

PSALM 9

September 13-14, 2023

DAVID'S SONGS

* A STUDY OF SELECTED PSALMS *

1. It is often easier to see God's hand in our circumstances when looking back at life's victories and failures. Reflect on recent circumstances and record all you have for which to be thankful.

Write a definition for the word thankful.

2. Read all of Psalm 9. It is believed this psalm was likely written after David experienced great victory on the battlefield. In verses 1-2, the words "I will" are repeated four times. What words come to mind when you read the words "I will"?

What does David's use of "I will" reveal to you about David's character?

3. In Psalm 9:1-2, David recounts the Lord's wonderful deeds and praises His great name. Why do you think this was important to David? Look at 1 Chronicles 16:8 and Psalm 89:1 for insight.

4. Read Psalm 9:3-6 and recount the Lord's wonderful deeds recorded in each verse.

9:3

9:4

9:5

9:6

How would recounting the Lord's wonderful deeds help strengthen David's faith?

5. In your own words, explain how recounting God's faithfulness leads to a response of thanksgiving.

What do the following portions of Scripture teach about the importance of giving thanks?

2 Corinthians 2:14

Philippians 4: 6-7

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Adding thanksgiving to your prayer time changes your attitude in prayer. How have you experienced this in your personal prayer time?

What are some practical ways you can make thanksgiving a priority?

6. Read Psalm 9:7-12. In these verses David looks forward to God's future provision for His chosen people. Record the truths David proclaims about God in Psalm 9:7-12.

Which of these truths stands out to you and why?

7. Looking back at your circumstances, what truths have you learned about God that you are able to share with others facing difficulties?

What verse in Psalm 9:1-12 can help you trust God's future faithfulness when faced with difficult circumstances?

8. Finish by reading Psalm 9:13-20. What phrases confirm David is trusting God with his future and the future of the nation of Israel?

9. According to Psalm 9:15-17, what is the fate of those who forget God?

Why is it easier to forget God when life is easy rather than when life is hard?

What are some practical ways to guard against calling out to God only when life is hard?

10. Looking back over Psalm 9, what will you commit to add into your daily prayer time?

11. Write your own prayer psalm of reflection on God's faithfulness relating to your life circumstances today.

12. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.

Hope-Filled Thanksgiving

Psalm 9

Resolved

9: 1-2

David knew the Lord deserved more than half-hearted thanksgiving.

David remembered the Lord's deeds and resolved to recount the Lord's deeds.

David resolved to praise the Lord in the good, the bad and everything in between.

David resolved to praise God for who He is, not only for what He had done.

Recounts

9: 3-6

David gave God the glory when he recounted all He had done for him.

David looked back at all he had witnessed and he saw the goodness of God.

Reaffirms

9:7-12

Looking back reminded David the Lord is our:

sovereign King.

righteous Judge.

powerful Stronghold.

faithful Father.

David's thanksgiving was not based on the blessings, but on the Giver of the blessings.

Reassured

9:13-18

With confidence, David cried out to the Lord to intervene in his future battles.

With confidence, David vowed to recount all the Lord's deeds to all who would listen.

Refocused

9: 19-20

David called on the Lord to arise and show his enemies the Lord is God, and they are not.

David's desire was for the Lord's will to prevail.

David's psalm of hope-filled thanksgiving reminds us to:

Resolve today to praise God in _____ circumstances.

Be intentional to remember and _____ His many blessings.

Look back and _____ what you know to be true about God.

_____ ask God for His protection and provision.

With _____, pray the Lord's will to prevail in all your circumstances.

Key: ALL, recount, reaffirm, Boldly, confidence

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MATTHEW 15:7-9 “You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”

ISAIAH 12:4-5 And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

1 CHRONICLES 16:29 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness...

ISAIAH 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

PSALM 102:25-27 Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but you are the same, and your years have no end.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6 ...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.