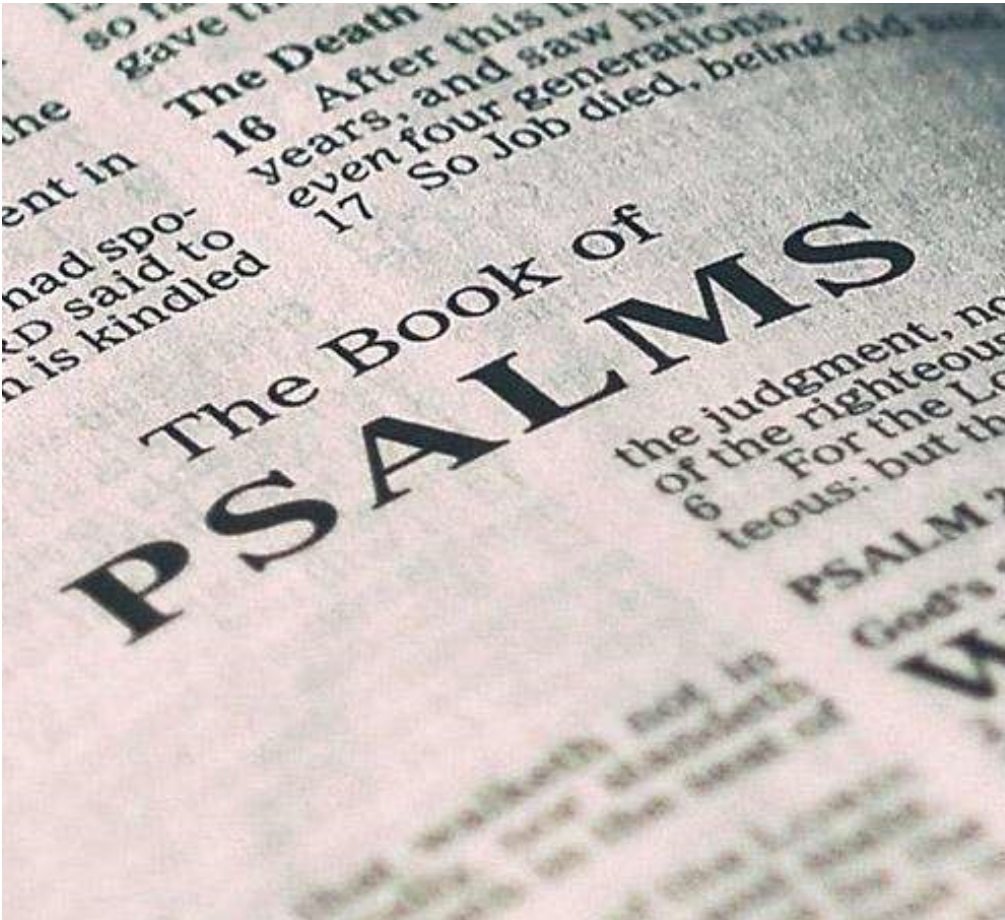
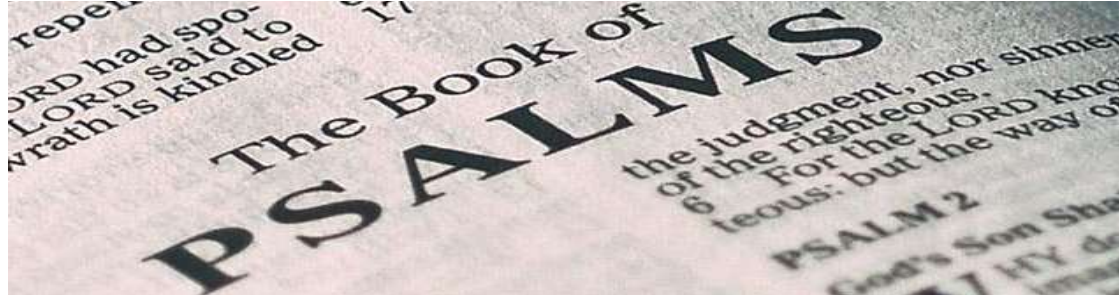


Let's Worship God

6th-11th April 2020
Psalms





Monday - Psalm 7 - The Just Judge

When Abraham was pleading with God to spare the city of Sodom, he based his plea on the justice and righteousness of God when he said, 'shall not the judge of all the earth do right?'. (Genesis 18:25). It is this same conviction that motivated David in this 7th psalm. In complete trust and reliance on the righteousness and justice of God, David appeals to God to judge his cause.

