

Psalm 108

- This Psalm is a repeat of the sentiments expressed in Psalms 57 & 60, a compilation Psalm of sorts.
- Why the repeat? There is something in them that the Holy Spirit wants to remind us of, repetition is a good thing.

2 Peter 1:12 “For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.”

Galatians 1:9 “As we have said before, so now I say again...”

V: 1 David declares that his heart is steadfast, it is fix, set upon Jehovah.

Isaiah 26:3 “You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You.”

- “I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back!”
- David is simply describing what we should all have, which is commitment.

V: 2-3 David is committed to the Lord and to worshipping Him, to worshipping Him early, awakening the dawn, and to doing so publicly, so let’s break out the instruments and get to it!

- He’s describing how we should start our day:

“I will awaken the dawn / early.”

Proverbs 8:17 “I love those who love Me, and those who seek Me early will find Me.”

V: 4-5 This is a repeat of Psalm 57, but again, it’s a worthwhile repeating.

- His mercy is great above the heavens - and may you be exalted above that!

Psalm 103:11 “For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him.”

V: 6 His petition, knowing that he is “beloved” of God.

- We too are His beloved!

Jeremiah 31:3 “The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.”

- Save with your right hand, typically the hand of strength. Show yourself strong on my behalf.

V: 7-10 David is quoting Genesis 12:6 - “^{6b}I will divide Shechem, and measure out the valley of Succoth.”

- He quotes Joshua 13:27 describing the dividing of the inheritance among the tribes.

Map - Jerusalem:

Shechem, capital of Samaria between Mt. Ebal & Mt. Gerizim.

Valley of Succoth, E/O Jordan River.

Gilead - Manasseh - Ephraim - Judah - Moab (wash pot) - Edom (shoe) - Philistia

“The strong city” - Petra (off the map) (Edomite capital)

V: 11 Prayer, if you don’t lead us, who will?

V: 12 You are the One we trust in, the help of man is useless!

Psalm 20:7 “Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.”

V: 13 “... *we will do valiantly.*” Not might, or could - we will!

- Through God we have the victory, the battle is won!

Romans 8:31 “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

- He has already trodden down our enemy and given us the victory!

1 Corinthians 15:57 “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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- Psalms 109 & 110 are 2 more Psalms of David, they are both Messianic Psalms.
 - Psalm 109 is also known as an “imprecatory” Psalms, meaning it’s a psalm where David calls for judgment upon his enemies, he curses his enemies.
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V: 1-3 Do not keep silent, speak, don't hold back because the wicked, the deceitful are talking trash about your beloved! Sadly this is probably speaking of his son Absalom in the mist of his betrayal.

David had his enemies:

Psalm 27:12 "Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe out violence."

Jesus warned His disciples / us.

John 15:18-20 "18If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20Remember the word that I said to you, a servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My Word they will keep yours also."

- This leads up to Jesus' description of His life and ministry in fulfillment of Messianic prophecy:
- Remember they brought false witnesses that lied about Jesus in an attempt to put Him to death, even in their lies they couldn't get their story straight.

John 15:25 "But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, "They hated Me without cause."

V: 4-5 At one point the Jews took up stones to kill Jesus:

John 10:32 "Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?"

- David's complaint is that he's sought to love them, and they have rewarded him in turn with evil, there was no provocation, he sought to bless them.

Proverbs 17:13 "Whoever rewards evil for good, evil will not depart from his house."

- Like Jesus, those that David sought to bless are now cursing him.
- Like Jesus, his response was to pray for them.

Jesus said:

Matthew 5:44 "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,"

- David got the praying part, but didn't quite get to the blessing part...

Ephesians 6:12 “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

- These battles are not won in the flesh:

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 “³For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds.”

V: 6-15 At first glance this looks like David’s prayer of judgment upon his enemies. 18 points of cursing. This could also be David’s description of what his enemies are saying about him, how they are cursing David.

⁶A wicked man over him, let him have a wicked boss.

⁶an accuser / Satan stand at his right hand.

⁷Let him be found guilty.

⁷Let his prayer become sin.

- Prayer can become sin, it can become deceitful.

Psalm 66:18 “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear.”

Isaiah 59:1-2 “¹Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened that it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. ²But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.”

⁸His days being few and another taking his office - describes what happened with Judas Iscariot after he betrayed Jesus and killed himself, the Apostles sought to fill the vacancy.

¹⁰Let them look for bread, for food where there isn’t any, like putting a blonde in a round room and telling her to go to the corner.

- There are some bad things here, but now we get to the worst:

“^{13b}*Let their name be blotted out.*” Blotted out of what? The Lamb’s book of life.

- He’s essentially saying - “Let them go to hell...”
- He goes on to say don’t forget their iniquity, remember their sin, the sins of their fathers and their mothers - may they go to hell too.

V: 16-20 David is saying let him reap what he has sewn, they have loved cursing let that be upon them. They hated blessing, let that be far from them.

- This sounds like pretty heavy duty stuff, but it pales in comparison to what those who reject Jesus will suffer.
- Those that hated God, didn't want to be with Him - won't be forced to, they will be given eternity apart from Him - which literally is hell.

Hebrews 10:31 "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

V: 21 "*But*" - contrast. There are several consistent themes and characteristics of David's psalms, and this is one of them that I enjoy the most, or that I'm amused by the most.

- David can be a generous "blesser", and he can be a generous "curser" but when it comes to himself...

V: 22-25 "... *poor and needy*...?" David? David had acquired vast wealth in his conquests, God had truly blessed him richly, abundantly.

- David donated 112 tons of gold and 262 tons of refined silver to the Lord for the making of the Temple. He couldn't build it but he could sure help those that would.
- David wasn't a poor man financially, he was the king who'd taken lots of spoil, he was rich in this world, and the cool thing is that he gave most of it to the Lord to build the house of the Lord.
- David like all men was weak, and poor, and needy in spirit, but because he placed his faith, his hope in God he was oh so rich in God!

Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven."

- ²⁴David was weak like he was poor... he was a mighty warrior - yet he recognized his weakness and his need before the Lord - without the Lord he was nothing.

2 Corinthians 12: 9-10⁹... "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

V: 26-31 "Help me, O Lord my God!"

- Thinking of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane.

Matthew 26:39 “He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”

“²⁸*Let them curse, but You bless;*”

- Their curses don't change or alter God's blessings!

Romans 8:1 “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”

- ³¹He will be with the poor (in spirit), the down trodden - to save them from the accuser, the one who condemns.

Psalms 16:11 “You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”