



GIVING GOD PRAISES AND PRAYERS

Psalm 9

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Good morning Church! I am pleased to enter back into our Psalm Series "Hymns of Praise" as we look at the Poetry books of the Bible. Psalms was intended to express what others could share in formal and public worship, and are not private poems. Psalm 9 begins with a thanksgiving, but does express the lament of the writer as the psalmist turns to the Lord.

A Thanksgiving psalm usually consists of 3 parts:

- A CALL to Thanksgiving
- The DISTRESS that the Psalmist was DELIVERED from.
- Affirmation of PRAISE

READ, Psalm 9:1-20

*"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. **2** I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. **3** When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before your presence. **4** For you have maintained my just cause; you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment. **5** You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish; you have blotted out their name forever and ever. **6** The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins; their cities you rooted out; the very memory of them has perished. **7** But the Lord sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, **8** and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness. **9** The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. **10** And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you. **11** Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds! **12** For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted. **13** Be gracious to me, O Lord! See my affliction from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gates of death, **14** that I may recount all your praises, that in the gates of the daughter of Zion I may rejoice in your salvation. **15** The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught. **16** The Lord has made himself known; he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. Higgaiion. Selah **17** The wicked shall return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God. **18** For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever. **19** Arise, O Lord! Let not man prevail; let the nations be judged before you! **20** Put them in fear, O Lord! Let the nations know that they are but men!" Selah*

1. PRAISE to The Lord is Prominent. (v 1-12)

- We Praise The Lord for His DIVINE PERSON.
- We Praise The Lord for His DIVINE JUSTICE.

God is the Just Judge who is over...

- The GODLESS (v 5-6)
- All PEOPLE in general (v 7-8)
- Dependent DISCIPLES (v 9-10)

2. PRAYER to The Lord is Prominent (v 13-20)

- The purpose of Individual PRAYER leads to Corporate PRAISE.

“Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”

1 Corinthians 15:33

“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.”

Proverbs 16:18

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.”

Proverbs 14:12

- The means of gaining Divine JUSTICE is through Corporate PRAYER (v 17-20)

Whether you literally are in poverty or figuratively expressing total dependence on God, the Lord is the one who can bring righteousness & justice, which truly comes by knowing God.

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*