, Not only that are earthy, But those things, That have death in them, And bring death to the soul.

It is a miracle of grace, To be brought to feel, A need, Of that which the world cannot give us.

And it really has been, That a strong observation, In the Galatians, What shall it profit a man, If he shall gain the whole world, And lose his own soul?

[3:19] That he is part of the text, And it would be, Well, Yet the Holy Spirit, Would cause, This world, To take effect, And to be an awakening, Of any poor sinner, That has been seeking nothing, But that which shall perish, In this poor, Perishing, Sinkers world.

Yes, That is their only portion, It's a dead portion, And, It has the curse of God, Upon it.

And if we could accumulate, In the whole world, Then, My friends, It wouldn't last long, I have made the observation, I have made the observation, Before, But it is a reality, And it may seem, Deep into our hearts, It concerns covetousness, And greed, A man, A man, That obtains riches, In a false way, He doesn't possess them, He thinks he does, But he doesn't, The truth of it is, That his possessions, And his riches, Possess him, And so possess him, That thou bring, Bring him to eternal destruction, They possess him, Let all those that speak,

Rejoice, And be glad in thee, There's nothing to rejoice, In this world, But I will be careful, I think of our dear young people, And there's everything, To be thankful for, The joy is that I say, In the true parts, Every good gift, And every perfect gift, Cometh from above, From the Father of lights, With whom there is no variableness, Nor shadow of attorney, And God's gifts, Are those true source, Good gifts, Gifts of providence, Gifts of a beautiful creation, Did not only supply their needs, But there's a beauty in it, There is nothing, It's given to us, More than a necessity, Where have we got the beautiful flowers,

Their gardens, Their trees, They're different, The kinds of, Of beautiful birds, There's nothing, And a necessity, And that is given us, Those things, That are beautiful, They're good gifts, Homes, Affectionate friends, They're good gifts, And we should be thankful for them, Health and strength, It's a wonderful gift, And that, They're not perfect gifts, They reach the body, They can never reach the soul, But, The next thing here, Is to think, The Lord Jesus, The Lord Jesus, Is a force, Of perfect gifts, And what a mercy it is,

[7:07] To, And to know it, It's very sad, To see some most worthy, Natural men, Most intelligent men, Of high education, And each of, Completely ignorant of God, And if they're, Oh, Just religious men, Their very utterances, Declare, That the light, That is in them, Is dust, Oh, It's a wonderful thing, My friends, To have the eyes opened, To see light in God's light, And to behold, That there is a kingdom, This is not of this world, And that, The fear of God, And of the everlasting gospel, Are infinitely beyond, And above, Anything,

That can be, Held, In this whole world, Don't, Have it come into the heart, Have the eyes opened, And the true light to shine, Yeah, This is necessary, In order to be, In order to be, One of those, Who, Seek the Lord, Let all those, That seek thee, Rejoice, And be glad, In thee, For him, And, The top lady, Says, Gives us a secret, Of it really, Our seeking, His face, Is all, Of his grace, A natural man, Is, For his, No need, Of the Lord, We may be, Ignorant of many things,

About the most, Intelligent, Natural man, At least, There is, Ignorant of, Two things, Two things, Which he can never learn, At the university, He's ignorant, Of himself, And he's, Ignorant of God, And therefore, The father is seeking, The things, Material things, Of this life, And of the flesh, And therefore, What we seek, Will ultimately be, Our end, And I do feel, That it is, An important consideration, If we pause, As to what, Their will end is, That is your, Ultimate, Object, And end,

I do think, Of every young people, That had life, Before them, And I do pray, That the Lord, Will help them in life, And all their concerns, There are many difficulties, Especially in these days, The young people, That seek to get married, The difficulties, And expenses, I, I feel for them, That, It has, A broad, To consider their, Letter, End, It's right, To have ambitions, And that, If, The fear of God, The grace, Endes into the heart, There will be, One, Expanding, Ambition, And that, Will be, To know, The Lord,

To possess him, To possess, The riches of his grace, To have his kingdom, Established in a heart, You think of it, Everything else, Will be, Made subject, To that one, Ambition, That one, Glorious, End, And therefore, This seeking, In a text, Is wrapped up, In one parcel, By Job, Oh, That I know, Where I might find him, Is a most, Maltiful expression, In the book of Job, Now, Look in our hearts, Get it true of us, It's not just, Never natural, Of seeking, Natural things,

