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Psalm 9

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Psalm 9.

Topics.

- God sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice.
- The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed and afflicted.
- God does not forget the cry of the afflicted.
- The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed.
- God lifts David up from death that he may rejoice in his salvation.
- The wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.
- The wicked will return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God.
- The return of the King of kings and Lord of lords.

FOR INFORMATION: concerning people, places and the meaning of words see the title: "Map Locations and People of the Bible," and the title: "Bible Dictionary" on Website Menu.

INTRODUCTION

Psalms are songs and prayers offered to God by the nation Israel, they consist of five books covering the range of human emotion, expressing praise, faith, victory, sorrow, despair, depression, frustration and the troubled heart of a mourner. They contrast the righteous with the wicked, and include the wisdom and the treasure of God's word. Psalms were written at the beginning of the 15th century BC and probably collected in their final form in the 3rd century.

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BOOK ONE (PSALM 1-41)

PSALM 9:1-5

To the Choirmaster: According to Muth-Labben. A Psalm of David.

- **Psalm 9:1-5:** I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. ²I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. ³When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before your presence. ⁴For you have maintained my just cause; you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment. ⁵You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish; you have blotted out their name forever and ever.

Here we see the passion dwelling in David's heart outwardly manifested in his exaltation and praises toward the Most High God. For those who do know God and look through the natural mind at David's battle victories would give the credit to David's skill in warfare and the might of his armies, but even though David was a man of war and went to battle with multitudes of trained soldiers he credits God for all the victories over his enemies. As the reader travels through the Psalms it becomes clear that God was not involved in part of David's life but involved in his entire life. David's mindset was such that God was involved in all of David's life both in the good and the bad. The words, "You have made the wicked perish; you have blotted out their name forever and ever," (v5) most likely refers to nations that came against David that have been destroyed by David's armies on the battlefield. David says that his enemies stumble and perish before God's presence (v3), God's presence in this context carries the following three ideas:

1. If Israel was in a right relationship with God the Angel of the LORD would go before them in battle.
2. God's favour was with the armies of David and against his enemies.
3. God's presence influenced the mind of David and his generals in the way to attack their enemies and win the battle.

PSALM 9:6-8

God sits Enthroned and has Established His Throne for Justice.

- **Psalm 9:6-8:** The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins; their cities you rooted out; the very memory of them has perished. ⁷But the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, ⁸and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.

One of the re-occurring prayers of David is that the LORD would never take His steadfast love away from Him, but as great as God's love is, David knows it does not do away with justice so much so that he states: "The LORD sits enthroned forever; his throne for justice," (v7). This shines a brilliant spotlight on the truth that justice is one of the great pillars of God's throne and it is very clear to all that another great pillar is love. John in his letters wrote:

- Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. (1 John 4:8).
- God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (1 John 4:16).

Now here is why I mention this, "Love does not annul justice," love and justice are brothers and sisters they complement each other. Justice is an act of love this is because it protects the innocent from the wicked and acts as a healing balm to the victims who have been wounded and hurt by an abuser and the wicked. For those who have been abused and see that they have been cheated out of justice because of some technicality of the law the emotional and mental wound remains open. Though justice cannot repair the damage done it does bring a sense of peace, emotional relief and healing within the victims' heart and mind.

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PSALM 9:9-12

The LORD is a Stronghold for the Oppressed and the Afflicted.

- **Psalm 9:9-12:** The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. ¹⁰And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. ¹¹Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds! ¹²For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

As one travels through the Bible it becomes very clear that one of the greatest abominations to God is people oppressing the poor and helpless for their own gain.

God does not forget the cry of the afflicted: some people find it difficult to comprehend God remembers the cries of the afflicted, but think of it this way: we have super computers today that have in their memories literally trillions of bits of information and at the touch of a key any one of those bits is resurrected to us on a brightly coloured screen (soon it is most likely they will simply appear in the air), then with another touch of the key it all vanishes into the super memory and is gone, until we resurrect it again.

Knowing that God has given his creation a mortal mind and finite memory to be able to build such amazing computers should make it very easy to understand how God keeps the cries of the afflicted in His immortal mind and eternal memory waiting for the right time to touch the supernatural keyboard of heaven and avenge the blood of all who have been afflicted on the day of judgment.

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed: sometimes if we look at our circumstance it may seem that the LORD has forgotten us. David realizes this and encourages those in difficult circumstances by saying, the LORD will not forget the cry of the oppressed, the poor, the needy or the afflicted they shall not always be forgotten and their hope will not be in vain, even though it may feel that way for a time. Those who have the same type of faith as David did that is not dependent on outward circumstance (good or bad), but upon God's love and grace will find that God by His Spirit will strengthen them in mind, heart and spirit during difficult times and in this way they will find the Lord to be their stronghold.

