

# A Survey of the Psalms - 1

## Psalm 9

### *The Future of a Wicked World*

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Focus Verse: Psalm 150:6

Lesson Verse: Ps 37:25

#### I. Introduction to the Book of Psalms

- A. The Christian's great book of encouragement!
- B. No other book can encourage a person like Psalms can because it is written for the heart, and for trouble

#### II. Background - To the chief Musician upon Muthlabben, A Psalm of David.

- A. Muthlabben was a musical air – a way of playing that built up to a victory over troubles
- B. David wrote this Psalm
- C. It starts off applying to himself, and quickly applies to the last days
- D. When someone was going to gladly die!
- E. Focusing on the “times of trouble” for Israel (9:9; Jer 30:7)
- F. It applies to the believer, but doctrinally to the Jewish people during the Tribulation!

#### III. Message

##### A. David Starts off Praising God (Ps 9:1,2)

1. Praise is a Choice - “I Wills” (Ps 9:1-2)
  - a. I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart
  - b. I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.
  - c. I will be glad and rejoice in thee:
  - d. I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.
2. Praise is part of Faith
  - a. David is not praising God for what He has already done
  - b. But what He has promised to do
  - c. Faith trusts the Lord
  - d. And praise proceeds from a heart that is trusting God

##### B. David Gets Excited About Future Victories (Ps 9:3-10)

1. David, sees the future - and gets excited about how the Lord will always be there for His people
2. Sees Victories, instead of only defeats
  - a. Yes, they will go astray, but God will always be working to bring them back to Himself!
3. See the presence of JEHOVAH
  - a. The future victories will be brought about just by the “presence” of Jehovah (9:3) – the SECOND Coming (2Thes 1:5-10)!
4. What God will do with His enemies (9:3,5,6):
  - a. Turn them back – the entire world will come against the Jews
  - b. Cause them to fall – stumble like God caused the Egyptian army to fall apart as they raced towards the Jews in the Red Sea – troubled them, and caused their chariot wheels to fall off (Ex 14:22-25)
  - c. They shall perish – die horribly (Rev 19:11-21)
  - d. Rebuke the heathen – with the words of His mouth
  - e. Destroy all the wicked
  - f. Put out their names for ever and ever – no more memories of them
  - g. Put them to a perpetual end – it is not the end for them, but only the beginning of a perpetual end – an end that never ends (Ps 73:17-20; Rev 14:11)
5. What God will do for His People (Cf Ps 37:37)
  - a. Defend our rights – not governmental rights, but God given rights!
  - b. Defend our cause – the our purpose – to glorify the Lord by our lives
  - c. He will be a refuge (9:9)
  - d. He will NEVER forsake them (9:10)

**C. Back to Praising God (9:11-14)**

1. Sing!
2. Praise the God who dwells in “Zion” – the New Jerusalem
  - a. Not an idol, or someone that lives in a box in the church
3. Declare what God is doing among the people around you!
  - a. Do you have any awareness of God’s hand in your life?
4. Watch out for when God makes inquisition for blood!
  - a. He sees all the murders, the abortions, the violence in the land
  - b. He doesn’t forget and ignore the cry of the humble
5. Israel will pray verse 13 in the middle of the Tribulation
  - a. When the antichrist turns against them
  - b. And pursues them out of their land, and into the wilderness (Mt 24:6-18)
6. All of Israel will rejoice at SALVATION (9:14; Rom 11:26; Isa 66:8)
  - a. Deliverance from the antichrist
  - b. Deliverance from sin

**D. The Final State of the Wicked (9:15-17)**

1. Who is David referring to? Heathen! The heathen are those who follow devils (1Cor 10:20,21)
2. What is the conclusion:
  - a. All the wicked shall be turned into HELL
    - 1) They are going to fall!
    - 2) They will reap what they have sown
    - 3) God will show who He really is by His righteous judgment – not a wimpy act, but perfect justice (2Pet 3:10,11)
  - b. And ALL the nations that FORGET God
 

RV 1881 The wicked shall return to Sheol, even all the nations that forget God.  
 ASV 1901 The wicked shall be turned back unto Sheol, Even all the nations that forget God.  
 Brenton Let sinners be driven away into Hades, even all the nations that forget God.  
 CEV The wicked will go down to the world of the dead to be with those nations that forgot about you.  
 NIV The wicked go down to the realm of the dead, all the nations that forget God.  
 NASB The wicked will return to Sheol, even all the nations who forget God.  
 Message The wicked bought a one-way ticket to hell.
3. No wonder no one fears God really any more!
  - a. You live like the devil, your life will be hell on earth
  - b. You live like Jesus, and it will be heaven!
  - c. It goes for entire nations as well – no nation is exempt
  - d. All a person has to do to experience hell on earth is to forget about God!
  - e. All a nation has to do to be defeated and become a slave to another nation is forget about God
    - 1) Portugal? Used to rule the seas
    - 2) Spain?
    - 3) Babylon? Under Nebuchadnezzar controlled the world
    - 4) England? Ruled the whole world up until the early 20<sup>th</sup> century
    - 5) America? Can’t win a single war since 1950!
    - 6) Ireland? Now owned, lock, stock and barrel by Europe!
4. The only cure is RIGHTEOUSNESS (Pr 14:34; Mt 6:33)
  - a. Godly living
  - b. God fearing
  - c. Treating one another justly, equally, rightly
  - d. Treating sin seriously, and thoroughly
  - e. LIVING like Jesus – not acting, or imitating!

**E. The Goal of God’s Judgment (9:18-20)**

1. To care for the needy
2. To lift up and bless the poor

3. To humble all men
4. To judge the heathen
5. To put the fear of God back in the hearts of mankind
6. To remind everyone that they are only men! If only our world's troubles would be allowed to do all that!

#### IV. Conclusion and Questions

- A. How should a Christian praise God?
  1. With our whole heart!
  2. With singing!
- B. How does the future look for the believer? VERY GOOD
- C. What is hell?
  1. The righteous judgment of God – not an evil thing
  2. God's judgment of wicked people
    - a. Of people who know not God
    - b. Especially of people who forget about God
    - c. They never really knew Him (Mt 7:22,23)
  3. A perpetual end
  4. An end that never ends
- D. What happens to nations that forget God?
  1. They shall be turned into hell on earth!
- E. Should we trust the "new" bibles? NO!
- F. Nations need to know themselves to be but WHAT?
  1. Just men, not gods!