

THE JUSTICE OF JEHOVAH

TEXT:(Psalm 9:1-20)

Once again in this Psalm as in many of the previous, we find the age-long problem between the Righteous and the Wicked. The one great characteristic of time is the ever-present conflict between that which is good and that which is evil. There is much to discourage us on every side, but we can take hope in this one fact, the Scriptures assure us that although the saints are wronged and the sinners seem to triumph now, there is coming a day when justice will prevail. All wrongs will have to be made right, the books will be balanced, and God will have the last say.

Psalms nine and ten are closely related. Psalm nine views the wicked without, while Psalm ten deals with the ungodly within. Righteousness and wickedness can never get along together. God and evil are mortal enemies, and as believers, we must take our stand for that which is right and against that which is wrong.

I. PRAISE THE PERSON OF GOD

(v. 1, 2, 11).

A. PRAISE HIM FULLY

In the foregoing Psalms we have noticed that the emphasis has been upon prayer, but here the emphasis is praise.

Notice the fourfold **"I will's"** found in the first two verses. All of God's works praise Him, but man should be the leading singer in the great choir. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesian believers, **(Eph. 5:19, 20) "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"**

"He has blessed me, and I will glorify Him."
Gratitude should make singers out of us all.

Verse 11 exhorts us to: "Sing praises to the Lord ... declare among the people his doings."

A. PRAISE HIM FREELY

B. PRAISE THE LORD FULLY

This is a **"speaking" testimony. This we do with our lips.** Those who trust will soon testify. To the saints it is both a duty and a delight to proclaim the mighty works of God. **But the last part of v. 1 states: "I will shew forth all thy marvellous works."** Now this is a **"serving" testimony. This we do with our lives.** Words are fine, but works are better.

Look down to v. **14 Ps 9:14 That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.**

We should never get over the fact that we are saved. Never take your salvation for granted. Rejoice in it, tell others about it, and praise the Lord for it.

I. PRAISE THE PERSON OF GOD

II. POWER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

(v. 3-5). Notice the four-fold "**Thou hast**" in v. 4, 5. **These are what produced the four "I will's" of v. 1, 2. Notice that the "pres-ence" of the Lord brings peace to His people, but panic to His Foes.**

A. GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS OWN.

VRS.4"For thou hast maintained my right and my cause." The word "**maintained**" means "to support or sustain without any let up."

Phil. 1 :6 says, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

I Thess. 5:24 states: "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." This should settle the question of "eternal" security once and for all. All are safely kept whose life is hid with Christ in God. When God starts something, you can rest assured He will finish it.

He doesn't do things "half-way." Thus, if He has converted your soul, He will also change your body. Your redemption which was begun at Calvary will be completed at the Throne.

A. GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS OWN.

B. GOD IS FRANK TO THEM THAT ARE NOT HIS OWN.

He calls sin, sin. He warns and He rebukes before He destroys. God rules in righteousness. Those who trust Him are redeemed; those who reject Him are ruined.

I. PRAISE THE PERSON OF GOD

II. POWER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

III. PREPARATION FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF GOD

(v. 7, 8).

Not only does God rule in righteousness, but He will also judge in righteousness. He not only will judge actions, but also attitudes. He knows our thoughts as well as our deeds.

A. PUNISHMENT IS SURE There is a standard by which God will judge even the secrets of men's hearts.

In v. 7 we find that over against the perishing wicked is the eternal God, Who sits upon an eternal throne. Kings die, and their kingdoms perish, but God setteth as King for ever, and of His government there shall be no end.

And keep in mind, those who insist in breaking God's laws will be broken them-selves.

God's laws were made for our good, and He insists that all be kept.

A. PUNISHMENT IS SURE

B. PUNISHMENT IS SELECTIVE

Notice the contrasts found in **v. 5 and v. 10**.

It is a contrast between "**their name**" and "**Thy name**"; between "put out" and "put in." All those who "put their trust in Him" shall be snatched from the gates of gloom and transported to the gates of glory (**v. 13b, 14a**). But those who reject Him will meet their doom at the White Throne Judgment. We will get mercy and not justice while they will get justice and not mercy.

(v. 15, 20).

Never forget that mighty people are but mortal men, and it is not how you begin but how you end that counts. Notice the end of those who have no time nor thought of God.

(v. 15, 16b, 17). the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands ... the wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" The sinner is snared and slain by his own sins. **Someone has said, "All the pits into which men fall are self-dug."**

Human misery and ruin were not created by God. Man is his own worst enemy. Those who forget God here will find that He does not know them there. Those who do not have time for God now will have all eternity with the Devil then. Sinner, beware of the wrath that is long delayed; justice always settles old debts.

And child of God remember: People may forget God, but God does not forget His people, nor does He forsake them. Thus, that which is bitter to endure may be sweet to remember.

This is the reason that the Psalmist cried, "I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart.

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