He knows that he had done no wrong to any man, and the statement in vs. 3,4 may well refer to his treatment of Saul when he had the opportunity to kill him but did not do it (1 Sam. 24 & 26), but his enemies had constantly plotted to take away his life. Because of his understanding of the righteousness and justice of God, he confidently expects that God will vindicate his cause vs 17,18. He also has a clear understanding of the consequences of continuing in sin. Failure to repent would bring the wrath and the punishment of God vs 12 - 16.

The child of God may not always see the vindication of his righteous life in this world, for many of the saints of God have been put to death for their faithfulness to Christ, but nevertheless, they and their cause will be vindicated, and they will be shown before all the world to have been faithful servants of the king on that great and glorious day of judgement.

So when believers are faced with the opposition of wicked men and suffer unjustly, they can have the same confidence in a God who always judges justly that David had. They too, will be able to say with David, 'I will give thanks to the Lord according to his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high'.

Questions

1. Why does David appeal to God to judge his case.
2. Who will every person have to answer to one day?

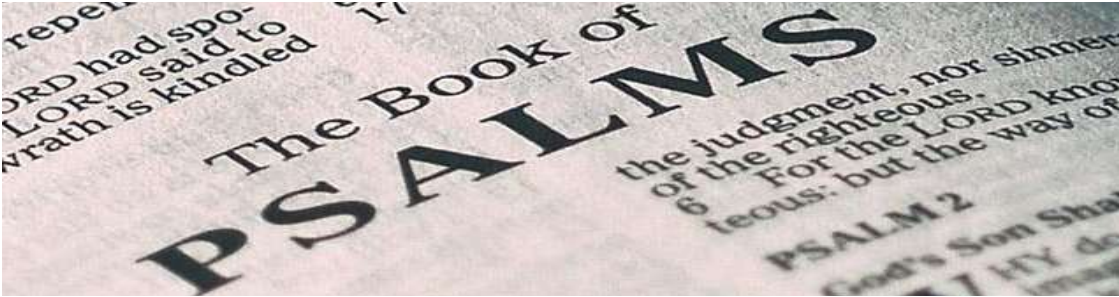
Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that God is a just judge.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.
Psalm 9:9

Praise: Psalm 7 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Tuesday - Psalm 8 - The Majesty of God

There is a wonderful revelation of God that is evident to all men and women on the face of the earth, even those who have never heard the gospel of Christ. In spite of the teaching of educated fools who pretend that the universe came into being by some chance happening, and that man is the product of random evolutionary process, the psalmist directs our thoughts to the real beginning of the heavens and the earth and to man's place in it.

The only response to the wonder of the universe is praise and adoration for the God who created it all out of nothing. It is so clearly evident that even children and babies can see it! How sad that there are so many who consider themselves wiser than God, and refuse to see his hand in the glories of stars and the beauties of the earth, which with all their much prized intellect, they cannot explain!

The great wonder for the psalmist was not that God had made all these things; it was that such a great, powerful and almighty God would have such an interest in man and grant him such an exalted place in the universe that he had made. Not only was man made the crown of the divine creation - made in the image and likeness of God - he has been crowned with glory and majesty through the incarnation and saving work of God's only son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The place of dignity conferred upon the first man in the garden of Eden and lost because of his sin, has been restored for those who believe through the death and resurrection of Jesus, God's own son.

No wonder, then that the psalmist exclaims, 'O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is your name in all the earth'.

