

LESSONS FROM PSALMS FIFTY-NINE

Scripture: Psalm 59:1-17

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Introduction:

- A. This Psalm was written in the early days of David's life.
 - B. Saul was so jealous of David that he set out to kill him. According to I Sam. 19:11-18 Saul set a watch around his house to arrest David and kill him.
 - C. David's wife Michal who was Saul's daughter warned David and helped him escape.
 - D. This was a very troublesome time for David and it is reflected in this Psalm.
- I. LEARN THAT GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES MAY PUT US IN PLACES OF DANGER AND CAUSE US MUCH DISTRESS.
- A. David, the man after God's own heart, was in grave danger and in deep distress. vs. 3,4,6,7,12
 1. Why did David find himself in this condition?
 2. Not because of any wrong doing on his part.
 3. But because God had anointed him to be king.
 - B. This has been true of the righteous down thro time ages.
 1. Able
 2. Joseph
 3. Paul
- II. LEARN THAT THERE WILL COME TIMES WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE WILL THINK GOD IS ASLEEP. vs.4,5
- A. Twice David called on God to awake and once he added "behold" or look at what they are doing to me.
 1. It seems that David felt God was not seeing what was happening to him.
 2. He seemed to be saying, "Wake up and look..."
 3. He seemed determined to get God's attention for he used three of God's names. (Craig... Craig Christian... Craig Latham Christian.)
 - B. How often during the dark ages must our Baptist forefathers have pled with God to wake up and see what is happening to us.
 - C. How many times have we asked God, "Why me?" The basic reason for asking is to ask God to pay attention to what is happening to me...and change it.
- III. LEARN THAT GOD IS OUR HELP IN TIME OF NEED.
- A. David came to recognize this. He had know n it before and now he confesses it again.
 1. David calls God "My Strength." vs. 9,17
 2. He also calls Him his defense.
 3. And his refuge
 - B. Daniel knew God as all of these.
 - C. He is all these to us today.
- IV. LEARN WHAT IS THE RIGHT REASON FOR ASKING GOD TO DEAL WITH THOSE WHO TROUBLE US. vs. 11-13
- A. After calling on God to bring the wicked down, David added, "let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth."
 - B. This was the reason God gave for bringing King Nebuchadnezzar down. (Dan. 4:25,26,32,35; 5:21.)
 - C. Why do we ask God to intervene in our lives? Is it for our relief or for God's glory?

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D. vs. 5,10,17 All point out that David recognized he did not deserve God's help ...He pled for it on the basis of mercy.

V. LEARN THAT WE SHOULD NEVER LET OTHERS KEEP US FROM OUR RIGHTEOUS COURSE. vs. 14-16

A. In vs. 14,15 David sa "Let them return...let them make a noise like a dog. let them go around about the city--- let them wander up down.. them grudge...

B. Then he said. "BUT I will sing " v. 16

C. This is a great pattern for all of God's people .

1. We have very little control over what other people do.
2. Let them go as they wish, for we cannot stop them.
3. BUT we can say with David. "I will sing of God's power
4. We can with Joshua, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

VI. LEARN T IN TIMES OF DANGER AND DISTRESS IT HELPS TO TALK WITH GOD ABOUT OUR FEELINGS. vs. 1-17

A. The whole Psalm can be divided into two parts.

1. Verses 1-15 portrays David speaking plainly with God about his troubles ...what He wants God to do for him and how he wants God to deal with those who trouble him. At times he seems a bit brash even to the point of questioning God.
2. But in the end (vs. 16,17) David concluded by saying, "I will sing of thy power "

B. It seems to me that God if not offended when His people talk pretty straight...even to the point of questioning what God may be permitting in our lives. BECAUSE, after a good talk with God, right thinking people will always end up praising the Lord for His mercy and goodness.