

LESSONS FROM PSALMS SIXTY-FOUR

Scripture: Psalm 64:1-10

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Introduction:

- A. This Psalm was written by King David.
 - B. No doubt it was composed during the awful trying times of Absalom's treasonous revolt which was masterminded by Ahithophel who was David's trusted chief of state.
 - C. This revolt was not conceived and carried out in a day. It was secretly planned over many years.
 - 1. It began in the evil mind and heart of Absalom.
 - 2. He used words as weapons to secretly steal the hearts of David's people.
 - 3. He was able to pull Ahithophel into his plans and when they thought the time was right, they struck.
 - D. David was forced to flee for his life; and had it not been for God's intervention, David would have been killed.
 - E. God intervention brought about the death of both Absalom and Ahithophel.
 - F. PROPHETICALLY this Psalm may give us a good view of end time events when Satan, through the Antichrist and the False Prophet, shall move to take control of this world
 - G. There are also some good practical lessons for God's people in our time.
- I. LEARN SOMETHING OF THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE ENEMIES OF GOD'S PEOPLE. vs. 3-6
- A. As were Absalom and Ahithophel to David, they may be some loved and trusted friends.
 - B. They usually plan their work in secret. vs. 2,4
 - C. These tongues are their primary weapons set to turn others away from us before the final attack. vs. 3,4
 - D. They lay snares to trap God's people. v.5
 - E. They seem to think no one sees nor knows what they are doing. v.5
 - F. They are mean to the core, caring only about having their way. v.6
- II. LEARN THAT SINCE GOD'S PEOPLE NEED GOD'S HELP IN THE BATTLES OF LIFE, PRAYER IS OUR BEST WEAPON.
- A. Since our enemies work in secret, we need the One who hears all and sees all to be our Help.
 - B. We need Him to preserve us from fear.
 - 1. Fear of the enemy
 - 2. Fear of failure.
 - 3. Fear is a terrible enemy to God's people...Fear keeps us from doing much that God wants us to do.
 - 4. God tells us there is no failure when we act in faith...Faithfulness is all God requires.
 - C. We need God to protect us from the secret counsel of the wicked. v.2
 - D. We need God to protect us from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity. v.2
- III. LEARN THAT GOD SHALL GIVE HIS PEOPLE VICTORY IN HIS OWN GOOD TIME AND IN HIS OWN WAY.
- A. God shall shoot at the enemy of His people. v.7
 - 1. His arrows might well be His words ...as was the case with Absalom and Ahithophel. God sent Hushai to give counsel that Absalom received instead of Ahithophel.
 - 2. God makes His attack suddenly. He did in this case.

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- B. God shall turn their evil devices back against the evil men who trouble God's people. v.8
 - 1. Ahithophel went out and hanged himself.
 - 2. Haman was hanged on the gallows he had built for Mordecai.
 - 3. Many times God has moved to give victory to one of His servants who has been maligned.
- C. God may not always give us victory over our enemies in this life, but in the life hereafter, victory is sure.

IV. LEARN WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF GOD'S GIVING US THE VICTORY.

- A. All men shall reverence God. v.9
 - 1. They shall all declare the victory to be God's work.
 - 2. They shall all wisely consider God's doings...God's will and God's way.
- B. The righteous shall be glad in the Lord. v.10
- C. They shall trust in God. v.10
- D. The upright in heart shall glory in the Lord. v.10