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'IT'S JUST PAST MIDNIGHT' parable - Part 6

THANKFULNESS - Psalm 119:62

Verse 61 should be included. It reads, *The bands of the wicked have robbed me, but I have not forgotten thy law.* (62) *At midnight, I will rise and give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.*

A little study at this point. *LAW* = Hb. *torah* = direction, teaching, law.

JUDGMENT = Hb. *mishpat* = judgment (i.e. a decision in a matter).

The 'status quo' for many of us is a life with a lot less faith than they would like to have. This is the result of an all out attack of wicked thoughts of unbelief. The flesh uses lifeless traditional teachings that twist the word of God and robs one of **the life of the word** that will bring change. Through it all, *the written word* with its directions and teachings remains in our minds and hearts if we have disciplined ourselves to put it there! Such a word will hold us steady when there are waves of man's teachings that try to 'rock our boat'.

A new day begins in our experience and **at midnight** faith arises within as we focus on what God has done for us and we start to give thanks declaring all that God has spoken. We find ourselves believing like never before what God says about Himself and what He says about us. We gain experience what He is really like and thus receive a revelation that He, being Lord, has decreed just decisions in all our circumstances. We arise — we come up higher — and give Him thanks for His greatness and mercy that has been revealed to us. He is much bigger to us than before now that we see His unlimited righteous judgments and His perfect plan. Spontaneous thanks spring forth as the good news concerning all men is opened up to us. This extra specific thanks begins at **midnight** which is a marvelous way of starting the new day — in fact every day.