

## LESSONS FROM PSALMS NINETY-NINE

Scripture: Psalm 99:1-9

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### Introduction:

- A. We do not know whom God used to pen this beautiful Psalm of praise and worship.
- B. It's words are most inspiring and suggest some most profitable lessons for God's people in any age.

### I. LET US BE REMINDED THAT OUR GOD IS HOLLY.

- A. Three times the psalmist tells us, "God is holly."
- B. This reminds us of the words of Isaiah in Isa. 6:1-8
  - 1. The six winged seraphim crying, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts."
  - 2. Some say that the triune use of the word "holy" in each of these cases refers to the Holy Trinity...God the Father is holy...God the Son is holy...God the Spirit is holy. Collectively they are holy and individually they are holy.
- C. What does it mean to be holy?
  - 1. It means to be set apart—separated.
  - 2. Our God is set apart from all other gods...He is the one God.
- D. That God is holy is set forth in many ways:
  - 1. Gen. 1:1
  - 2. John 1:1-3
  - 3. In the Law "Thou shall have no other gods before me
  - 4. Phil. 2:9-11

### II. LEARN HOW GOD HAS EXPRESS HIS HOLINESS.

- A. He reigns.
  - 1. This is present tense. He has reigned. He shall reign. He does reign in the eternal present tense.
  - 2. He sitteth between the cherubim on the mercy seat in heaven
    - a. God instructed Moses in making a pattern of the heavenlies...a mercy seat covered with gold with a cherubim at each end.
    - b. This was placed in the Holy of Holies behind the veil. c. Each year the High Priest entered with blood of a sacrifice..when he sprinkled it on the mercy seat God's Holy presence was manifested.
  - 3. All this was a symbol of God's reign over the earth.
- B. God is great in Zion...in heaven among His people where His will is always done.
- C. God is high above all people—whether they believe it or not. v.2
- D. Holy is our God in strength...He is omnipotent...all powerful...set apart from all other powers.
- E. God is holy in that He loves judgment in equity and righteousness.
- F. Holy is our God because He hears and answers prayers.
  - 1. He has ears to hear, and does incline His ears to hear His people. Other gods have no ears.
  - 2. He has the power to answer any prayer..other gods are dead and can do nothing.
- G. God is holy in that He forgives sin. v.8

### III. LEARN HOW GOD EXPECTS HIS PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO HIS HOLINESS.

- A. Let the people tremble. v.1 (Isa. 6:1-8)
- B. Let the people praise His Name. v.3

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- C. Let the people exalt Him...Speak well of Him...Lift Him up in the presence of all by our words and deeds. vs. 5,9
- D. Let the people worship at His footstool. Bow in His presence. vs. 5,9
- E. Let the people keep His testimonies and ordinances. v.7

IV. LEARN WHAT WE SHOULD EXPECT WHEN WE FAIL TO RESPOND TO GOD'S HOLINESS AS WE SHOULD. v.8

- A. Not to be cast away.
- B. We should expect to be chastised...God is a God of vengeance. He will deal with our sin.