

Sunday Night Message

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Psalm 70

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 70

Introduction

"To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance."

The introductory phrase tells us that this is a psalm of David “to bring to remembrance”, or to cause us to remember. It is interesting that this psalm is almost identical to the last five verses of Psalm 40 (13 – 17). Some Bible critics have stated that these verses were mistakenly included here, but God put it here twice on purpose. He wants us to be reminded again of the truth.

Note – there are over 200 verses that are repeated in the Bible, many of them are exact duplicates.

I This Is a Prayer For a Speedy Deliverance (v. 1; 5)

"Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O LORD." (Psalms 70:1)

"But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying." (Psalms 70:5)

“Make haste” is used 6 times in the psalms, but three times in Psalm 70. David was asking God to deliver him right away from whoever it was that was attacking him.

When we are in distress, we want immediate deliverance. We don’t want to wait. We want God to act now. However, God is acting now. He allowed, or may have even caused the trials that we face in life, and He is doing something in us through the trial; or He is demonstrating something to the world around us through the trial.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

God will deliver us in His time.

We need to learn to be patient.

Patience has to do with time – being willing to wait.

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us," (Hebrews 12:1)

"James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." (James 1:1-8)

We need to also remember that God will never leave us hanging, even though He may not deliver us from our problems the way we want Him to.

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Hebrews 13:5)

Patience has to do with trust – trusting God with your life.

Trust God. He has His eyes on you. He is looking out for your welfare. He will bring you through your situation.

Patience has to do with temperament – not acting like a baby when things don't go your way.

This is a prayer for a Sound Defeat for David's Enemies (vs. 2 – 3)

"Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt." (Psalms 70:2)

*"Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha."
(Psalms 70:3)*

David knew that he was dependent upon God for victory.

*"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of
the LORD our God." (Psalms 20:7)*

*"O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right
hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory." (Psalms 98:1)*

III This is a Plea for a Spoken Devotion

*"Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy
salvation say continually, **Let God be magnified.**" (Psalms 70:4)*

*"O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together." (Psalms
34:3)*

"And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord," (Luke 1:46)

*"I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with
thanksgiving." (Psalms 69:30)*

How do we magnify the Lord

- 1 Through our Speech**
- 2 Through our Songs**
- 3 Through our Supplication**
- 4 Through our Separation**
- 5 Through our Surrender**
- 6 Through our Soul Winning**