

Sunday Night Message

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*Psalm 30*

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 30:1 - 10

### **Introduction**

The context of this Psalm is uncertain. The introduction to the text tells us that it is a Psalm and Song at the dedication of the house of David. The question is, which house are they referring to.

Does this verse refer to David's earthly house, meaning his dwelling? Or does it refer to his family? (i.e. – the house of David)

Does this verse refer to the temple?

Turn to 2 Samuel 7:1 – 13

The commentators are all over the place regarding this Psalm. Some deny that David even wrote it, and most deny that it had anything to do with an actual dedication of a house.

I am of the opinion that this passage has something to do with the land that David purchased from Arunah (or Ornan) the Jebusite in 2 Samuel 24; 1Chronicles 21 – 22; 2 Chronicles 2:3 – 4; 2 Chronicles 3:1

By the way, this was also the same piece of ground that Abraham was asked offer up his son, Isaac.

There are 7 “thou hast” in this passage. (really 9) All of them are speak of things that God has done that caused David to praise; and many of them are things that we can also praise God for.

v 1 – “thou hast lifted me up” (and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me)

v 2 – “thou hast healed me”

v 3 – “thou hast brought up my soul from the grave:”

“thou hast kept me alive”

v. 7 – “thou hast made my mountain to stand strong:”

v 11 – “thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing”

“thou hast put off my sackcloth” (“and girded me with gladness”)

## **I David’s Deliverance from a Huge Problem (vs 1 – 3)**

Refer to the story of David numbering the people in 1 Chronicles 21. David and the entire city of Jerusalem were delivered from the pestilence that the angel of the Lord was about to administer.

Notice here that people in leadership carry a huge responsibility. The decisions that you make, and the sins that you commit affect more than just you. David’s sin caused 70,000 men to lose their lives.

## **II David’s Directive to a Hurting People (vs. 4 – 5)**

I read an interesting comment this week when studying out this passage. The preacher stated that when he comes to directives like this in the Psalms, he obeys them when he reads them. God says in v. 4 “sing unto the Lord”, so he immediately begins to sing. The Bible commands us at last 12 times directly to “sing unto the Lord”, and/or to “praise the Lord”. Do it.

Here, David directs the people to sing and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. God is holy, and God was right in allowing 70,000 men to die as a result of David’s sin in numbering the people. By the way, the people were not completely innocent. The parallel passage (2 Samuel 24) of the account of David numbering the people tells us that God was angry with Israel, and “moved David against them”.

God is holy, God is always right, and He is always just in His dealings with us.

*“[A Psalm of praise.] Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.” (Psalms 100:1-5)*

### III David's Deliberation with a Holy Power [God] (vs 6 – 12)

David thought that he was invincible. He thought that he could do as he pleased. He became prideful in his strength, his numbers, the size of his army and empire.

He reminded himself that it was because of God that he had strength. God gave him his power.

He rehearsed in his mind how he came to that remembrance – God turned his face away from him, and troubled him.

But, David turned back to God, and he prayed.

**Note – when you are in a tough spot, whether or not it was directly caused by you or not, pray.**

David's prayer is recorded in vs. 9 – 10

David's praise is recorded in vs. 11 – 12

#### **Practical Application**

Sometimes in life, you are really going to blow it as David did here. You cannot run from your problems, you cannot quit. You must:

- 1 **Recognize** your problem. Figure out where you went wrong.
- 2 **Reveal** it to God. Confess it. Be open about it to the people as well. Don't try to hide it.
- 3 **Repent.** Figure out where you went wrong, and determine to go the other way.
- 4 **Rely.** Pray. Trust God to help you.
- 5 **Rejoice.** If God delivers you, and even if God does not deliver you, because He is holy, and He is right to deal with you any way He chooses.

Its not a matter of if you are going to blow it, but when you are going to blow it. As long as you are human, you are going to make mistakes, and those mistakes are going to affect the people you love; but you can learn and grow from your mistakes. David did.