[12:19] You take desires, Which comes in this seeking, In the 38th Psalm, The psalm is said, Lord, All my desire, Is before thee, And let your man, Would stand before the world, And say, World, All my desire, Is before thee, Let all those, That seek, Be rejoice, And be glad in me, For there is, For there is, In the world, Those of you, That are sick, In the world, What is, In the world, To rejoice, And be glad in me, Sometimes, It goes, Park out, Shorts, The warning, The warning, I've been noticing, Lately, That almost, Every day, In the paper, There's reports,

Of accidents, Accidents, On the roads, In the air, Upon the sea, Nice uncertain, About those, That will, Speak the Lord, They seek, That which is, Certain, They seek, A portion, Which has God in it, They seek, A portion, That will, Enrich them, In their souls, A portion, Which has, The promise, Of the life, That now is, Not a natural life, The promise, Of the spiritual life, That now is, That a blessedness, That commanded, The Lord, To know him, To know divine pardon, To know what it is, To have communion, With him, The promise, Of the life, That now is, And of that,

Which is to come, Let all those, That seek, To rejoice, And be glad, In me, Of course, It may appear, That you, Should go, One, A degree, Further, Before you rejoice, Yet, That all those, That find me, Rejoice, And be glad, In me, But my friends, If I might, Speak about, My little experience, I do believe, That there is, Such a thing, As rejoicing, And be glad, In him, While you seek him, As a thing, In this side, Is, The work, Of faith, And, The, The, The first,

The first, Influence, Of it, Is, The Holy Spirit, Revealing the things, Of God, And, There is teaching, Before, There is this teaching, And there will be, This known, That this world, Is a dry, And thirsty land, Where no water is, And this world, Is a dead place, Is wealth, Is a dead wealth, Is pleasures, Is a dead pleasures, And one will be taught it, Not, As a, A mere, Uh, Notion, But freely, In your soul, For where,

How many of us, On this point, Are called, Ready pray, Were there no use, At all, But may we pray, And the way, For the Lord, To answer the prayer, Empty the verse, I say would be, The world, Myself, And all but thee, Only the virile, For Christ that died, Surrendered, To the crucified, Could you pray, Did you be willing, For the Lord, To answer it, Oh my friends, If he did, He'd give you something better, He'd be a debtor, For no man, If he entered you, This world, He'd give you something better, And he would understand, And it wasn't in your, In your head, But in your heart, The pilgrims, They took joyfully,

[17:25] The spoiling of their goods, And had a reason for it, There's nothing ridiculous, In vital godliness, It would be ridiculous, For a man, To take joyfully, The spoiling of his goods, If he had a reason for it, Knowing in themselves, That they had in heaven, A better, And a dearest substance, Let all those, That seek thee, Rejoice, And be glad, In thee, I like this little word, In, Got something in it, Let all those, That seek thee, Rejoice, And be glad, In thee, I like the thee, Not be glad, On thee, But in thee, Faith enters right in, For that's what makes them think, They see what there is, In the Lord to think, Until, And what those, In the Lord to think, Their need, Oh,

We get very low, And there are times, When we envy, That spirit of speaking, Sometimes, How do you desire, After him, But if you have the grace, Of God in our hearts, He will never let us think, So low, As to depart from him, For this reason, For other reasons, It is because, He will never, Depart from his people, For other reasons, For other reasons, Well, Let us look at a few things, That these people, Seek, They are not spiritual things, There is one blessing, That they receive, That they never seek, That is to be born again,

There is nobody, There is nobody ever, For that, You might say, Well I heard many, Many pray, To be born again, If you did, It is because they are, But, That one blessing, That is to be, It is told upon, These people, Unasked for, That a blessing, Is there to present, With every, Of, For salvation, It comes with it, So, That many of you, No doubt, Of praise, To be born again, But if you have, By the spirit, It is just because, You are born again, No natural man, Of praise, For it, And it shows, The fullness, Of sovereign, The grace, Of relifting,

To love, There is a period, Known to God, When all his, She redeemed, By blood, Shall leave, The hateful ways, Of sin, Turn to the fold, And enter in, It is sovereign grace, It is sovereign purpose, And that purpose, Is, Uh, Be walked out, As, His people, Are drawn, Unto him, No man cometh, Unto me, Except the father, Which sent me, Draw him, And this secret drawing, Is, Uh, The secret of this text, Let all those, That seek thee, Rejoice, And be glad, In thee, There's a secret drawing, Of which the church,

For which the church, Prayed, In a song, Draw me, We will run, After thee, It is, The life of God, Asserting itself, In the heart, My soul, For it's hard, After thee, Thy right hand, Aholdeth me, There's evident, In the movements, Of the life of God, In the soul, Do you feel them?