Questions

1. Where has God revealed Himself?
2. What should our response to the beauties of Creation be?

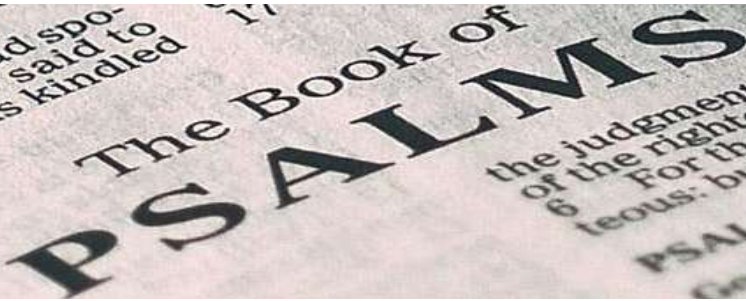
Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for the beautiful world that God has made.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Wednesday - Psalm 9 - Giving Thanks

It is often the case that the circumstances of our lives affect our moods and our attitudes. When everything is going well we are happy and content and when we suffer times of trial or adversity we are miserable and discontent. It is not at all surprising that our circumstances affect us either positively or negatively, but in both good times and in bad, it is important to look at what people sometimes call 'the big picture'.

This is what David is doing in this psalm. There is no indication that when this psalm was written that his life was free of discomfort or distress, indeed verses 13 & 14 seem to suggest the opposite, but he looks beyond his present circumstances to the God who is in control of all of the circumstances of his life.

It may be that David was rejoicing over a particular victory that God had given him or perhaps he was looking back over a longer period and remembering the good hand of God upon him in many differing situations.

It is important, like David thank to God for all the wonderful things he does on behalf of his people¹, for his defence against the attacks of the evil one vs. 3-4, for the ultimate victory of God's church vs 5-6, and for his kingly rule over all nations vs 7-8.

David also instructs the people of God how they react to the goodness of the Lord: They should trust in the Lord who will always be their fortress and will never forsake them vs 9-10, they should always praise him and tell others about him vs 11-12, and they should always have the firm assurance that God's cause will triumph and the plans of the wicked will come to nothing. Vs 15-20.

Questions

1. What should we do in all circumstances, good and bad?
2. How should we react to the goodness of the Lord?

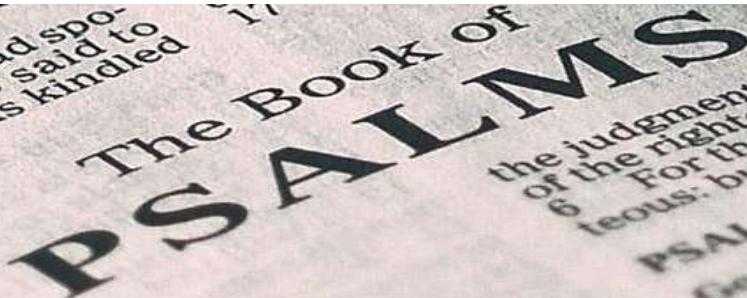
Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for all that God has done for you.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Thursday - Psalm 10 - Where is God?

When they look at the state of the world and of individual societies, many Christian people might be tempted to ask 'why doesn't God do something?' Many of God's people over the centuries have had this same concern when they see wickedness flourishing on every side; people not only doing wicked things, but boasting about them and acting as if there were no God.

In this psalm there is a vivid portrayal of such a society, a society that could well be the society in which we live today. It was prosperous v.5, safe & secure v.6, insolent, arrogant and godless vs 4, 11, deceitful v. 7, and violent vs 8-10. Where is God when all these things are happening, especially when bad things are happening to the people of God and are hindering the cause of God and truth?

The psalmist finds an answer to his questioning when he goes to God in prayer. He pleads with God not to forget the afflicted, and then he reflects on the nature of God, and the foolishness of the wicked who thought that God would not call them to account vs 12-13. The activities of the wicked have not escaped the all-seeing eye of God and the cause of those who have committed themselves to him will be vindicated vs 14-15.

