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Summer in the Psalms

Lesson Six • Psalm 9

Praise and Prayer for God's Justice

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We long for JUSTICE in a world filled with injustice, so let this longing lead you to GOD because He judges the world with righteousness.

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1. The Sovereign Judge of the World Is Worthy of Our PRAISE!

The Heart of Praise

With all his heart David RESOLVES to praise God for His marvelous works and glorious name.

*I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.
Psalm 9:1-2*

The Reason for Praise

- God demonstrates His JUSTICE by destroying the wicked and rescuing the righteous.

*When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before Your presence. For You have maintained my just cause; You have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment. You have rebuked the nations; You have made the wicked perish; You have blotted out their name forever and ever. The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins; their cities You rooted out; the very memory of them has perished.
Psalm 9:3-6*

- God is a stronghold for the oppressed because He will JUDGE the wicked with justice.

But the LORD sits enthroned forever; He has established His throne for justice, and He judges the world with righteousness; He judges the peoples with uprightness. The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know Your name put their trust in You, for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You. Psalm 9:7-10

The Call to Praise

Those who trust in the Lord should praise Him because He has not FORGOTTEN them.

Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples His deeds! For He who avenges blood is mindful of them; He does not forget the cry of the afflicted. Psalm 9:11-12

2. The Sovereign Judge of the World Is Worthy of Our PRAYER!

The Content of David's Prayer

- David prays for God to RESPOND to his affliction.

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, that I may recount all Your praises, that in the gates of the daughter of Zion I may rejoice in Your salvation. Psalm 9:13-14

- David prays for God to make Himself KNOWN by bringing justice.

The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught. The Lord has made Himself known; He has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. The wicked shall return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God. For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever. Psalm 9:15-18

- David prays for God to put the WICKED in their place.

Arise, O Lord! Let not man prevail; let the nations be judged before You! Put them in fear, O Lord! Let the nations know that they are but men! Psalm 9:19-20

One Significant Lesson from Psalm 9

Praising God as the Sovereign Judge of the world leads to TRUSTING God as the Sovereign Judge of the world.