

Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, November 26, 2023

Thanksgiving 2023

“We Will Give Thanks to You Forever” – Psalm 79

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Introduction: A Psalm of Asaph (Psalm 50, 73-83) – 1 Chron. 6:31-32, 39; 16:4-7; 25:1-2; 2 Chron. 29:30; 35:15; 2 Kings 18:18; Neh. 12:46. Theme: Judgment.

- I. Jerusalem in Ruins – vs. 1-4
 - A. Context – Destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BC
 - 1. Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians
 - 2. Complete Societal Destruction
 - 3. Captivity for 70 years
 - 4. Prophesied – Jer. 7:33
 - B. Historically
 - 1. Verse 3 quotes in 1 Maccabees 7:16
 - 2. Recited at the Wailing Wall every Friday
 - C. Thematically – “YOUR”
- II. How Long, O Lord? – vs. 5-8
 - A. How Long?
 - 1. Understanding that judgment is deserved, and not as severe as it could be
 - 2. Prayer from Augustine during his conversion – Rom. 13:13-14
 - 3. Jeremiah quotes vs. 6-7 – Jer. 10:25
 - B. Vengeance is Mine – Heb. 10:30
 - C. Forgive Our Sins
- III. The Glory of Your Name – vs. 9-12
 - A. Help Us!
 - 1. Deliver
 - 2. Atonement – Hebrews 10:4-7, 10
 - B. Where is Their God? – CHS Quote #1
 - C. Preserve Us! – CHS Quote #2
 - D. Perfected Reproach – CHS Quote #3
- IV. We Will Give Thanks – vs. 13 – even with these conditions/complaints – Job 1:20-22
 - A. We Are YOUR People
 - B. We Will Give Thanks to YOU Forever
 - C. We Will Recount YOUR Praise
- V. Application for the Church
 - A. The World Has Invaded – 1 Cor. 3:17
 - B. Judgement is Coming/Here – 1 Peter 4:15-19
 - C. Be Faithful unto Death – Rev. 6:10
 - D. Always Give Thanks for All Things – Eph. 5:20

Cross References

1 Chronicles 6:31-32

31 Now these are those whom David caused to stand over the service of song in the house of Yahweh, after the ark rested there. 32 And they ministered with song before the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, until Solomon had built the house of Yahweh in Jerusalem; and they stood for their service according to their custom.

1 Chronicles 6:39

39 Heman's brother Asaph stood at his right hand, even Asaph the son of Berechiah, the son of Shimea,

1 Chronicles 16:4-7

4 And he made some of the Levites ministers before the ark of Yahweh, even to bring remembrance and to thank and praise Yahweh, the God of Israel: 5 Asaph the chief, and second to him Zechariah, then Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-edom, and Jeiel, with musical instruments, harps, lyres; also Asaph played loud-sounding cymbals, 6 and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests blew trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God. 7 Then on that day David first assigned Asaph and his relatives to give thanks to Yahweh.

1 Chronicles 25:1-2

25 Moreover, David and the commanders of the army separated for the service some of the sons of Asaph and of Heman and of Jeduthun, who were to prophesy with lyres, harps, and cymbals; and the number of those who performed their service was: 2 Of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asharelah; the sons of Asaph were under the direction of Asaph, who prophesied under the direction of the king.

2 Chronicles 29:30

30 Moreover, King Hezekiah and the officials ordered the Levites to sing praises to Yahweh with the words of David and Asaph the seer. So they sang praises with gladness, and bowed down and worshiped.

2 Chronicles 35:15

15 The singers, the sons of Asaph, were also at their stations according to the commandment of David, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the gatekeepers at each gate did not have to turn aside from their service, because the Levites their brothers prepared for them.

2 Kings 18:18

18 Then they called to the king, and Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, came out to them.

Nehemiah 12:46

46 For in the days of David and Asaph, in ancient times, there were chiefs of the singers, songs of praise and hymns of thanksgiving to God.

Jeremiah 7:33

33 The dead bodies of this people will be food for the birds of the sky and for the beasts of the earth; and no one will frighten them away.

Romans 13:13-14

13 Let us walk properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

Jeremiah 10:25

25 Pour out Your wrath on the nations that do not know You And on the families that do not call Your name, For they have devoured Jacob; They have devoured him and consumed him And have made desolate his abode.

Hebrews 10:30

30 For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge His people.”

Hebrews 10:4-7, 10

4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. 5 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, “Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, But a body You have prepared for Me; 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have taken no pleasure. 7 Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come, In the scroll of the book it is written of Me, To do Your will, O God.’” 10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Job 1:20-22

20 Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. 21 And he said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, And naked I shall return there. Yahweh gave, and Yahweh has taken away. Blessed be the name of Yahweh.” 22 Through all this Job did not sin, nor did he give offense to God.

1 Corinthians 3:17

17 If any man destroys the sanctuary of God, God will destroy him, for the sanctuary of God is holy, and that is what you are.

1 Peter 4:15-19

15 Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; 16 but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be put to shame, but is to glorify God in this name. 17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 And if it is with difficulty that the righteous is saved, what will become of the godless man and the sinner? 19 Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God must entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing good.

Revelation 6:10

10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Master, holy and true? Will You not judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

Ephesians 5:20

20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

Quotes

1. “God’s glory springs from the direst calamities, and the dark days of His people become a prelude to unusual displays of the Lord’s love and power.” – C. H. Spurgeon (*The Treasury of David* on Psalm 79:10).
2. “It is comforting to despondent believers to reflect that God can preserve even those who carry the sentence of death. Men and devils may consign us to perdition when sickness drags us to the grave and sorrow sinks us in the dust, but there is One who can keep our soul alive and bring it up again from the depths of despair. A lamb shall live between the lion’s jaws if the Lord wills it. Even in the graveyard, life will vanquish death if God is near.” – C. H. Spurgeon (*The Treasury of David* on Psalm 79:11).
3. They denied Your existence, insulted Your worship, and destroyed Your house. Lord, make them fully feel that You are not to be mocked with impunity. The Lord, in time, will avenge His elect.” – C. H. Spurgeon (*The Treasury of David* on Psalm 79:12).