

Save Me, O God!

Psalm 69 (page 421 in the black Bibles)

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Main point: When God's people are overwhelmed by their circumstances they are encouraged by David's example to cast all their cares on Him with the expectation that He will provide all that they need to go through what He has called them to go through.

I. A Plea for Help/Deliverance (vv. 1-21)

A. The feeling of despair

Verses 1-3

For the waters have threatened my life/have come up to my neck
 I have sunk deep in mire, and there is no foothold
 I have come into deep waters, and a flood overflows me
 I am weary with my crying, my throat is parched
 My eyes fail while I wait for my God

See verses 14-15

Verses 7-8

Because for Your sake I have borne reproach
 Dishonor has covered my face
 I have become estranged from my brothers
 And an alien to my mother's sons

B. The requests

Save me, O God, (1)
 Deliver me (14)
 Answer me, O Lord (13c, 16)
 Do not hide Your face from Your servant (17)
 Oh draw near to my soul and redeem it (18a)
 Ransom me (18b)

C. The reason for distress

Those who hate me without a cause are more numerous than the hairs on my head. (4)
 Those who would destroy me are powerful, being wrongfully my enemies. (4)
What I did not steal, I then have to restore.

For zeal for Your house has consumed me, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me. (9)

See verses 10-12, 20-21, 29

D. The hope for deliverance is found in the knowledge of God

Verses 5-6

O God, it is You who knows my folly, (see v. 19, "You know...")

And my wrongs are not hidden from You

May those who wait for You not be ashamed through me,

O Lord GOD of Hosts

May those who seek You not be dishonored through me,

O God of Israel

Verse 13

But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD, at an acceptable time

O God, in the greatness of Your lovingkindness, Answer me

with Your saving truth

Exodus 33:18-19; 34:5-7

Verse 16

Answer me, O LORD, for your lovingkindness is good;

According to the greatness of Your compassion, turn to me

Verse 29

But I am afflicted and in pain; May Your salvation O God, set me
securely on high

II. A Plea for Justice/Judgment (vv. 22-28)

²²May their table before them become a snare;
And when they are in peace, *may it become* a trap.

²³May their eyes grow dim so that they cannot see,
And make their loins shake continually.

²⁴Pour out Your indignation on them,
And may Your burning anger overtake them.

²⁵May their camp be desolate;
May none dwell in their tents.

²⁶For they have persecuted him whom You Yourself have smitten,
And they tell of the pain of those whom You have wounded.

²⁷Add iniquity to their iniquity,
And may they not come into Your righteousness.

²⁸May they be blotted out of the book of life
And may they not be recorded with the righteous.

III. A Resolve to Praise God When Life Is Tough and Its Effect on Others (vv. 30-33)

³⁰I will praise the name of God with song
And magnify Him with thanksgiving.

³¹And it will please the LORD better than an ox
Or a young bull with horns and hoofs.

³²The humble have seen *it and* are glad;
You who seek God, let your heart revive.

³³For the LORD hears the needy
And does not despise His *who are* prisoners.

IV. An Appeal for All Creation to Praise the Lord (vv. 34-36)

³⁴Let heaven and earth praise Him,
The seas and everything that moves in them.

³⁵For God will save Zion and build the cities of Judah,
That they may dwell there and possess it.

³⁶The descendants of His servants will inherit it,
And those who love His name will dwell in it.

Verses from Psalm 69 that are quoted in the New Testament

Verse 4 is quoted in John 15:25

Verse 9a is quoted in John 2:17

Verse 9b is quoted in Romans 15:3

Verse 21 is quoted in all 4 Gospels but John specifically mentions that Jesus words were to fulfill Scripture (John 19:28-29).

Verse 22 is quoted by Paul in Romans 11:9

Verse 25 is quoted by Peter in Acts 1:20

Application:

Encouragement to pray in times of trouble.

1 Peter 5:6-7

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

Psalm 50:15

Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you and you will honor Me.

Psalm 55:22

Cast your burden upon the LORD and He will sustain you.
He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.

