

PSALM 28 – Rejoicing In Answered Prayer!

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I Stand in Awe of You! - Mark Altrogge - Herring

*You are beautiful beyond description, Too marvelous for words. Too wonderful for comprehension, Like nothing ever seen or heard. Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom? Who can fathom the depth of Your love? You are beautiful beyond description. Majesty, enthroned above. And I stand, I stand in awe of You. I stand, I stand in awe of You. Holy God, to whom all praise is due. I stand in awe of You. I stand in awe of You. (2X)
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PSALM 28 – Nothing can be learned from the title as to the time this Psalm was written, for the heading, “*A Psalm of David*,” is common to many of the Psalms. It’s position, as following Psalm 27, seems to have been designed, for it is a most suitable sequel to it. It is another of those “songs in the night” of which the pen of David was so prolific. This Psalm shows David just being in awe that God hears and answers prayer! That He is always available to hear our prayers and has invited us to pray to Him. Then He not only hears our prayers, but He answers them! There are highs and lows in this Psalm. There are lessons about prayer; about struggle; a whole interlude about the wicked; things of the world that upset us. What are we, as Christians to do about these things? We are to pray!

PSALM 28 - God Hears Our Prayers and He Answers Them! A Psalm of David.

(vs. 1-2) - Earnestly Inquire and Pray to the Lord in a Time of Dire Emergency

Psa 28:1 A Psalm of David. To You I will cry, O LORD my Rock: Do not be silent (be not deaf to me – not listening, unable to hear!) ***to me, Lest, if You are silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.***

- To You I will cry! In time of trouble, don’t let your thoughts roam to look for someone or something thing on whom to fix, but look to the LORD, Him and Him alone!
- The LORD hears and the LORD speaks, primarily through His word, to me! *Is the Maker of the ear unable to hear?*

Psa 28:2 Hear the voice of my supplications When I cry to You, When I lift up my hands (I surrender!) ***toward Your holy sanctuary.***

- Note that it is appropriate to lift up our hands when we pray. Surrendering to Him, leaning toward His mercy seat!

(vs. 2-5) – The Portion of the Wicked is Described and Disapproved

Psa 28:3 Do not take me away with the wicked And with the workers of iniquity, Who speak peace to their neighbors, But evil is in their hearts.

- Here David cries out to distinguish between him and the wicked at the time of judgment.
- Deliver me from the fate of the wicked! Those double mined ones, who speak peace to their neighbors but having evil in their hearts.

Psa 28:4 Give them according to their deeds, And according to the wickedness of their endeavors; Give them according to the work of their hands; Render to them what they deserve.

- David is asking for their retribution. Give them what they deserve. According to their deeds; according to their wickedness; according to the work of their hands!
- The New Testament asks something different from us. **Luke 23:34** *Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."*

Psa 28:5 Because they do not regard the works of the LORD, Nor the operation of His hands, He shall destroy them And not build them up.

- They don’t regard You and what You have done!

(vs. 6-8) – Praise is Given for the Lord’s Mercy in Hearing Prayer

Psa 28:6 Blessed be the LORD, Because He has heard the voice of my supplications!

- Blessed be the LORD! He has heard my voice of my supplications!

- The LORD is not deaf. He has heard!
- He knows my voice! God hears and answers prayer. Yes, even my prayers!

Psa 28:7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him.

- My heart trusted in Him! I am helped! Therefore, I am rejoicing. I will praise Him with my song!
- ***Psa 107:8*** *Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!*

Psa 28:8 The LORD is their strength, And He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

- An intercession for the LORD's own! He is the saving strength!

(v. 9) – A general Petition for the Whole Host of Militant Believers

Psa 28:9 Save Your people, And bless Your inheritance; Shepherd them also, And bear them up forever.

- A great four-part request! **Save** them! **Bless** them! **Feed, shepherd** them! **Take up** the people and **carry** them forever
- *Shepherd them also* – “*He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.*” (***Isa 40:11***).

SUMMARY:

- **How we need to rejoice that God hears our voice!**
- **Not only does He hear us when we pray. He answers our prayers!**
- **David strongly distinguishes between the wicked and the righteous!**
- ***O LORD my Rock: Do not be silent*** (be not deaf to me – not listening, unable to hear!) ***to me, Lest, if You are silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.***
- **We want to praise the Lord's for His mercy in hearing and answering our prayers!**
- **We want to intercede for others – Save them! Bless them! Feed, shepherd them! Carry them forever!**

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!

PRAY FOR OUR NATION'S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS: -

Pray for World Leaders, especially their salvation, including: Xi Jinping – China; Narendra Modi- India; Donald Trump – USA; Joko Widodo - Indonesia; Jair Bolsonaro - Brazil; Arif Alvi - Pakistan; Muhammadu Buhari - Nigeria; Hasina Wazed - Bangladesh; Vladimir Putin- Russia; Lopez Obrador – Mexico.

Benjamin Netanyahu – Israel; Angela Merkel – Germany; Theresa May – U.K.; Kim Jong-un – North Korea; Moon Jae-in – South Korea.

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