

Sunday Night Message

November 10, 2013

Psalm 48

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 48

Introduction

This psalm goes along with the two preceding psalms, which we determined were reflective of the historical context of the deliverance of Jerusalem from the hands of the Assyrian army. (See 2 Kings 18 - 19, 2 Chronicles 32, and Isaiah 36 - 37) However, this psalm is also a picture of the future deliverance of God's people from the Antichrist. (See Revelation 14:19 - 20; 19:11 - 21)

This psalm is also all about Jerusalem, and since this psalm is both reflective of the past, and prophetic of the future, it could not only refer to the historical capitol city of God's people, but also to the home of the Church, the heavenly Jerusalem (See Galatians 4:21 - 31; Hebrews 12:18 - 24)

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:" (Philippians 3:20)

I The City of God (vs. 1 - 3)

Jerusalem is a great city, not because of her geographical location, but because of her great God. (See Psalm 122)

II The Combatants Against God's City (vs. 4 - 7)

In the historical context, the enemy of God's people was Assyria.

See Isaiah 10:5 - 19

In the future, the enemy of God's people will be Antichrist, and his armies.

III The Consideration of God's People (vs. 8 - 14)

In v. 8, we get the image of the people coming out of the city to see first-hand what God had done to their enemy. They go the temple to praise God, and then they tell the people to go out and take a look for themselves.

There was a lot that the Israelites could consider from what they had been through.

1 They could consider the power of God over their enemy.

2 They could consider the protection of God in the future.

When we consider God, it causes us to praise.

From this passage, we can see a pattern that we should follow:

First, we should consider the victory that God has given us in salvation.

We have been forgiven for our sin.

We have been delivered from the penalty of sin.

We have been delivered from the power of the devil.

We have been given a place to dwell forever in Heaven.

We have been promised provision and protection as sojourn here on this earth.

Next, we should go to the house of God and praise Him for what He has done.

Finally, we should tell others about the goodness of God.