

# Morning Watch Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, & Esther (2) –Week 12 June 19-25, 2023

## A God Who Hides Himself— the Hidden God

### Monday 6/19

#### Isa. 45:15

15 Surely You are a God who hides Himself, O God of Israel, the Savior.

#### John 1:18

18 No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

#### Job 23:3

3 Oh that I knew where I might find Him, That I might come to His seat!

#### Psa. 17:6-8

6 I call on You, for You will answer me, O God; Incline Your ear to me; hear my speaking.

7 Wondrously display Your lovingkindness, You who save by Your right hand Those who take refuge in You from them who rise up against them.

8 Guard me like the pupil of Your eye; In the shadow of Your wings hide me

#### Heb. 1:1-3

1 God, having spoken of old in many portions and in many ways to the fathers in the prophets,

2 Has at the last of these days spoken to us in the Son, whom He appointed Heir of all things, through whom also He made the universe;

3 Who, being the effulgence of His glory and the impress of His substance and upholding and bearing all things by the word of His power, having made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Crystallization...1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther... – Week 12, Day 1*

### Tuesday 6/20

#### Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18

1 But take care not to do your righteousness before men in order to be gazed at by them; otherwise, you have no reward with your Father who is in the heavens.

2 Therefore when you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be glorified by men. Truly I say to you, They have

their reward in full.

3 But you, when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

4 So that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

5 And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites, because they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners, so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, They have their reward in full.

6 But you, when you pray, enter into your private room, and shut your door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

16 And when you fast, do not be like the sullen-faced hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so that they may appear to men to be fasting. Truly I say to you, They have their reward in full.

17 But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,

18 So that you may not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Crystallization...1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther... – Week 12, Day 2*

### Wednesday 6/21

#### Esth. 4:14, 16

14 For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from some other place, and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

16 Go; assemble all the Jews who are to be found in Susa, and fast for me; and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day; I also and my maids will fast in the same way. And so will I go in to the king, which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish.

#### Zech. 1:8-13, 16-17

8 I saw during the night, and behold, a man was riding upon a red horse; and He was standing among the myrtle trees that were in the bottoms; and behind Him there were red, reddish-brown, and white horses.

9 Then I said, What are these, sir? And the angel who spoke with me said to me, I will show you what these are.

10 And the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are those whom Jehovah has sent to go to and fro on the earth.

11 And they answered the Angel of Jehovah, who was standing among the myrtle trees, and they said, We have gone to and fro on the earth, and indeed all the earth sits still and is quiet.

12 Then the Angel of Jehovah answered and said, O Jehovah of hosts, how long will You not have compassion on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, with which You have been indignant for these seventy years?

13 And Jehovah answered the angel who spoke with me with good words, with comforting words.

16 Therefore thus says Jehovah, I return to Jerusalem with compassions; My house will be built in it, declares Jehovah of hosts, and a measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem.

17 Cry out again, saying, Thus says Jehovah of hosts, My cities will again overflow with good, and Jehovah will again comfort Zion and will again choose Jerusalem. **4**

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Crystallization...1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther... – Week 12, Day 3*

### Thursday 6/22

#### Luke 18:1-6

1 And He told them a parable to the end that they ought always to pray and not lose heart,

2 Saying, There was a certain judge in a certain city who did not fear God and did not regard man.

3 And there was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, Avenge me of my opponent.

4 And for a time he would not; but afterward he said within himself, Even though I do not fear God nor regard man,

5 Yet because this widow causes me trouble, I will avenge her, lest by continually coming she wear me out.

6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unrighteous judge says.

#### Rom. 12:12

12 Rejoice in hope; endure in tribulation; persevere in prayer.

#### Eph. 6:18

18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

#### Col. 4:2

2 Persevere in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving,

**1 Thes. 5:17**  
17 Unceasingly pray,

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Crystallization...1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther... – Week 12, Day 4*

**Friday 6/23**

**Luke 18:7-8**

7 And will not God by all means carry out the avenging of His chosen ones, who cry to Him day and night, though He is long-suffering over them?

8 I tell you that He will carry out their avenging quickly. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?

**Rev. 2:8-11**

8 And to the messenger of the church in Smyrna write: These things says the First and the Last, who became dead and lived again:

9 I know your tribulation and poverty (but you are rich) and the slander from those who call themselves Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

10 Do not fear the things that you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison that you may be tried, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall by no means be hurt of the second death.

**Eph. 3:16-17**

16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,

17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Crystallization...1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther... – Week 12, Day 5*

**Saturday 6/24**

**Luke 18:8**

8 I tell you that He will carry out their avenging quickly. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?

**Rev. 6:9-11**

9 And when He opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and because of the testimony which they had.

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Master, holy and true, will You not judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?

11 And to each of them was given a white robe; and it was said to them that they should rest yet a little while, until also the number of their fellow slaves and their brothers who were about to be killed, even as they were, is completed.

**Rev. 8:1-6**

1 And when He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

3 And another Angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer, and much incense was given to Him to offer with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

4 And the smoke of the incense went up with the prayers of the saints out of the hand of the Angel before God.

5 And the Angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar and cast it to the earth; and there were thunders and voices and lightnings and an earthquake.

6 And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to trumpet.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Crystallization...1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther... – Week 12, Day 6*

**Lord's Day 6/25**

**Esth. 9:15-19, 21-22, 27-32**

15 And the Jews who were in Susa assembled also on the fourteenth day of the month Adar and slew three hundred men in Susa, but they did not lay their hand on the spoil.

16 And the rest of the Jews who were in the king's provinces assembled and stood for their lives, and they had rest from their enemies. And they slew seventy-five thousand of those who hated them; but they did not lay their hand on the spoil.

17 This happened on the thirteenth day of the month Adar; and on the fourteenth day of the same they rested and made it a day of feasting and rejoicing.

18 But the Jews who were in Susa assembled on the thirteenth day of the month and on the fourteenth of the month; and on the fifteenth day of the same they rested and made it a day of feasting and rejoicing.

19 Therefore the Jews of the villages, who dwell in towns in the open, make the fourteenth day of the month Adar a day of rejoicing and feasting, and a good day, and a day of sending portions to one another.

21 Enjoining them that they should keep the

fourteenth day of the month Adar and the fifteenth day of the same, year by year,

22 As the days on which the Jews had rest from their enemies, and as the month which was turned for them from sorrow to rejoicing and from mourning into a good day; that they should make them days of feasting and rejoicing, and of sending portions to one another and gifts to the poor.

27 The Jews established and made a custom for themselves and their seed and all who joined themselves to them, that they would not fail to keep these two days according to what has been written about them and according to the appointed time for them, year by year;

28 And that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the remembrance of them fade from their seed.

29 Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew wrote with all authority to confirm this second letter of Purim.

30 And he sent letters to all the Jews, to the one hundred twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, that is, words of peace and truth,

31 Establishing these days of Purim at their appointed times, as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had established for them and as they had established for themselves and for their seed in the matter of the fastings and their cry.

32 And the commandment of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.

**Hymns, #501**

**Further Reading:**

*CWWL, 1956, vol. 2, "A God Who Hides Himself"*

**Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Romans**

**Level 1—Romans Sequential Study**

**Scripture:** *Rom. 11:1-36*

**Assigned Reading:** *Life-study of Romans, msg. 24*

**Level 2—Romans Topical Study**

**Crucial Point:** *Knowing, Reckoning, and Presenting unto Sanctification*

**Scripture:** *Rom. 6-7*

**Assigned Reading:** *Life-study of Romans, msg. 17; The Normal Christian Life, chs. 3-4*

**Supplemental Reading:** *None*

**Hymn:** 692

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