

**Psalms Handout
Week Twenty-Eight**

Intro: One more lament...

Psalm 74 A Maskil of Asaph

1 O God, why have You rejected us forever (continually/endlessly) Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?

**2 Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, Which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your inheritance;
And this Mount Zion, where You have dwelt.**

History up to this point:

3 Turn Your footsteps toward the perpetual ruins; The enemy has damaged everything (done what is wicked) within the sanctuary.

The enemy _____ has _____ in _____

**4 Your adversaries have roared in the midst of Your meeting place;
They have set up their own standards for signs.**

5 It seems as if one had lifted up His axe in a forest of trees.

6 And now all its carved work They smash with hatchet and hammers.

**7 They have burned Your sanctuary to the ground;
They have defiled the dwelling place of Your name.**

**8 They said in their heart, "Let us completely subdue them."
They have burned all the meeting places of God in the land.**

9 We do not see our signs; There is no longer any prophet, Nor is there any among us who knows how long. 10 How long, O God, will the adversary revile, And the enemy spurn Your name forever?

Hos. 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

Amos 8:11 Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD God, "When I will send a famine on the land, not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of the LORD. "People will stagger from sea to sea and from the north even to the east; They will go to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, But they will not find it.

11 Why do You withdraw Your hand, even Your right hand? From within Your bosom, destroy them!

12 Yet God is my king from of old, Who works deeds of deliverance in the midst of the earth.

13 You divided the sea by Your strength; You broke the heads of the sea monsters in the waters.

14 You crushed the heads of Leviathan; You gave him as food for the people of the wilderness.

15 You broke open springs and torrents; You dried up ever-flowing streams.

16 Yours is the day, Yours also is the night; You have prepared the light and the sun.

17 You have established all the boundaries of the earth; You have made summer and winter.

**18 Remember this, O LORD, that the enemy has reviled (defy by stripping/degrading),
And a foolish people has spurned/blasphemed Your name.**

19 Do not deliver the soul of Your turtledove to the wild beast;

Do not forget the life of Your afflicted/humble/lowly forever.

20 Consider the covenant;

For the dark places of the land are full of the habitations of violence.

21 Let not the oppressed return dishonored; Let the afflicted and needy praise Your name.

Dan. 9:2 I Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed and said, "Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness (mercy and grace) for those who love Him and keep His commandments...15 "And now, O Lord our God, who have brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and have made a name for Yourself, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have been wicked. O Lord, in accordance with all Your righteous acts, let now Your anger and Your wrath turn away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain... 18 O my God, incline Your ear and hear! Open Your eyes and see our desolations and the city which is called by Your name; for we are not presenting our supplications before You on account of any merits of our own, but on account of Your great compassion. O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action! For Your own sake, O my God, do not delay, because Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

What is the point?

Lk. 2:26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29 "Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, according to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a Light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel."

Isa. 61: The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me
To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD and
the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, To grant those who mourn in Zion, giving
them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a
spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be
glorified. Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, they will raise up the former devastations; and they will
repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations...11 For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up, so the LORD God will cause righteousness and
praise to spring up before all the nations.

Mat. 24:1 Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his
attention to its buildings. "Do you see all these things?" he asked. "Truly I tell you, not one stone here will
be left on another; every one will be thrown down." Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives
you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. You will hear of
wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is
still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and
earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains...
13 but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached
in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come

Application

1. We pray this psalm for
2. We pray this psalm for
3. We pray this psalm to preach
4. This psalm reminds us that sometimes when we ask, "why?"

**22 Arise, O God, and plead Your own cause;
Remember how the foolish man reproaches You all day long.
23 Do not forget the voice of Your adversaries,
The uproar of those who rise against You which ascends continually.**

Rev. 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed
away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of
heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from
the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them.
They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear
from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has
passed away. And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

Royal Psalms

Deal with the reign of David and the Davidic line. They are concerned with the king's social, political, religious and military duties.

Thanks for helping the king. 18

Prayer asking for help for the king. 20, 21

Wedding psalm 45

Blessing over the son of the king 72

God's promise to uphold the Davidic line as kings and assorted praises 89, 132

Personal dedication for a king to rule well. 101

Way over the top prophesy over a king who is clearly bigger than David. 110 (messianic)

Prayer for strength in battle and protection for king/lament. 144

Psalm 2—

What's the problem, what's the solution?

Ps. 45:2 You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips;

Therefore God has blessed You forever. 3 Gird Your sword on Your thigh, O Mighty One, In Your splendor and Your majesty! 4 And in Your majesty ride on victoriously, For the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;

7 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of joy above Your fellows.

13 The King's daughter is all glorious within; Her clothing is interwoven with gold.

14 She will be led to the King in embroidered work

16 In place of your fathers will be your sons; You shall make them princes in all the earth.

Heb. 1:3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He *sat down at the right hand of the Majesty* on high, having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

Heb. 1:8 But of the Son He says,

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, And the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom. *“You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness above Your companions.”*

Enthronement Psalms 93, 95-99, 24 (messianic), 29, 47

Psalms about God. THE King of kings. Yahweh Malak

Ps. 93:1 The LORD (Yahweh) reigns (malak) He is clothed with majesty.

Ps. 97: 1. The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice....

Ps. 93 This is God. This is the world.

This is our eternal safety:

Worship: An act of ascribing ultimate value in such a way that it engages every aspect of your being—it has an impact on your mind, will and emotions, what you think, what you feel and what you do.

Psalm 95

1 O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD, Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God And a great King above all gods,

4 In whose hand are the depths of the earth, The peaks of the mountains are His also.

5 The sea is His, for it was He who made it, And His hands formed the dry land.

6 Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

7 For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Today, if you would hear His voice,

8 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, As in the day of Massah in the wilderness,

9 When your fathers tested Me, They tried Me, though they had seen My work.

10 For forty years I loathed that generation, And said they are a people who err in their heart, And they do not know My ways.

11 Therefore I swore in My anger, Truly they shall not enter into My rest.

Where is the hope?!

Three big themes in the enthronement psalms.

-God is awesome in a bunch of ways

-Worship (duh)

Evangelism/Missional

97:1 The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice.

99:1 The LORD reigns, let the peoples tremble.

Ps. 95 Starts with reasons to worship but ends with the failure of the Exodus gen. Psalm 96 is about making sure that doesn't happen again.

Ps. 96 Hear the evangelistic mandate...

1 Sing to the LORD, all the earth... Proclaim good tidings... Tell (list them) of His glory among the nations...

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples... Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns... Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all it contains; Let the field exult, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy before the LORD, for He is coming,

-Righteousness and Judgment

Ps. 94:16 Who will stand up for me against evildoers?

Who will take his stand for me against those who do wickedness?

The enthronement psalms answer the cry.

Ps. 96:10 He will judge the peoples with equity... 13 For He is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in His faithfulness... 10 Hate evil, you who love the LORD, Who preserves the souls of His godly ones; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

97:3 Fire goes before Him and burns up His adversaries round about... 8 Zion heard this and was glad, and the daughters of Judah have rejoiced because of Your judgments

98:9 Let the mountains sing together for joy before the LORD, for He is coming to judge the earth; He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Why did they sometimes see judgement as a good thing.

Discussion

Has your understanding of God's character grown bigger and deeper over the years. What has made the biggest impact on that growth?

Does the future judgment bring you fear or hope? Should Christians have any anxiety about the judgment?

If you applied the question, "Will this help me to grow in holiness?" how would your "usual" activities change?