

Sunday Night Message

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Psalm 7

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 7

Introduction

"Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the Lord, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite"

The word "Shiggaion" – appears only here and in Habakkuk 3:1 in its plural form – meaning is unsure; but many believe it to mean a song that is sung with extreme emotion.

"Cush" – this person is not mentioned specifically elsewhere in Scripture. We know that he was a Benjamite, but don't know who specifically. David was hated by the Benjamites. Saul was Benjamite, and so was Shimei.

Saul chased David all around the wilderness trying to kill him.

Shimei cursed David as he was fleeing from Absalom. (See 2 Samuel 16:5 – 14)

Whoever Cush was, he had David greatly distressed.

This Psalm again is a reflection of an actual event in David's life that we can certainly relate to; but it is also a picture of the situation that Israel will be in as they go through the Great Tribulation Period.

Obviously, this is a psalm of lament, and an imprecatory Psalm (asking for judgment)

I An Impassioned Plea (vs. 1 – 6)

for God to judge His enemy

Notice how David compares his enemy to a roaring lion. God also likens Satan to a roaring lion.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:" - (1 Peter 5:8)

Remember again that as we consider this Psalm as a picture of Israel in the Great Tribulation, we can see this enemy as the ant-Christ who will be hunting Jews and Christians down all over the world for extermination.

See Revelation 12

Notice in v. 3 & 4, David declares his innocence. This person, whoever he is, is treating him unfairly. He has done nothing against this man.

The more you are like Jesus, the more there will be some that will come after you viciously without cause.

II An Important Principle (vs. 7 – 16)

As he is praying, he is reminded of an important principle. He knows that God knows; and he also knows that God will take care of it.

Notice that vs. 14 – 16 is again a description of the enemy, and the enemy's fate.

III An Enlightened Praise (v. 17)

The song starts out very emotional, but as David pours out his heart to God, and remembers God's principles and promises, He comes to the place where his eyes are completely off of his enemy, and now they are on his God; and as long as His eyes are on God, the enemy has no effect on him, and all he can do is praise the Lord.

When your world is falling apart at the seams:

- 1 Reach for God's Presence
- 2 Remember God's promises

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." - (Hebrews 13:5)

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." - (1 Corinthians 10:13)

"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." - (Psalm 37:25)

"O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing." - (Psalm 34:9-10)

"I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety." - (Psalm 4:8)

See Psalm 91

See Matthew 6:24 – 33

"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." - (Psalm 1:3)

3 Rehearse God's Praises

This is a formula for peace. You start out all stressed out by your situation, but then you remember that you are God's child, and as God's child you have some special privileges, and you begin to remember those special promises that God has for you; and then you get peace. And when you have peace, you can praise the Lord.