

PSALM 9 – Prayer and Thanksgiving for the LORD’s Righteous Judgments – How we as the righteous are to respond to a wicked world all around us!

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PRAISE TO THE LORD – Joachim Neander; Billy Graham choir

*Praise to the Lord, The Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near; Praise Him in glad adoration.*

*Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, Come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again, Gladly for aye we adore Him. Praise Him in adoration, Oh, Praise to the Lord,*

Psalm 9 –Prayer and Thanksgiving for the LORD’s Righteous Judgments. *Psalm 9 & 10* go together, as they are both acrostic Psalms, with *Psalm 10* generally continuing where *Psalm 9* ends. Both are describing the condition of the righteous in a wicked world. *Psalm 9* describes the wicked as being the enemies from without – enemies of God and enemies of Israel. *Psalm 10* describes the wicked as being from within Israel. In the Septuagint, *Psalm 9 & 10* are combined. Both Psalms tell us, as those who have received the Gospel and believed – “righteous”, how to respond to the wickedness around us by praying, praising and telling the dark and dying world about the LORD

PSALM 9 - I Will Recount Your Wonderful Deeds; To the Chief Musician. To The Tune of "Death of the Son." a Psalm of David.

Psa 9:1 I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works.

- How are we to face the foe and bless the LORD in the face of our enemies and the wicked all around us? By praising the LORD will all of our heart and to tell of all His marvelous works!
- We are to do this wonderful privilege with a “whole heart”, not half hearted!

Psa 9:2 I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

- Gladness and joy are the appropriate spirit in which to praise the goodness of the Lord
- Songs are the fitting expressions of our thankfulness. It would honor our LORD and be good for us, if we gladly rejoiced in singing and praising Him more often!

Psa 9:3 When my enemies turn back, They shall fall and perish at Your presence.

- God's presence is more than sufficient to work the defeat of our most furious enemies! Their ruin is so complete when the Lord takes them in hand, there is no escape!
- Like David, we must be careful to give all the glory to Him whose presence gives the victory.

Psa 9:4 For You have maintained my right and my cause; You sat on the throne judging in righteousness.

- Again the emphasis must be on Him and not on ourselves in maintaining our right and our cause.
- “on the throne” – at all time we must remember that it is He who is sitting on the throne, judging in righteousness! He will not leave us to the ignorant, ungenerous judgment of erring, wicked man.

Psa 9:5 You have rebuked the nations, You have destroyed the wicked; You have blotted out their name forever and ever.

- God rebukes before He destroys, but when He once deals with the wicked, He doesn't stop until He has dashed them in pieces so small that their very name is forgotten, and their remembrance is no more *forever and ever!*

Psa 9:6 O enemy, destructions are finished forever! And you have destroyed cities; Even their memory has perished.

- Here David exults over the fallen enemies, insulting their once vaunted strength, somewhat like our Savior and Glorious Redeemer asking of death, “Where is thy sting?” and of the grave, “Where is thy victory?” The enemy is spoiled, and he who made captive is led into captivity himself.

Psa 9:7 But the LORD shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment.

- Out LORD's enduring existence and unchanging dominion are the firm foundations of our joy. The enemy and his destructions shall come to a perpetual end, but God and His throne shall endure forever!

Psa 9:8 He shall judge the world in righteousness, And He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness.

- Whatever earthly courts may do, heaven's throne ministers judgment in uprightness. How the prospect of appearing before the impartial tribunal of the Great King should impact us when tempted to sin, and as a comfort when our enemies slander or oppress us!

Psa 9:9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble.

- Our LORD who gives no quarter to the wicked in the day of judgment, is our defense and refuge in the day of trouble. For all forms of oppression; both from man and from Satan, a refuge is provided in the Lord Jehovah. There were cities of refuge under the law, God is our refuge-city under the gospel!

