

Sunday Night Message

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Psalm 101 – David's Resolutions

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 101

Introduction

I have called this psalm “David’s Resolutions” because in it we see several things that David has resolved to do. Resolutions are not reactions. They are acts of volition: things that we will do because we have decided, or resolved, to do them; or, conversely, things that we will not do by resolution.

As a Christian, are there some things that you should resolve to do? Or resolve not to do?

I I Will Sing (v. 1)

Singing is a form of worship, and is a joyful expression of our praise to God. The word “sing” or “singing” appears 72 times in the Psalms.

Here are some of the verses that we have seen so far in our study that involve singing.

"Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name." (Psalm 18:49)

"Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power." (Psalm 21:13)

"And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD." (Psalm 27:6)

"Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness." (Psalm 30:4)

"Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings. Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise." (Psalm 33:2-3)

"For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding." (Psalm 47:7)

"Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness." (Psalm 51:14)

"My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise. ... I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations." (Psalm 57:7, 9)

"But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble. Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy." (Psalm 59:16-17)

"So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows." (Psalm 61:8)

"Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him. ... Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord; Selah:" (Psalm 68:4, 32)

"I will also praise thee with the psaltery, even thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel. My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed." (Psalm 71:22-23)

"But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob." (Psalm 75:9)

"Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob." (Psalm 81:1)

"I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations." (Psalm 89:1)

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:" (Psalm 92:1)

"O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation." (Psalm 95:1)

"O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day." (Psalm 96:1-2)

"O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. ... Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise." (Psalm 98:1, 4)

"Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing." (Psalm 100:2)

Christians ought to be a singing people:

I sing because I'm happy

I sing because I'm free

We have a lot to sing about much of the time when we experience or reflect on the mercy and goodness of God. But, God also expects us to look above our negative circumstances and sing when we are experiencing trials.

*God wants to hear you sing
When the waves are crashing round you
When the firey darts surround you
When despair is all you see
God wants to hear your voice
When the wisest man has spoken
And says your circumstance is as hopeless as can be
That's when God wants to hear you sing*

David said, "I will sing" both when the times are good, and when the situation is not so good.

II I Will Serve (v. 2)

A My God

B My Family

C My Church

D My Community

E My Country

III I Will Separate (vs. 3 - 8)

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." (2 Corinthians 6:14-18)

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." (1 John 2:15-

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:1-2)

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish." (Psalm 1:1-6)