

## LESSONS FROM PSALMS ONE HUNDRED TWENTY

Scripture: Psalm 120:1-7

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### Introduction:

- A. Very little is known about who the writer of this Psalm was. Some think David wrote it; others think King Hezekiah wrote it.
- B. What really matters is that it is God's Word regardless of who the Holy Spirit used to pen the words.
- C. And there are good practical lessons for us in our day.

### I. LEARN THAT IT IS THE UNHAPPY LOT OF GOD'S PEOPLE TO DWELL AMONG THOSE WHO ARE AGAINST GOD AND HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE. vs. 5-7

- A. The writer said, "Woe is me."
  - 1. I sojourn in Mesech.
    - a. Mesech was one of the sons of Japheth who was one of the sons of Noah.
    - b. He was a Gentile.
    - c. Thus, the Jewish writer found himself dwelling with Gentiles ...a hateful situation.
    - d. We find ourselves dwelling with the lost all around.
  - 2. I dwell in the tents of Kedar.
    - a. Kedar was the second son of Ishmael...Arabic tribes
    - b. I live among barbarians.
    - d. God's people find themselves sometimes singing the same "wo" because of what we are forced to put up with.
- B. v.7 I am for peace
  - 1. I speak of peace.
  - 2. They are for war.
  - 3. I have long dwelt with him that hates peace.
  - 4. This is still true today between the Jew and the Arab.
- C. God's people share the same sad position many times.
  - 1. There are church members that come to church only when there is a disturbance in the church.
  - 2. There are people who never speak of their church unless there is trouble to talk about.

### II. LEARN THAT IN TIMES OF PRESENT DISTRESS IT IS GOOD TO REMEMBER GOD'S PAST DELIVERANCES. vs.1,2

- A. v.2 O Lord, deliver my soul is set in the present tense.
  - 1. v.2 The deceitful tongue and the lying lips were now troubling him.
  - 2. v.3 addresses the one troubling him as "thou false tongue."
  - 3. Deceitful infers that the enemy appears friendly when present ...and then lies on him to others.
  - 4. God's people in our day experience the same treatment at times.
- B. v.2 O Lord, deliver me NOW.
- C. v.1 He is thinking of the past times of deliverances.
  - 1. I cried to you in the past and you heard me and delivered me.
  - 2. This give us great hope for deliverance from present trouble.

### III. LEARN THAT THERE IS MERIT IN OUR CONFRONTING SUCH PERSONS WITH THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR SINFUL CONDUCT. vs,3,4

- A. This may have been God's purpose in putting us in the presence of those who trouble us.
  - 1. After all they must be brought face to face with their sin if they are to be helped.
  - 2. That is the work our God gave us to do..
- B. v.3 Thou false tongue, what shall be given unto you? "what shall be done unto you?"
- C. v.4 You shall feel the sharp arrows of the Almighty God. You shall feel the coals of the juniper..extra HOT coals of fire.
- D. Friend, consider all this and seek peace with God while you have time and opportunity.