Psa 9:10 And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

- The Lord may hide His face for a season from His people, but He never has utterly, finally, really, or angrily, forsaken them that seek Him. Let us draw comfort from this fact, and rejoice yet more exceedingly, for the Lord's faithfulness to those who so seek.

Psa 9:11 Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion! Declare His deeds among the people.

- David, being full of gratitude himself, is eager to excite and inspire others to join the strain, and praise God in the same way he did in the first and second verses.

- The heavenly spirit of praise is gloriously contagious, and we should never be content unless we can excite all those around us.

Psa 9:12 When He avenges blood, He remembers them; He does not forget the cry of the humble.

- When an inquest is held concerning the blood of the oppressed, the martyred saints will have the first remembrance; He will avenge His own. The humble cry of the poorest saints shall neither be drowned by the voice of His justice nor by the screams of the condemned.

Psa 9:13 Have mercy on me, O LORD! Consider my trouble from those who hate me, You who lift me up from the gates of death,

- ***Have mercy upon me, O Lord.*** This prayer is most suitable for all persons and occasions, breathing a humble spirit, indicating self knowledge. It appeals to the proper attributes, and to the fitting person.

Psa 9:14 That I may tell of all Your praise In the gates of the daughter of Zion. I will rejoice in Your salvation.

- You who lift me up from the gates of death! What a glorious lift! In sickness, in sin, in despair, in temptation, we have been brought very low, and the gloomy entrance has seemed as if it would open to imprison us, but, underneath us were Your everlasting arms, lifting us up even to the gates of heaven!

Psa 9:15 The nations have sunk down in the pit which they made; In the net which they hid, their own foot is caught.

Psa 9:16 The LORD is known by the judgment He executes; The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.

Meditation (Higgaion). Selah

- In considering this terrible picture of the Lord's judgments of His enemies, we are called to ponder and meditate upon it with deep seriousness by the two untranslated words, *Higgaion, Selah*. Meditate, pause. Consider, think about yourselves. Adjust your hearts, think about the subject here.
- First, the character of God requires the punishment of sin. So long as our God is God, He will not, He cannot spare the guilty; except through that one glorious way in which He is just, and yet the justifier of him that believes in Jesus. Secondly, that the manner of His judgment is altogether wise and just. He makes the wicked become their own executioners.

Psa 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God.

- How solemn is the seventeenth verse, especially in its warning to forgetters of God. The moral who are not devout, the honest who are not prayerful, the benevolent who are not believing, the amiable who are not converted, these must all have their portion with the openly wicked in the hell which is prepared for the devil and his angels.
- There are whole nations of such; those ***that forget God*** are far more numerous than the profane or wildly extravagant, according to the forceful Hebrew expression, will be hurled into hell. Forgetfulness seems a small sin, but it brings eternal wrath upon the man who lives and dies in it.

Psa 9:18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten; The expectation of the poor shall not perish forever.

- Mercy is as ready to her work as ever justice can be.
- Needy souls fear that they are forgotten; let them rejoice that they shall not always be so.

Psa 9:19 Arise, O LORD, Do not let man prevail; Let the nations be judged in Your sight.

- Prayers are the believer's weapons of war. When the battle is too hard for us, we call in our great ally, who, as it were, lies in ambush until faith gives the signal by crying out, "Arise, O Lord."
- He will not suffer man to prevail over God, but with swift judgments will confound their glorying. In the very sight of God the wicked will be punished, and He, who is now all tenderness, will have no compassion for them, since they had no tears of repentance while their day of grace endured.

Psa 9:20 Put them in fear, O LORD, That the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah

- One would think that men would not grow so vain as to deny themselves to be but men, but it appears to be a lesson which only our LORD can teach to some proud spirits. May we ever remember this!
- Before leaving this Psalm, it will be very profitable if the student will peruse it again as the triumphal hymn of the Redeemer, as he devoutly brings the glory of his victories and lays it down at his Father's feet. Let us joy in his joy, and our joy shall be full.

SUMMARY:

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