

PSALM 6

September 6-7, 2023

DAVID'S SONGS

* A STUDY OF SELECTED PSALMS *

1. The book of Psalms contains 150 psalms and is sometimes called the hymnbook of the Bible. This semester, we will study some of David's psalms. Share your favorite psalm.
2. Read Psalm 6:1-10 carefully. Which verse stands out to you? Why?
3. Read Psalm 6:1-5. Discuss everything you see David experiencing physically and emotionally.
4. David opens his prayer song by calling out to the Lord. Read verses 1-4 again. In five words or less, summarize what David is asking the Lord to do.
5. In Psalm 6:4-5, David makes a case to God for sparing his life. What important actions does David say will elude us after we die?

How is remembering God connected to thanking or praising Him in your everyday life?

What are practical things we can do to become more skilled in remembering and praising God?

6. Read Psalm 6:6-7. Poetic language often uses hyperbole or exaggeration to make a point. How does David describe his tears?

On a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the most extreme, what number would you use to characterize David's pain?

David takes his pain and tears to the Lord. What are some different emotions we express with tears which we can also take to the Lord?

7. Read Psalm 6:8-10 and notice the change in David's tone. What has happened to cause this change in David?

Share a time you experienced God's supernatural peace after pouring your heart out to Him.

PSALM 9

September 13-14, 2023

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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.

Psalm 27
September 20-21, 2023

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1. Read David's words in Psalm 27:1-14. In verse 1, what three realities keep David from surrendering to fear?

How do you think each individual reality would keep fear at bay?

2. We realize God has been faithful to David in frightening situations when we read Psalm 27:2-3. What are these situations?

Compare the outcome of the wicked with the response of David.

What are some of the worldly adversaries and foes that attack us today in different ways? Read Ephesians 6:12 for added insight.

Share some of the ways you have remained confident in the Lord when facing these enemies.

3. Psalm 27:4-5 describes David's desire to live in the presence of the Lord. What words describe the actions he will take to draw near to God in 27:4?

What can we glean about David from Psalm 27:4 when considering all the earthly riches, power, and authority that were available to him?

What more can we learn about David from Paul's words in Acts 13:21-22?

4. One result of living in the presence of God is to receive His loving protection. Read Psalm 27:5 and explain in your own words how God is the best of shelters in the worst of dangers.

What three words describe the actions God takes to rescue His own?

Can you share a time in your life when you were hidden, concealed, or lifted up by God in a time of trouble?

5. How does David respond to the presence and protection of God? Read Psalm 27:6.

Why is it important to recognize the victories God brings us? Gain insight by reading 1 Samuel 17:34-37 as David explained to King Saul why he could fight their enemy Goliath.

6. Read David's heartfelt pleas to God in Psalm 27:7-12. Summarize some of David's deep concerns.

Where is David's faith apparent in these verses?

What is our greatest weapon against the evils we face found in verse 7?

7. What does it mean to seek God's face? Read Psalm 27:8 along with Psalm 17:15, Psalm 40:16, and Psalm 105:4.

8. Read Psalm 27:8-10. Many people on earth may forsake us, but what are the reasons David believes the Lord will not forsake him?

9. In Psalm 27:11, we can envision David's enemies lying in wait for him. What words would you use to describe David in this verse?

What is the danger of choosing our own proud path when walking among the wicked? Also read Proverbs 19:2.

10. What is the evil result of the weapon of slander according to Psalm 27:12?

What do you think are some of the sinful attitudes that fuel the lies of slanderers?

11. Even when he is surrounded by darkness, David continues to trust in the Lord. What can he see using his eyes of faith? Read Psalm 27:13-14.

How does he accomplish this kind of faith?

12. Consider the beliefs and actions of David as he faced his enemies and fears in Psalm 27. What beliefs and actions will you apply to a fearful situation you are now facing?

13. Write your own prayer psalm of faith relating to your life circumstances today.

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

Psalm 7

September 27-28, 2023

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1. Describe a place or person that makes you feel safe and secure.
2. Read Psalm 7 in its entirety. What words and ideas are repeated?
3. Note the description under the title of Psalm 7. As David talks to the Lord, what is his concern?

Read Psalm 7:1-2. What is David's situation and his emotional state?