No matter how much it may appear at times that the wicked are in the ascendancy, it is the Lord who is sovereign and he is working out his own purposes for the honour and glory of his own great name. When his people call to him he hears their cry and will strengthen them in time of need. God will always vindicate his own cause and magnify his own name.

Questions

1. How does the psalmist answer the question about where is God?
2. What will God always do?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that God will always vindicate His name.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Friday - Psalm 11 - A Tested Faith

This psalm is a psalm of faith: faith that God is righteous, and faith that God will protect the righteous and judge the wicked. It shows faith in a world that discourages such faith.

When we say that we have faith in God how does our faith measure up in time of trial? David lived a life of trial when his faith in God was severely tested, by Goliath 1 Sam.17:45ff, by Saul 1 Sam. 19-31, by warlike Philistines II Sam. 5, and by a rebellious son II Sam. 13. These trials proved David's faith for an untested faith is an unproven faith. Trust in God means that in time of trial the believer runs to God even although others may urge him to 'flee as a bird to your mountain'. The situation was undoubtedly serious for it seemed that David was surrounded on every side by enemies who were out to kill him, and the very foundations of society seemed to be shifting vs 2-3.

David however responded by looking to the only true and solid foundation, not his kingdom nor his army, but the Lord in heaven. He sees beyond the present situation and sees the unseen hand of God and hears the unheard voice of the Lord.

The two locations mentioned are very significant: The temple was where God met with man and where men had access to God. Our temple is Christ through whom we have access into the presence of God. The heavenly throne was a reminder that God reigned. He is the one who observes men and examines them and is the one who punishes the wicked and saves the upright. It is those who have been accepted as righteous through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ who, at the end, 'will behold his face'.

Questions

1. Where should we go in times of trial?
2. What is our temple?

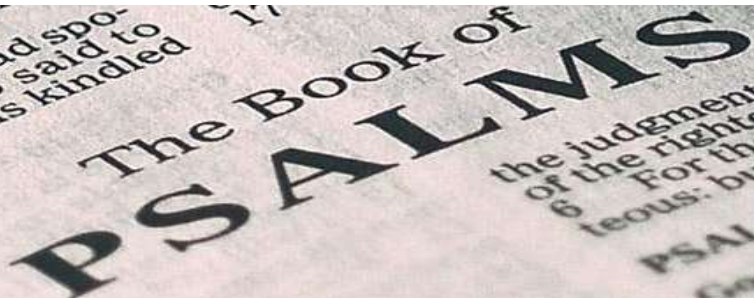
Prayer Points

1. Pray that in difficulty we would turn to God in prayer.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

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Saturday - Psalm 12 -

It is not just with weapons such as guns and knives that men and women can be wounded. Sometimes the deepest and most long lasting wounds can be caused by words. James knew that very well when he spoke of the tongue as 'a world of iniquity' and something which 'defiles the whole body' and is 'a restless evil and full of poison' (James 3:5-12). Harmful and destructive words have often been used against the Lord's people, as they were, indeed against the Lord Jesus Christ. Here the psalmist finds himself at a very low ebb. Like Elijah, he could say 'I only am left and they seek my life to take it away'.(1 Kings 19:10). He felt very much alone and disillusioned with the flattery, falsehood and deceit that he heard all around him vs 2-4.

In contrast to all the deceitful and false words and promises that he heard, the psalmist turns for consolation and assurance to the words and the promises of God which are pure and without error. He knew that God had promised to preserve and keep his people and that everything he said could be absolutely relied upon.

This psalm comes with two very clear messages for the people of God in every age. Great care must be taken with regard to how we use the wonderful gift of speech and language that God has given to us. Do our words always build up and encourage, do they always speak the truth in love and do they always glorify our Father in heaven? How greatly we should treasure the pure words of God preserved for us in the pages of Scripture. Do we read them, study them and put them into practice in our daily lives. It may be that we cannot always trust what every man says to us, but when it comes to the words of God they are 'silver tried in a furnace'.

Questions

1. How should we use our speech?
2. How do we treasure God's Word?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Ezra read from
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day after day
and that
the people of God
were filled with joy!**

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