

## How to Live a Life of Praise

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Psalm 9

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### What is a Psalm?

The church's hymn book.

Praise Psalms 145:1;146:1-2;147:1;148:1-4;149:1;150:1-2

Psalm 9: Praise for Past Deliverance 1-12; Praise for Future Deliverance 13-20

### **A Psalm of Praise Praise for Past Deliverance 1-12**

#### **A Declaration of Purpose 1-2**

- David will praise God with his heart, mouth & attitude
- Contrast American culture
- Weekly Corporate Worship – refocus praise & thanksgiving! Ps 98:4-6
- Read Psalms every Month: take 5/day. Add 30 to day #. Oct 1=1,31,61,91,121; Oct 10=10,40,70,100,130, etc.
- Make it Daily Habit to verbally praise God & acknowledge His character to someone else! You will be transformed: 1 Th 5:18;Col 3:15;4:2; Heb 12:28
- Reason to practice the 4 G's each Day:

**God is Great.** . . . . . so I don't have to be in control  
*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. Ps 145:3*

**God is Glorious.** . . . . . so I do not have to fear others  
*On the glorious splendor of your majesty, on your wondrous works, I will meditate. Ps 145:5*

**God is Good.** . . . . . so I don't have to look elsewhere  
*The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. Ps 145:9*

**God is Gracious.** . . . . . so I don't have to prove myself  
*The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Ps 145:8*

### **Why We Praise: Victory over Enemies 3-6**

- You aren't king of Israel, but you still wage a spiritual war
- Remember Christ's Gospel Victory – it is yours! Proclaim it DAILY!
- Answer: Use the Fruit to Root Exercise:  
Who is God? What has God done? Who am I? How should I then live?

### **Why We Praise: God is a Just Judge 7-8**

- Always remember the character of our Holy God - a Just Judge!
- We're to model His character: Micah 6:8 *do justice, love kindness & walk humbly*
- What is your testimony? What do others say about your character?
- We are called to redeem culture for God's glory – radically different...

### **Why We Praise: A God who is our Stronghold 9-10**

- We have a sure stronghold - the Lord Himself so praise Him!
- David experienced God - 1 Samuel
- You have experienced God – rehearse the Gospel daily!

## **A Psalm of Praise Praise for Future Deliverance 13-20**

### **A Prayer for Mercy 13-14**

- David's tone – humble, not entitlement
- Remember we are but undeserving sinners seeking God's abundant mercy!

### **A Prayer for God to Judge 15-16**

- David's calls on God to be the Just Judge!
- Keep your eyes on God, not the world around you
- God will never, ever allow His church to be defeated (see last week Ps 7)
- Pray & petition God to act Justly – but don't think you need to take things in your own hand. King David anointed king, but wouldn't lift hand against Saul until God acted – See 1 Samuel chps 16; 24; 26

### **A Reminder of Justice 17-18**

- Never forget – the wicked will get their just reward
- The hope of the poor will not perish – Jesus will consummate history!

### **A Prayer for A Just God to Act 19-20**

- David is not bashful – neither should we be bashful - we are Sons!
- David remembers his hope in God's mercy & victory in God's justice

## **Summary – Why We were Created - to Praise!**

- Note that David's purpose of praise is not:
  - that he might escape Hell...
  - that he might have a comfortable, trouble free life...
  - that he might prosper above others...
- David remembers his purpose before God – He was created to praise God!
- Westminster Short Catechism Q1: What is the chief end of man?  
A1: Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.
- To glorify God is to enjoy Him. The enjoyment of God always results in God's people praising Him!