[22:03] As, Do you feel the evidence, Of life if you do? There's a secret religion, Which is completely, Void, Of this inward life, This inward experience, my dear friend do beware of external religion beware of it wherever you see it be careful for innovations into the sacred worship of God religious activity lightness the setting and where it is the Holy Ghost is lost but oh look at this there's all those that seek to leave it's clean and nothing else look at David in the 27th Psalm one thing that everything can tell everything to him one thing of our desire of the Lord that and that only will I seek that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life behold the beauty of the Lord and inquire in his temple that's the attitude and disposition of grace have we got it?

no good thought about it let all those that seek to rejoice and be glad in me well the first thing that we would seek is divine life that there is something mysterious and sacred in the world life there is something terrible repulsive dreadful in the world's death they are either dead or alive spiritually let my soul live as they gave in the 119th Psalm let my soul live and I will praise you and let thy judgment help me oh to have a living soul it is Christ's life it has that purpose that they might have life that they might have it more abundantly all life is from God every kind of life it's a mystery vegetable life is a mystery and it is the work of creation and it is the work of creation and it is the work of creation and it is the human life it is a mystery spiritual life it is a mystery life and when that life enters into the soul it is a new creation two things enter simultaneously life and life always enter at the same moment oh what a thing to pray for if we are just be cured of that and of all our natural faculties we can never see anything other than things that are natural and so in a seeking life we see this in the prayer of David oh send out thy light and thy truth let them believe me a natural man has been lived by everything and bad things because he would be completely ignorant of such a thing as spiritual life and spiritual life but oh there is a man who is being taught that nature is darkness and death there is a destruction and despair is all that belongs to a natural man but when you know everything sees it when the eyes are opened there is a praise secret said out Lord in my heart thy light and thy truth you want both and that you need eyes to see and you need light to reveal that you want truth for substance it's no use to light up a room for a blind man to look into a mirror it is no use

for a man to be brought to the light and to look into space and see nothing it is light and truth let all those that take you show joy and their glad and green where it is your clean fullness of it is there another thing that this soul will seek is the righteousness of the Lord Jesus and because all the natural religion and parasyism will be killed it needs as much of the power of divine grace to kill a good living Pharisee as it does to convince a base a sinner in the grace of society

I don't know that it needs a greater power to bring down a Pharisee as was called and touching the law he touching the law he was perfect and so the word faith is given to a poor sinner the eyes of faith see him see the Lord Jesus traces his going through his work see that there is a conflict in him and that the work of salvation is accomplished he traces him up into heaven itself there to sit before the Father as the advocate above and there he has to dispense as the poor sinners upon this earth all the treasures all the benefits all the righteousness all the holiness that he has brought when he made contact with this world and as we read just now he did not come to destroy the law but to fulfill it and this finished work of the

Lord Jesus except before a poor sinner was been emptied from vessel to vessel to return to destruction in hell and in order the day of the Lord I will overturn overturn overturn it and will give it out of them as right it is let let all those that think day rejoice and be glad in thy righteousness us the the the substitutional nature of the Lord Jesus Christ is essential to his righteousness and beauty it is one of the most blessed doctrines of the gospel the righteousness of the [31:45] Lord Jesus that it can be implanted to a sinner without any works justifying righteousness that is all that the Lord Jesus is and all the work that he has accomplished and all the more that he has honoured and fulfilled and all the more of it and the victory that it won is made over and imputed to a sinner and at the same time imputation of the sins of a sinner to the Lord Jesus and this is set before faith all of us seeking it let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee we said just now about finding him but my friends faith sees what in him as faith seeks him otherwise there will be nothing to seek take music

