

Sunday Night Message

November 16, 2014

Psalm 75

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 75

Introduction to the Psalms of Asaph

Psalm 73 through 83 (as well as Psalm 50, are attributed to Asaph. Asaph was a musician who was also a worship leader in the sanctuary. (See 1 Chronicles 15:16–19; 16:4–7, 37–42; 2 Chronicles 5:12–14; 29:13; 35:15).

Introduction to Psalm 75

“Altaschith” – [אַל־תִּשְׁחַת] - '*Al tashcheth (Aramaic)*’ – literally means “do not destroy. This word is found only here and in Psalms 57, 58, and 59.

It is believed by some that this psalm (also Psalms 76 – 78) surrounds the event of the destruction of the Assyrian army in the time of King Hezekiah. (Isaiah 36 – 37; 1 Kings 18 – 19; 2 Chronicles 32) If it was written about this event from an historical perspective, it could not have been written by the Asaph of David’s day. However, it also could be written prophetically.

This psalm almost follows the Order of Service for a worship service today.

I A Song of Praise (v. 1)

Notice “give thanks”

Thanksgiving is not optional

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

(Colossians 3:15)

71 times in the Bible the word thanks is associated with giving thanks to God.

Thanksgiving is closely associated with worship

"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." - (Psalm 95:2)

Turn to - Psalm 100

Thanksgiving is closely associated with prayer

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."
(Philippians 4:6)

"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;"
(Colossians 4:2)

Thanksgiving is a characteristic of Christian maturity

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."
(Colossians 2:6-8)

II The Word of God is Declared (vs. 2 - 3)

God tells us that He will judge righteously. It is he that holds up the columns.

"And he is before all things, and by him all things consist." (Colossians 1:17)

III A Message Is Delivered (vs. 4 - 8)

Trust in God. He will deliver, and He will judge the enemy. Note – Jesus drank the cup of judgment for the believer.

IV A Decision is Made (v. 9)

The psalmist publically declares his faith in the Lord.

V A Benediction from the Word (v. 10)