While we do not know the exact situation David is referencing in Psalm 7, we know other times in his life he was treated unjustly. Read the following passages. Describe the unjust treatment David experienced and how he responded.

1 Samuel 19:10-12; 20:1

2 Samuel 16:5-14; 19:18-23

4. In Psalm 7, David turns to the Lord in his distress. Share a time God was a refuge for you when you were treated unjustly.

5. Read Psalm 7:3-5. When attacked, we are tempted to respond sinfully, but David instead takes his concern to God. What phrases in verses 3-5 demonstrate David's willingness to accept responsibility for any personal wrongdoing?

Consider the example of Jesus in 1 Peter 2:19-23. What motivates you to pursue righteousness when you are wronged?

6. Read Psalm 7:6-7 and list the ways David asks God to intervene on his behalf. Which request most resonates with you and why?

7. Summarize what you learn about God in Psalm 7:8-11.

What other insights do you learn about God as judge from the following verses?

Psalm 9:7-8

Psalm 75:2, 7

Psalm 76:8-9

Isaiah 33:22

Reflect on those verses. Why is it important that God is judge and that He is righteous?

8. Consider memorizing Psalm 7:10-11. What emotions are stirred in you by these specific words?

9. In Psalm 7:12-16, the wicked person's choices and consequences are described. Which one most strikes healthy fear and warning in your heart? Why?

10. Read Psalm 7:12 along with Acts 3:19-20. What is the hope for sinners?

Repentance requires a change of mind and heart, turning back to the truth of God. Share a time you experienced God's grace through repentance.

11. Read Psalm 7:17. David ends the psalm with thanksgiving and praise even though his situation is not yet resolved. What truths have you observed in Psalm 7 which give you confidence and hope as you face injustice now and in the future?

12. Write your own prayer psalm of trusting God's justice relating to your life circumstances today.

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

Psalm 19

October 4-5, 2023

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1. Think of the most beautiful sunrise or sunset you have ever seen. Where were you and what made it memorable?
2. Read Psalm 19:1-14 slowly and carefully. What is your overriding thought or emotion as you finish reading this psalm?
3. Read Psalm 19:1-2. According to these verses, what does God's creation, specifically the sky, reveal about God?
4. In Psalm 19:3-4, how far do these "words" of God's creation go?

Read Romans 1:19-21, in which Paul says no one has any excuse if they refuse to believe in God because He has revealed Himself through the creation of the world. How does Psalm 19:1-4 support Paul's inspired words?

However, many say they do not recognize or believe in God. Why do you think this is? Reread Romans 1:21 for insight.

5. Read Psalm 19:4b-6 again. David uses two different word pictures to describe the sun moving across the sky. Why do you think the sun is a good example of nature proclaiming God's glory and power and moving us to meditate on God?

6. Besides what is mentioned in Psalm 19, what other aspects of God's created universe do you see proclaiming His glory, majesty, and power?

What other attributes or characteristics of God do you see revealed in nature?

Meditate means "to carefully consider, think deeply upon something, or ponder." Share something in creation that causes you to meditate on God.

How would you explain to someone the difference between worshipping nature and worshipping the Creator of nature?

7. Read Psalm 19:7-11. The scene shifts to God's written Word, the Bible, which also reveals God to us. What are the synonyms or names David uses for God's Word in verses 7-9?

David points out different truths about God's Word. In your own words, describe what each of these truths mean.

Perfect

Sure

Right

Pure

Enduring forever

True and righteous altogether

8. List the things God's Word can accomplish for us according to Psalm 19:7-9.

Share a time you received one of these benefits from hearing or studying God's Word.

9. Read Psalm 19:10-11. God's Word is more valuable than gold and more desirable than sweet honey. In verse 11, what are the reasons God's Word is so valuable and desirable?

Think of a time you found one or both of these reasons to be true in your own life. Also read Psalm 119:11,165.

10. Read Psalm 19:12-14. David gives two categories of sin in verses 12-13. What is the difference between hidden faults and presumptuous sins?

11. Consider memorizing the beautiful words of verse 14 with which David ends his prayer song of meditation. He calls God his rock and his redeemer. Why do you think these are good words to describe our relationship with God?

12. Write your own prayer psalm of meditation on God's creation or His Word relating to your life circumstances today.

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