

## LESSONS FROM PSALMS TWENTY-EIGHT

Scripture: Psalm 28:1-9

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### Introduction:

- A. This is a Psalm of David. It was written by King David.
  - B. It appears to have been written in a time of national emergency. A time when evil seemed to be in control and righteousness was on the run.
  - C. Very likely it was written when Absolom was moving to gain control over Israel.
  - D. This Psalm basically divides the human race into two kinds of people—the saved and the lost—those who have the Lord as their Rock and those who go down into the pit.
- I. LEARN HOW FAR FROM GOD A NATION'S LEADERS AND HER PEOPLE CAN STRAY.  
vs. 3,5
- A. Israel was God's chosen nation... the nation most blessed of God on the whole earth.
  - B. At the time David wrote, they regarded not the works of God, nor the operation of His hands. v.5
  - C. They had become the wicked even the workers of iniquity v.3
  - D. It frightens me to think how parallel is the history and present condition of our own nation.
    1. Blessed of God beyond compare with any nation in the last three centuries...
    2. We now have so many leaders and people who deny God, if not in voice they do in actions.
    3. We see the vast majority of people in this "Christian" nation who do not give God the time of day until trouble comes then they blame God for all their troubles.
    4. Our nation is in a very sad state of affairs morally and spiritually.
- II. LEARN THAT THE LORD IS THE STABILIZING FORCE FOR HIS PEOPLE IN TIMES OF NATIONAL CALAMITIES. vs. 1,2,7
- A. He is our Rock... our Foundation. v. 1
  - B. Without Him, we would be like them that go down into the pit...We would be without hope. v. 1
  - C. He is the One Whom we can talk with...we can cry out to and know that we are heard. v.2
  - D. He is our strength in time of battle—when tested. He is our shield...our protection. v.7
  - E. He is the One we can trust to help in time of need. v.7
  - F. He is the One Who will not disappoint us..."I am helped." v.7
- III. LEARN THAT IT IS NOT WRONG TO PRAY FOR GOD TO DEAL WITH THE UNGODLY ACCORDING TO THEIR DEEDS. v.4
- A. What should God's people do when national leaders take an ungodly position and force us to do that which is contrary to God's Word and will?
  - B. David called on God to "give them according to their deeds." and "according to the wickedness of their endeavors." He also prayed, "give them after the work of their hands" And "render to them their desert."
  - C. I have no problem believing that God approves when His people call on Him to deal with our national leaders in this same way.
  - D. When national leaders take our money and finance the murder of the unborn, what are we to do?

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- E. When our national leaders begin their work days with prayer and pass laws forbidding our children to do the same, what are we to do?
- F. When our elected officials raise their hands and swear by God's Word to uphold the law and Bibles are banned from the classrooms of our schools, what are we to do?
- G. When our children are forced to attend school and are taught the ungodly theory of evolution as fact, what are we to do?
- H. I feel quite comfortable in saying, "I believe God I'd have His people follow the pattern David set in v. 4.

### IV. LEARN HOW GOD FEARING PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE BLESSINGS OF GOD. vs. 6-9

- A. v.6 Call Him "Blessed" because He hath heard our cry.
- B. v.7 Therefore—we should "rejoice" and sing praises to our God.
- C. v.8 Recognize Him as our saving strength.
- D. v.9 Look to God to save us out of all these troubles. Look to Him for blessings and recognize Him for them. Look to Him for the spiritual manna on which we feed. Recognize that He is the Power that shall lift us up forever.