



Come to Jesus (Part 9) Our Savior's "Nevertheless" Pastor Ryan Bunbury June 2, 2024

SERIES TEXT: "Are you tired? Worn out? **Burned out on religion? COME TO ME.** Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." - Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30 MSG

SERIES BIG IDEA: Come to Jesus.

TODAY, let's consider the invitation in Psalm 106 where we will come to experience our Savior's "nevertheless."

Psalm 106 (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition | AMPC) Our Savior's "Nevertheless"

- (1) Praise the Lord! – Hallelujah! O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy and lovingkindness endure forever!
- (2) Who can put into words and tell the mighty deeds of the Lord? Or can show forth all the praise [that is due Him]?
- (3) Blessed (happy, fortunate and to be envied) are those who observe justice – treating others fairly – and who do right and are in right standing with God at all times.
- (4) (Earnestly) remember me, O Lord, when You favor Your people! O visit me also when You deliver them, and grant me Your salvation!
- (5) That I may see and share the welfare of Your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, that I may glory with Your heritage.
- (6) We have sinned as did also our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.
- (7) Our fathers in Egypt understood not nor appreciated Your miracles; they did not (earnestly) remember the multitude of Your mercies, nor imprint Your lovingkindness [on their hearts], but they were rebellious and provoked the Lord at the sea, even at the Red Sea.
- (8) NEVERTHELESS, He saved them for His name's sake [to prove the righteousness of the divine character], that He might make His mighty power to be known.
 - ◆ NEVERTHELESS: a conjunctive adverb used to combine two independent clauses into one.
 - ◆ For example...
 - * I messed up again. "In spite of the facts," Jesus saves.
 - * I am not enough. "However," Jesus saves.
 - * I am still stuck in my addiction. "Even so," Jesus saves.
 - * I feel inferior to others. "Yet," Jesus saves.
 - * I feel completely alone. "And," Jesus saves.
 - * I perpetually keep sinning. "But," God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8, NIV). i.e., Jesus saves!
 - ◆ **The Lesson:** Our Savior's "NEVERTHELESS" is a hope-inspiring, death-defying, turnaround Word of all words.
- (9) He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up; so He led them through the depths, as through a pasture land.
- (10) And He saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the [Egyptian] enemy.
- (11) And the waters covered their adversaries; not one of them was left.
- (12) Then [Israel] believed His words – trusting in, relying on them; they sang His praise.
- (13) But they hastily forgot His works; they did not (earnestly) wait for His plans [to develop] respecting them;
- (14) But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted and tried to restrain God [with their insistent desire] in the desert.

(15) And **He gave them their request**, but sent leanness into their soul and [thinned their numbers by] disease and death.

(16) They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron, the high priest, the holy one of the Lord,

(17) Therefore the earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and closed over the company of Abiram [Numbers 16].

(18) And a fire broke out in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.

(19) They made a calf in Horeb and worshiped a molten image.

(20) Thus they exchanged Him Who was their glory for the image of an ox that eats grass – they traded their honor for the image of a calf!

(21) They forgot God, their Savior, Who had done such great things in Egypt,

(22) Wonders and miracles in the land of Ham, dreadful and awesome things at the Red Sea.

(23) Therefore He said He would destroy them. [And He would have done so] had not Moses, His chosen one, stepped into the breach before Him, to turn away His threatening wrath.

(24) Then they spurned and despised the pleasant *and* desirable land [Canaan]; they believed not His word – neither trusting, relying on nor holding to it;

(25) But **they murmured in their tents**, and hearkened not to the voice of the Lord.

(26) Therefore He lifted up His hand [as if taking an oath] against them, that He would cause them to fall in the wilderness,

(27) Would cast out their descendants among the nations, and scatter them in the lands [of the earth].

(28) They joined themselves also to the [idol] Baal of Peor, and ate sacrifices offered to the lifeless [god].

(29) Thus they provoked the Lord to anger with their practices, and a plague broke out among them.

(30) Then stood up Phinehas [the priest] and executed judgment, and so the plague was stayed.

(31) And that was credited to him for righteousness (right doing and right standing with God) to all generations for ever.

(32) They angered the Lord also at the **waters of Meribah**, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes;

- ◆ The Hebrew word Meribah means “arguing.” e.g., “the people argued...” (Numbers 20:13)
- ◆ **The Lesson:** “Stop criticizing!” - Jesus, John 6:43 (GWT)

(33) Because they provoked Moses’ spirit, so that he spoke unadvisedly with his lips.

(34) They did not destroy the (heathen) nations, as the Lord commanded them;

(35) But mingled themselves with the (idolatrous) nations and learned their ways and works,

(36) And served their idols, which were a snare to them.

(37) Yes, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons,

(38) And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with blood.

(39) Thus they were defiled by their own works, and played the harlot and practiced idolatry with their own inventions [of idolatrous rites]. i.e., self-centeredness

(40) Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against His people, insomuch that He abhorred and rejected His own heritage.

(41) And He gave them into the hand of the [heathen] nations, and they that hated them ruled over them.

(42) Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under the hand of their foes.

(43) Many times did [God] deliver them, but they were rebellious in their counsel, and sank low through their iniquity

(44) NEVERTHESS, He regarded their distress, when He heard their cry.

(45) And He (earnestly) remembered for their sake His covenant, and relented and revoked their sentence of evil – comforting and easing Himself – according to the abundance of His mercy and loving-kindness [when they cried out to Him].

(46) He also caused Israel to find sympathy among those who had carried them away captive.

(47) Deliver us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in praising You.

(48) Blessed – affectionately and gratefully praised – be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, Amen! Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

EIGHT EVERYDAY “NEVERTHELESS” PROMISES

I: *I can't do it.* NEVERTHELESS, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13)

II: *I don't have enough.* NEVERTHELESS, “My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)

III: *I'm stressed, anxious, and full of fear.* NEVERTHELESS, “God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” (2 Timothy 1:7)

IV: *I'm skeptical and doubtful.* NEVERTHELESS, “God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.” (Romans 12:3) AND... “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.” (Mark 10:27)

V: *I feel inferior and weak.* NEVERTHELESS, “The Lord is the strength of my life.” (Psalm 27:1) AND... “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)

VI: *I'm disappointed and overwhelmed with frustration.* NEVERTHELESS, “Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

VII: *I'm not smart enough.* NEVERTHELESS, “You are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God.” (1 Corinthians 1:30) AND... “If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you.” (James 1:5)

VIII: *I am unable to overcome my addiction.* NEVERTHELESS, “The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” (2 Corinthians 3:17)

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Salvation Prayer:

Dear Jesus, I repent of my sin. Please be my Savior and Lord. In Jesus' Name, Amen