

## LESSONS FROM PSALMS THIRTY-FIVE

Scripture: Psalm 35:1-28

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### Introduction:

- A. This is a Psalm of David which was very likely written during the time Saul was trying very hard to kill him.
  - B. There are some great practical lessons that will do God's people good in any generation.
- I. LEARN THAT THE GOOD WE DO WILL MANY TIMES BE REWARDED WITH EVIL. vs. 11-16
- A. False witnesses rose up against David and charged him with trying to overthrow Saul's kingdom... even at the time David was refusing to harm Saul. vs. 11,12
  - B. vs. 13-15 David mourned when these who troubled him hurt, they rejoiced when David hurt.
  - C. v.16 Many of them claimed to be his friend when he was present and gnashed upon him with their tongue when he was not present.
  - D. Bible examples are: Joseph and Paul.
  - E. God's people should not be surprised when evil is returned for good even in our days.
- II. LEARN THAT THE BATTLES OF LIFE ARE NOT OURS BUT THE LORD'S. vs. 1-8; 19-21
- A. David could have killed Saul and many others who troubled him; but he chose to leave vengeance to God, whose it is.
  - B. In a number of places in the Old Testament, the statement is made, "The battle is the Lord's"
  - C. Paul said, "I can of mine own self do nothing" and then "I can do all things through Christ who strengthen me."
  - D. We can get ahead of God... take things into our own hands and be defeated. Let us purpose not to do this.
  - E. The Lord wants to fight our battles for us; Let us let Him.
  - F. It is not wrong' to ask God to deal with those who trouble us.
- III. LEARN THAT THE THOUGHT OF VICTORY GIVES GOD'S PEOPLE REASON TO REJOICE. vs. 9,10,18
- A. When David thought of his enemy being caught in the trap that had been set for David, he said, "My soul shall rejoice in the Lord: it shall rejoice in his deliverance."
  - B. He also said that he would praise the Lord for His help and thank Him in the congregation..
  - C. We are not to be the "I told you so" kind of Christians; but we are to recognize God as the One who gives the victories and praise Him for them.
- IV. LEARN THAT OUR GOD'S LONG-SUFFERING PATIENCE WITH SINFUL PEOPLE CAN CAUSE HIS PEOPLE TO THINK THAT HE IS NOT AWARE OF OUR PROBLEMS. vs. 17, 22-27
- A. "Lord, how long will you look on? Rescue me NOW! v.17
  - B. Lord you have seen...be not silent...Stir up thyself...awake... v.22
  - C. David again calls on the Lord to deal with those who trouble him. vs.24-26
- V. LEARN WHAT IS THE RESULTS OF GOD'S VICTORY OVER THE ENEMIES OF HIS PEOPLE. vs.27,28

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- A. God's people shall be glad. The Lord will be magnified. v.27
- B. God's people shall speak of His righteousness. The Lord shall be praised all the day long. v.28