PSALM 9:13-14

God lifts David up from Death that He may rejoice in His Salvation.

- **Psalm 9:13-14:** Be gracious to me, O LORD! See my affliction from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gates of death, ¹⁴that I may recount all your praises, that in the gates of the daughter of Zion I may rejoice in your salvation.

It appears David thought, he may be facing death, either by individuals who hated him and were plotting to destroy him or by nations who were bringing their armies against him, but God delivered him from their evil schemes.

PSALM 9:15-16

The wicked are Snared in the Work of their Own Hands.

- **Psalm 9:15-16:** The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid their own foot has been caught. ¹⁶The LORD has made himself known; he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. *Higgaion. Selah*

David says the nations have sunk in the pit that they made and that the wicked are snared in the work of their-own hands (v16). Nations and individuals are already judged, long before they stand before the LORD on the Day of Judgment. This is because we all by our own lifestyles determine our own judgment.

PSALM 9:17-20

The Wicked will return to Sheol, all the Nations that Forget God.

- **Psalm 9:17-20:** The wicked shall return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God. ¹⁸For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever. ¹⁹Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail; let the nations be judged before you! ²⁰Put them in fear, O LORD! Let the nations know that they are but men! *Selah*

The wicked and those who rebel against the LORD and persecute those who belong to Him will perish forever, but those who they persecute and the faithful who belong to the Lord will remain with God forever in eternal glory. This is why David said, "God is the stronghold of the oppressed," because those who oppress will perish forever whereas those being oppressed will live forever.

David asks God to put the nations in fear so that they will know they are but men (v5). This is the effect natural disasters and storms should have on mankind. They should humble them and bring the human race to a place where they realize in the grand scheme of the universe they are but dust, rather than getting puffed up in pride and denying God their creator altogether.

THE RETURN OF THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

The following verses show that carried in this Psalm is a faint echo of the Lord Jesus Christ when he returns in glory as King of kings and Lord of lords to rule over the nations from the God's holy city Jerusalem on Mount Zion God's Holy mountain.

- You have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment. ⁵You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish; you have blotted out their name forever and ever. (Psalm 9:4-5).
- The LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, ⁸he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness. (Psalm 9:7-8).
- Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds! ¹²For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted. (Psalm 9:11-12).

These verses will find their final and ultimate fulfilment when the Lord Jesus Christ returns in glory as, King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16) to rule and reign from God's Holy City Jerusalem (on Mount Zion God's Holy Mountain) to establish God's Kingdom on earth during his glorious millennial reign. The dead in Christ (Old and New Testament) and the faithful, who are alive, will be gathered together in the first resurrection (Rev. 20:4-6) to rule and reign as kings and priests with the Lord over those nations who are left outside the Holy City of God. Christ the King united with his people will not only bring peace to the Middle East, but establish God's Kingdom of steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, joy and peace throughout the world and the glory of God will cover the earth.

Jesus will do justice to the poor and oppressed, he will be a faithful and compassionate King forever. He will not allow anyone to strike terror in the earth or use lies and deception to enlarge their own wealth and power. The land will abundantly produce and even the deserts will flourish. The animals will not feed on each other and even the lamb will be able to lie down with the wolf and everyone will eat of their own hands because all that they plant will produce. All nations the LORD has made will come and worship before the Lord Jesus Christ. They will glorify God's Name, proclaiming the LORD is great and does wondrous things and that He alone is God.

The book of Revelation states:

- Jesus Christ, the faithful witness who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father is coming in glory and every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him and all kindreds of the earth (Revelation 1:5-7).

And in Revelation chapter five we are told that:

- Christ was slain, and by his blood he redeemed a people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation and made them a kingdom and priests to God and they shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:9-10).

At the end of this glorious Kingdom age God descends to earth on a Great White Throne the sea, death and hades (the grave) give up the dead. They stand before God and are judged according to what is written in

certain heavenly books according to what they have done. Death and those counted unworthy are cast into the Lake of Fire a symbol of eternal destruction (i.e., total extinction) (also called the, Second Death) (Rev. 20:11-15). Christ hands the Kingdom over to his heavenly Father and God is ALL in ALL and ETERNITY begins in all its fullness and majestic royal glory. For further information see titles:

- Kingdom of God (ON WEBSITE MENU).
- The Second Resurrection or Great White Throne Judgment.

In, Resurrection (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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