

LESSONS FROM PSALMS NINETY-EIGHT

Scripture: Psalm 98:1-9

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Introduction:

- A. The Psalmist may have penned this Psalm in celebration of some past deliverance of Israel, but the Holy Spirit gave it a prophetic interpretation through the lips of the Virgin Mary as she responded to the adoration of Elisabeth.
 - B. Luke 1:46-55 records her words. The similarity between this Psalm and Mary's words was not by chance. This Psalm foretells the salvation that God would accomplish through the Seed of the Woman.
- I. LEARN THAT THERE IS A NEW SONG THAT NEEDS TO BE SUNG.
- A. For all the centuries of man's existence there had been the promised victory over sin through the Seed of the Woman.
 - B. The Psalmist penned this Psalm to show forth that salvation and how God would accomplish it.
 - C. The Holy Spirit caused Mary to see and sing about her Seed as the fulfillment of that promise.
 - D. She indeed saw in this a new song to sing—the song of redemption.
- II. LEARN THAT OUR LORD HAS BY HIS OWN STRENGTH WON THE VICTORY OVER THE DEVIL.
- A. He has done marvelous things. Best of all He fulfilled the Law to the last jot and tittle. Then He died to pay our sin debt. v. 1
 - B. By His own strength He rose from the grave in complete victory over the devil and sin. v.1
- III. LEARN THAT OUR LORD OPENLY DISPLAYED HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS IN SIGHT OF ALL PEOPLE. vs. 2,3
- A. All the ends of the earth have seen his salvation. v.3
 - 1. As Paul said, "These things were not done in a corner."
 - 2. When Jesus died, the whole world knew it.
 - 3. His message of salvation has gone out around the globe.
 - B. Jesus showed His righteousness openly in the sight of all the people. v.2
 - 1. His resurrection was the greatest expression of His righteousness...the grave could not hold Him.
 - 2. The record of His righteousness is carried to all in the Holy Bible.
- IV. LEARN THAT OUR LORD REMEMBERS. v.3
- A. God is not like us old people who have trouble remembering.
 - B. God has never forgotten any promise spoken, nor any person whom He has saved.
 - C. God remembers His truth and His promised mercy.
- V. LEARN THAT OUR GOD NEVER COMPROMISES ONE ATTRIBUTE TO EXPRESS ANOTHER. v. 3
- A. God is a God of mercy...He wishes to extend mercy to every sinner...He wills that all be saved.
 - B. But God's truth must be honored...He cannot ignore truth to extend mercy.
 - C. In God's wisdom, He perfected His salvation and in it, He remembered both His truth and His mercy.
 - 1. Jesus, the Truth of God kept the law of God and displayed perfect righteousness.

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2. Jesus then died as our sacrifice to pay our sin debt
3. God can now extend mercy to all who will ask forgiveness for sin and trust Jesus to save them.
4. In this way, God has remembered to honor both His truth and His mercy.

VI. LEARN THAT THE COMING OF THE LORD OCCASIONS REJOICING FROM ALL CREATION. v.9

- A. All His people rejoice at the thought of His coming again. vs. 4-6
- B. All nature expresses itself in joy at His coming.
 1. Nature now groans and travails in pain waiting for deliverance. Rom. 8:22
 2. Then, all nature shall rejoice. vs. 7,8