



"The Del-Haven Vision"

"Without vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18)

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"And those who know your name will put their trust in you. For you, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you...For the needy shall not always be forgotten. The expectation of the poor shall not perish forever." "He shall regard the prayer of the destitute, and shall not despise their prayer." Ps.9:10,18; 102:17

Within these three verses there are four descriptions of the Lord and six descriptions of those who are true believers in Him. **Ps.9:10** begins with the first two of six descriptions that pertain to the genuine Christian. The Psalmist declares "**And those that know your name will put their trust in you...**". To truly know the Lord makes it inevitable that one will also put their trust in Him.

Knowing the name of the Lord is equivalent to being intimately in touch with His divine nature as a loving, caring and altogether complete Savior. It is to experience, by Him, being forgiven of sin and freed from it's domineering hold on your life. It is the very name and nature of the Savior for that reality to come to be realized as, indeed, in Him, being true.

Also, to know the Lord as a great Savior is simultaneously to know yourself as a great sinner. Genuinely understanding the one truth, naturally goes hand in hand with really understanding the other. Confession in a **true** believer's life and walk involves their habitually -- and prayerfully -- articulating both of these realities all throughout their journey through this age of sin and death. As long as we are yet in this fallen state of being we will be saying the same thing as God's Word does (which is precisely what confession is) about ourselves as being hopeless, helpless wretches (Ro.7:24), and about the Lord Jesus Christ as being the wonderfully powerful Savior that He is. Hence, the sinner saved by grace is certain to put their trust in the Lord and in the Lord alone!

The first phrase of description of the Lord comes at the end of **Ps.9:10**. It declares that He has not forsaken those that fill the third description that is given of the saved sinner. For, when it says that He has not forsaken them it connotes that He has not relinquished His promises to all of those, it explains, **that truly do seek Him**. And, it is in this third description of the saved one that we see that a great and wonderful transformation has most obviously taken place in their life. Before regeneration, all sinners -- whether elect of grace or not -- are exactly alike in that "*there are none that seek after God*" (**Ps.14:2-3; Ro.3:11**). But, praise the name of the Savior, He has not forsaken those that by His grace are created anew to be transformed into being those that do truly seek Him!

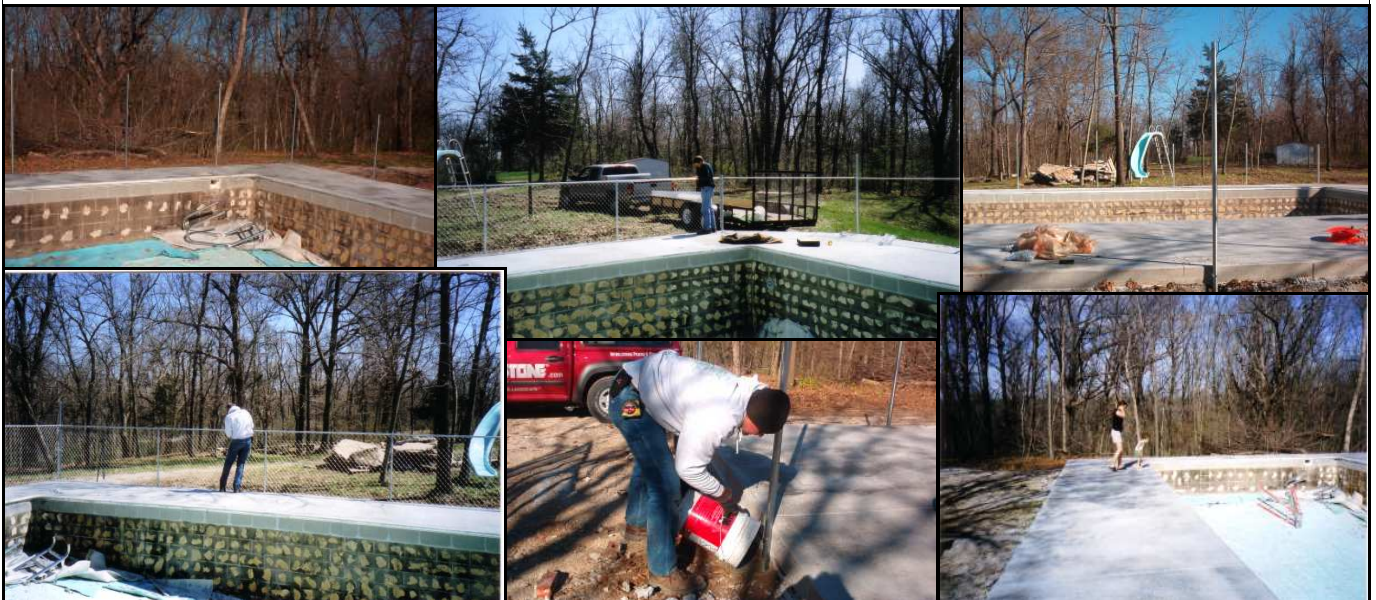
Ps.9:18 and **102:17** go on to describe the true Christian as being *needy, poor* and *prayerful*. As being needy -- which every true believer most certainly is -- they may go through times when it seems like they are forgotten, but those times are always only temporary. And, as poor, they may at times experience being miserably depressed, but the Lord Himself is the very ground of their hope and He has promised that there will be a divine performance of the things promised them and expected by them. Finally, as being prayerful, **Ps.102:17**, delivers the dual description of the Lord when it says that He "*shall regard*" -- i.e. He shall turn His face toward them -- as they are recognized as being poor and naked and *destitute* of human help and support, and He will in no wise "*despise*", or disesteem their prayer. In these last two descriptions of God, and how He responds to our prayers, is the certainty of our salvation...Praise the Savior!

For Christ's glory only!
A. Carpenter

A Wellspring of Water Projects Are Underway

As you can very well see from the pictures below the Lord has opened the door for us to be able to get started on getting the needed repairs done to the swimming pool. He has definitely and very favorably regarded our prayers about this special project. This is a proof of your faithfulness in praying for us and we thank the Lord for this wonderful testimony.

We have also been favorably regarded by our bank so that once again there has been extended unto us a generous line of credit that we may use to not only meet the expense of the pool project, but also the repair of the lake and the installation of new water lines. All of this goodness has come to pass in just the last three weeks! Whereas, before, we really did not know how we would be able to approach these major matters because they are so expensive -- now, new doors have opened up to us, and things are happening! Positive progress is being realized right before our eyes. Please keep praying for us. By the moving of the Lord we could even possibly be able to use our lake to some extent this coming camp season. That will be a first in many, many years! There truly is nothing too hard for the Lord!



Praises and Prayer Requests

The regular, ongoing needs of this ministry are also being divinely supplied. Pastor Bob Ganote and all our precious friends at Sovereign Grace Baptist Church that is located at 6820 E. Truman Rd. in Kansas City, MO have graciously given to us much needed canned goods and many other various food supplies to help us get prepared and be able to feed the many hungry children that God will send to us to be fed the spiritual food of the gospel of His grace. We praise the Lord for testimonies like this of His involvement in this ministry and provision for its needs. Pray for Bob and his church for they, also, will be hosting our 2007 Glory of Christ Bible Conference. Mark your calendars -- June 14-16 is when it will take place. We have Dr. James Grier (Who, each year, travels to London to preach at the Metropolitan Tabernacle -- where Charles Spurgeon preached), Steven Carpenter and Jim Elliff on our lineup for this year. Check out our website : campdelhaven.org for more information. You will hear more of this event in the very near future.

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is in me bless His holy name!”