

“God has Won and He Will Win!” Psalm 9

To the Chief Musician. To The Tune of “Death of the Son.” A Psalm of David.

- 1 I will praise *You*, O LORD, with my whole heart;
I will tell of all Your marvelous works.**
- 2 I will be glad and rejoice in You;
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.**
- 3 When my enemies turn back,
They shall fall and perish at Your presence.**
- 4 For You have maintained my right and my cause;
You sat on the throne judging in righteousness.**
- 5 You have rebuked the nations,
You have destroyed the wicked;
You have blotted out their name forever and ever.**
- 6 O enemy, destructions are finished forever!
And you have destroyed cities;
Even their memory has perished.**
- 7 But the LORD shall endure forever;
He has prepared His throne for judgment.**
- 8 He shall judge the world in righteousness,
And He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness.**
- 9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed,
A refuge in times of trouble.**
- 10 And those who know Your name will put their trust in You;
For You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.**
- 11 Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion!
Declare His deeds among the people.**
- 12 When He avenges blood, He remembers them;
He does not forget the cry of the humble.**
- 13 Have mercy on me, O LORD!
Consider my trouble from those who hate me,
You who lift me up from the gates of death,**
- 14 That I may tell of all Your praise
In the gates of the daughter of Zion.**

I will rejoice in Your salvation.

- 15 The nations have sunk down in the pit *which* they made;
In the net which they hid, their own foot is caught.**
**16 The LORD is known *by* the judgment He executes;
The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.**
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- 17 The wicked shall be turned into hell,
And all the nations that forget God.**
**18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten;
The expectation of the poor shall *not* perish forever.**
**19 Arise, O LORD,
Do not let man prevail;
Let the nations be judged in Your sight.**
**20 Put them in fear, O LORD,
That the nations may know themselves *to be but* men.**

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I. David's commitment to praise -

- 1 I will praise *You*, O LORD, with my whole heart;
I will tell of all Your marvelous works.**
**2 I will be glad and rejoice in *You*;
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High. Psalm 9:1-2**

1. David's commitment seen in his repeated "I will" This is a vow to God, a promise of performance!

*2. Praise – directly to God – worship :1 A wholehearted
Have you ever considered, while worshipping, how much of your heart you are giving to PRAISE? To worship? To God? Does He have half your heart? ¾?*

When you are tired do you rouse your heart?

*3. Tell – evangelism / preaching telling others of what God has done –
marvelous works - :1 B*

4. *Glad rejoicing INTERNAL David knows and enjoys himself what God has done! :2 A*

5. *Praise, again, directed toward God - :2 B*

II. David's reason(s) for praise –

³ **When my enemies turn back, they shall fall and perish at Your presence. ⁴ For You have maintained my right and my cause; You sat on the throne judging in righteousness.**

⁵ **You have rebuked the nations, You have destroyed the wicked; You have blotted out their name forever and ever. Psalm 9:3-5**

1. *Hear the repeated word is YOU, referring to God, repeated 5 times*

2. *God's and David's enemies have been destroyed*

A. *Egypt / Pharaoh*

B. *Goliath, the Philistines, Saul*

C. *Both RC Sproul & John Calvin say David's reasons for and commitment to PRAISE were not for victories David was currently experiencing, but for PAST victories.*

D. *Fact is, David did see more victories in his youth than in old age, but the difficulties of age and sin required more mature FAITH. Greater effort, vows, commitment.*

Do you have ANSWERED PRAYER(S) in your past?

Can you think of Great things God has done?

III. David's rebuke of his enemy (because of his confidence in God) –

⁶ O enemy, destructions are finished forever! And you have destroyed cities; Even their memory has perished. Psalm 9:6

1. David's enemy had destroyed cities!

2. Even their memory is gone ... but

3. The LORD endures

⁷ But the LORD shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment. ⁸ He shall judge the world in righteousness, And He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness. ⁹ The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble. Psalm 9:7-9

A. The point is God Who endures, judges, the wicked will not escape unpunished!

B. Even the forgotten are not forgotten by God (see verse :12).

C. **⁸ He shall judge**

He shall judge the world in righteousness... Psalm 9:8 A

“The silly sheep, when she is taken, will not bleat, but you may carry her and do what you will with her, and she will be subject; but the swine, if she be once taken, she will roar and cry, and thinks she is never taken but to be slain.”

Henry Smith

The point Henry Smith is making is God's people, Christ's lambs may be in peace under all kinds of trials, they are in God's arms. Yet, being in God's ARMS at all to an ungodly person causes great alarm & fear, to the point they SQUEAL LIKE PIGS...

Yelling and stirring fear about catastrophic global warming is such pig-squealing!

IV. David's confidence in God expressed directly to God –

¹⁰ And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You. Psalm 9:10

- 1. God's people trust Him, even during the worst of times*
- 2. God does not forget or forsake His people, people who seek Him, people who pray*

V. David's call to others to praise God –

¹¹ Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion! Declare His deeds among the people. ¹² When He avenges blood, He remembers them; He does not forget the cry of the humble. Psalm 9:11-12

It is said of Abel's blood that it cried - ¹⁰ And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. Genesis 4:10 (NKJV)

It cries out for vengeance! We do not HEAR blood crying, but God does, and He will avenge!

VI. David's prayer to God –

1. David asks for continued MERCY, that he might continue to PRAISE -

¹³ Have mercy on me, O LORD! Consider my trouble from those who hate me, You who lift me up from the gates of death, ¹⁴ That I may tell of all Your praise In the gates of the daughter of Zion. I will rejoice in Your salvation. Psalm 9:13-14

2. *David sees and expresses the end of the wicked -*

¹⁵ The nations have sunk down in the pit *which* they made; In the net which they hid, their own foot is caught. ¹⁶ The LORD is known *by* the judgment He executes; The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Meditation.

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¹⁷ The wicked shall be turned into hell, *And* all the nations that forget God. Psalm 9:15-17

3. *There are times it seems WICKEDNESS WINS and the NEEDY are FORGOTTEN, but this is temporary, God's justice is eternal -*

¹⁸ For the needy shall not always be forgotten; The expectation of the poor shall *not* perish forever. ¹⁹ Arise, O LORD, Do not let man prevail; Let the nations be judged in Your sight. ²⁰ Put them in fear, O LORD, *That* the nations may know themselves *to be but* men. Psalm 9:18-20

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“The face of Jehovah is against them that do evil.”—*B. Boothroyd*, 1824.