

## Divine Romance - Spiritual Warfare

### Week 9 – Tuesday

Psa. 8:1-4 – Footnotes 3<sup>1</sup>, 4<sup>1</sup>, 4<sup>2</sup>

Psa. 55:17

Psalm 8 is a wonderful Psalm that has a lot of rich meaning but I just want to touch one or two points. Verses 1 to 4 say, “O Jehovah our Lord, How excellent is Your name In all the earth, You who have set Your glory over the heavens! Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings You have established strength Because of Your adversaries, To stop the enemy and the avenger. When I see Your heavens, the works of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is mortal man, that You remember him, And the son of man, that You visit him?” When did David write this? What time of the day? It has to be night time because he talks about the moon and the stars, not the sun. I have a feeling that he was lying on the field looking up. “Look at all the stars.” I grew up in New York City and there we do not see too many stars because there are too many lights in the city. I went to a Christian camp and we went out for a walk out in the country at night. From horizon to horizon we could see all the stars. To me it looked fake, as if it had been painted. I couldn't believe that this is the sky that we live under. I never saw anything so beautiful in my whole life. I think that all of us realized that night, “When I look at the stars what is mortal man? Who are we? Lord, You are so big and this universe is so big, why do You care about me?” But He does. I hope that you young people always have the realization that God cares about you. Yes, He is God and He is the administrator of the whole universe and He operates His purpose, His economy on the earth; He is building His church. But do you know that while He does all that He actually has the time to care about every single one of us.

I really like Psalm 55, verse 17. Many people use this verse to show that David prayed three times a day and encourage people to pray at least three times a day. But that is not what I want to point out in this verse. I don't know if you ever realized that there is such a verse in the Bible and what it implies. It says, “Evening and morning and at noontime I complain and moan, And He hears my voice.” This verse does not say that David prayed three times a day; it says that David complained three times a day. Isn't that wonderful? Let me ask you, “How many of you probably complain about something at least once a day? To whom do you complain first? Do you complain to your mother? Do you complain to your brother? Do you complain to your teacher? Who do you complain to?” This is telling us that we can complain to God first. Actually when we complain to God first, it may not solve the situation, but it does make things better. David was someone who knew God so intimately that he realized, “I can complain to God all the time.” Maybe we think, “Christians shouldn't complain. Christians should accept God's sovereignty. There is another verse that shows that David accepted God's sovereignty, but do you know what? David learned how to talk to God about everything.

I got saved when I was seven years old. My sister shared the gospel with me and I received the Lord into my heart. It was a long time ago but I remember that night as if it was last night. It was Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. I got saved but I did not get baptized right away. My mom thought that I was too young. I got baptized right around my 12<sup>th</sup> birthday. Then in December that year when I was twelve and a half, I had an experience with the Lord where I really felt that God visited me. I was in a chapel in the denomination where we were meeting. In that little chapel the brothers and sisters were sharing some things and the Lord's love came to me. That night I told the Lord that I loved Him and wanted to serve Him for my whole life. I did not yet know the word *consecration*, but that is the word that

describes what I did. I gave my life to the Lord. I only knew the word *dedication* so I would tell people that I dedicated my life to Christ that night.