

PSALM 129 2024 – They Have Afflicted Me from My Youth!

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Psa 129:1 A Song of Ascents. "Many a time they have afflicted me from my youth," Let Israel now say—

Psa 129:2 "Many a time they have afflicted me from my youth; Yet they have not prevailed against me.

- *Many a time!* This Psalm deals now with the afflictions that they have gone through. “Many a time, I’ve gone through. I have experienced affliction.
- Paul said, (2Co 4:8-9) *We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; [9] persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—I am cast down, but I am not destroyed. They have not prevailed against me.* Yes, they have set their snares and I have been afflicted but *they have not prevailed.* Jesus said, (Mat 16:18) *And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*

Psa 129:3 The plowers plowed on my back; They made their furrows long."

- This could be a reference to the slavery especially in Egypt. When their taskmasters would lay across their back the whip and it would leave these long welts like a furrow that has been plowed across the back The long welt as the result of the whip laid on the back.
- The words predicted here were most expressly realized when the Lord Jesus Christ was in His suffering state, during His passion! (Isa 50:6) *I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.*

Psa 129:4 The LORD is righteous; He has cut in pieces the cords of the wicked.

(Zec 12:3) And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

- Those cords of the wicked wherein they held me, wherein I was bound. The Lord has cut them. He has set me free.

Psa 129:5 Let all those who hate Zion Be put to shame and turned back.

- Study a chapter from the “Book of Martyrs,” and see if you do not feel inclined to read an imprecatory Psalm over Bishop Bonner and Bloody Mary. It may be that some wretched nineteenth century sentimentalist will blame you. If so, read another over him.

Psa 129:6 Let them be as the grass on the housetops, Which withers before it grows up,

- In Israel they have flat roofs and many times they cover the roofs with dirt as waterproofing. With the dirt on the roofs, seeds get blown in the wind and so you have weeds growing on the roof of your house. The weeds though that grow on the roof of the house, the grass that grows there burns up quickly in the late spring, early summer when it starts getting hot. It just withers and dies quickly.
- In those days, they would bind the wheat, the hay and all in sheaves and they would store them in sheaves. We do it in bales today. Bales of hay They would bind it up into a sheave and they would store these sheaves as the fodder for the cattle during the winter months. “Those that hate Zion, the wicked, let them be as grass upon the housetop which withers before it really grows up, withers quickly and dies.”

Psa 129:7 With which the reaper does not fill his hand, Nor he who binds sheaves, his arms.

- In other words, it never gets big enough to mow. It never is able to be harvested.

Psa 129:8 Neither let those who pass by them say, "The blessing of the LORD be upon you; We bless you in the name of the LORD!"

- This was a very familiar phrase during harvest time. When you had passed by a field and the people

would be out there harvesting the field, the familiar phrase as you see them harvesting you say, The blessing of the Lord upon you. The Lord be with you. It was just a typical greeting. Even to the present day, typical, as you see the man harvesting his field, you will see his friends walking by and he is out there harvesting they will say, The blessing of the Lord upon you! He will say, I bless you in the name of the Lord.

- You remember in the story of Ruth, chapter two, verse six, when Boaz came out to the field and his harvesters were there. (**Rth 2:4**) *Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, "The LORD be with you!" And they answered him, "The LORD bless you!"* They would usually say, The Lord bless thee and your seed, but he did not have any children. It is just typical as you are enjoying the fruit of harvest to recognize that God has blessed and to just pronounce the blessing of God upon the man as he harvests the fields.
- We are never to say, "The LORD bless you" to the wicked or those who are espousing a false doctrine!

- ***Psa 129:3 The plowers plowed on my back; They made their furrows long.***
- ***(Isa 50:6a) I gave My back to those who struck Me.***

ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED? (AT THE CROSS) Isaac Watt 1707 *Grace Comm.* (3:51)

1 Alas! and did my Savior bleed and did my Sovereign die!

Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm such as I?

*Refrain: At the cross, at the cross Where I first saw the light, And the burden of my heart
rolled away, It was there by faith I received my sight, And now I am happy all the day!*

2 Was it for crimes that I have done, He groaned upon the tree?

Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree! (refrain)

*3 Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut His glories in,
when Christ, the Mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin. (refrain)*

4 But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe.

Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do. (refrain)

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