

Sunday Night Message

May 24, 2015

Psalm 92 – A Picture of a Healthy Church

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 92

Introduction

I The Praise of the Prudent (vs. 1 – 5)

Praise God in song (v. 1)

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;" (Ephesians 5:19)

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." (Colossians 3:16)

Praise God with instruments (v. 3)

Praise God often (v. 2)

Praise God for a reason (v. 4 – 5)

"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." (Psalm 100:1-5)

II The Pride of the Foolish (vs. 6 – 9)

The foolish man doesn't acknowledge God

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good." (Psalm 14:1)

He therefore does not thank or praise God

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." (Romans 1:21)

The foolish may prosper for a while, but their prosperity is short lived.

III The Provision and Protection of the Prudent (vs. 10 - 15)

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish." (Psalm 1:1-6)

v. 9 - "fresh oil" - used for anointing - symbolic of refreshment and strength. God will use His House as a place of refreshment for His people.

vs. 12 - 14 - People who are planted in God's house grow healthy spiritually, and they are blessed with provision and protection.

v. 15 God does this to glorify Himself

We praise and worship the Lord.

He receives glory.

He blesses us for our devotion to Him.

He again receives glory.