

Sunday Night Message

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Psalm 109

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 109

Introduction

This is what is known as an imprecatory psalm, which is a psalm that cries out for God to bring forth judgment against an individual or against a nation. Some have said that this psalm is Messianic or prophetic in that it speaks of Judas Iscariot.

Turn to Acts 1:15 – 20

The psalm that Peter was referring to was Psalm 109, and Peter states that this psalm speaks of Judas.

There is no doubt that this psalm had future implications pointing to Judas, but I believe it also dealt with a real enemy that David was facing, probably before he had become king, for had he been the king at the time of the writing of this psalm, he would, no doubt, have dealt with the man himself.

It is interesting here that David speaks of enemies in general (they), but then he seems to focus in on a particular enemy. It is possible that this man was Saul who hunted David for many years. Since the psalm mentions “cursing” several times, it could be that the enemy here was Shimei. (See 2 Samuel 16: 5 – 14)

I A Cry for God to Act (v. 1)

II A Complaint Against His Enemy (vs. 2 – 20)

They lied about him (v. 2)

They were hateful (v. 3)

They returned evil for good. (v. 5)

He was unmerciful (v. 16)

He persecuted (v. 16)

He cursed (v. 17 – 18; 28)

Note – the world returns good for good and evil for evil. God says return good for evil.

III A Call for God to Bless (vs. 21 – 31)

Though the Scriptures records the passion and emotion that David was feeling toward this unnamed enemy, we cannot derive from this that God wants us to wish judgment on our enemies. We are to love our enemies, pray for our enemies, and we are not to rejoice when our enemy falls.

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5:43-48)

"Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:"
(Proverbs 24:17)

"If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee." (Proverbs 25:21-22)

What do you do when someone is attacking you.

- 1 Don't fight back

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away." (Matthew 5:38-42)

- 2 Bring your complaint to God, not people.
- 3 Pray for the one attacking you.
- 4 Do something nice for them.