I think perhaps it part of the text is amplified in that word of James who shall look it into the perfect law of liberty and continue therein see such things thereby praise that it owing him said everything that is a precious Christ and there is an unresistible attraction the false face said everything there that you possibly need for salvation and he continues looking and it was in the text that all those that seek they are looking they consider it there they are after it they must have him they are willing to lose their lives if they can find a better life care that a save it is life shall lose it and care that lose it is life for my sake shall find it as a hard saying my friends for that it break down thousands of religions now

I saved my life I saved my business I saved my pleasures I won't let them go but oh what a mercy to be brought to submission to the will of God Moses he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter what a fool must be the world of the highest position in the world it was a rich court was the Egyptian court and it never appeared it for anything great at all in this world but the last thing to suffer affliction with the people of God and to enjoy the pleasures of sin for our seasons and compare with it that's the point let our religion break down if we put to the test if we ever tell me to gather

I love to meet among them now my friends but oh the Lord will try and try to face it he gives so these people are shaking at that one object their eye looks through and beyond this full world that Egyptian caught with all its glory and the shabby affair to Moses when he had a glimpse of heaven he had respect unto the recompense of reward and the recompense of reward is an incorruptible oldest And if I old spirit, fade it not away, disordered.

Yet all those that seek fear and joyfully glad in me. Oh my friends, I get very low, much in the dark.

[36:41] But now and then a glimpse, where you can really lay your hand upon your breast and say, Empty the verse I say would be.

Not just the empty the verse. I emphasize this again, you must give a reason for what you say. If you make a profession or some statement, you want to consider whether you've got a reason for saying it.

You wouldn't be empty the verse. Except that by faith you've seen something better. Oh, that kingdom which is not of this world.

I do have it. Dear young people, open my heart very often. I think of them with respect to the difficulties of this life.

About, as I said before, my dear young friends, I wish you well. But there's a reality.

[38:03] And as you turn the pages of your life over, remember this. As there is a stamp upon every page, surely there's an end.

And all that's a hope beyond the grave. To be seeking that it shall never lose. That it shall take the hill.

To lay up a treasure in heaven, Where neither rust nor rust, nor corrupt, and things cannot break through a steel. There is a happiness.

And it has those that are set before you, And for everything in your life, To be my subject to that one blessed end. Let all those that seek thee rejoice, And be glad in thee.

That is really, Let all those that seek thee rejoice, And be glad in thee by finding thee. About, as a Lord, I would speak with reverence here, That he's under an obligation.

[39:23] He's made a promise. He's faithful. Speak. And ye shall find. So that if you're a seeker, You must find.

And because the word of God is a state, And he cannot deny himself. For what is a good thing to have a promise applied?

It's a sacred thing to have an invitation reach or far from heaven. No way to fear it. It's almost impossible to define or express the inward sensations of the life of God in the soul.

That bear you. That bear your heavenward. And while they influence is at the value, It will transform you by the renewing of your mind. Oh, to be able to live continually and lighted.

I wish I could, but I don't. To be able to live continually and be glad in thee. To be glad in not Christ's peace.

[40:46] Let all those that seem to rejoice and be glad in me, to be glad in what Christ is.

And we have that really unfolded by Peter, whom, having not seen, is love.

As he sees things that are invisible, sees Christ, Moses endured as seeing him who is invisible.

Whom, having not seen, he loved. Love is portion. And we have to read about him, long as I owe him.

But we went a bit further. Whom, having not seen, love, see whom. What will he mean? See whom.

[41:51] Though he may not see him, not. Let the living, the living, be rejoiced, with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

That's the soul in the text. Full of glory. Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in me.

You'll be glad that he is who he is. You'll be glad that his sovereignty is absolute. And you'll be glad that you'll be willing to submit to him in all his dealings with you.

Amen. May the Lord help us to pray.

Oh Lord, do have mercy upon us and do bless to our souls those things that we are in. Lord, we would particularly come before thee in this time that we may be enabled to praise thee for thy merciful loving kindness to us that thou hast not cut us off as comforts of the ground for that thou hast made that new and living way whereby we may be enabled to approach unto God.

[43:35] For Lord, it is by the Lord Jesus Christ that we can come unto thee. It is by that one sacrifice that thou didst complete on Calvary's cross.

And we do pray, Lord, that we may be enabled to have that living face to please the precious blood of our Lord.