

v. 1-- This is probably one of the first utterings of the Golden Rule.

v. 2-- The Lord is our armor, and our salvation. Every morning, we should dress in His armor.

v. 3-- People, and nations, refer to groups of persons under one kingship--in this case, Satan--The demons of Satan flee from Christ, as He was lifted up on the cross, and as we lift up His name.

v. 4-- Lord, you take in everyone as caterpillars and locusts take every living plant in their path, so you welcome every living person!!

v. 5-- The Lord is exalted--He has made us all righteous by His death and resurrection.

v. 6-- God's people have wisdom and knowledge, and the Lord will uphold us in all!!

v. 7-- We desperately want others to come to the Lord and find His peace and love!!

v. 8-- The highways to God are broken since Adam broke the covenant with Him--since then man hasn't had the connection and oneness with each other we would have otherwise.

v. 9-- Earth became imperfect after Adam's fall, and fell into the hands of Satan. In the beginning Satan told God that no man will stay by Him voluntarily. God said that some "(the remnant)" always will. When Adam fell, Satan won a battle, and control of the earth. Then he tested Job, and Job stayed by the Lord, and Satan lost a battle. But he said to God--"I'll bet you the kingdoms of the earth that you won't ever find a perfectly sinless man." Satan likes gambling anyway! God said--"There is one coming who will walk perfectly upright, and in fact there will be millions who will!" Satan was pretty confident now, because that sounded pretty unlikely. Satan killed all the Prophets, just in case they were the ones, then came Jesus--he tried to kill Him by killing all the babies, and tried several times during His ministry, but always failed because it wasn't time yet. Satan knew Jesus lived a perfect life, and he was worried, because he suspected this was the one, and if He was, he'd better get busy and make this guy sin--and fast!

All Satan really needs is for us to give up--he knows few people will actually fall down and worship him--all he got Adam to do was to put his own desires, his natural man, dominant to his spirit man, and that was enough to disconnect Adam from God. All we have to do is lean on our own understanding, think carnally, put our natural man first, and we'll be worshipping the god of this world, and we'll put illness, poverty, and depression before our faith in God.