



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NINILCHIK

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Mid-Week Devotional

SERIES:

“Christ in the Psalms”

March 3rd, 2021

“Hallelujah First and Last”

Psalm 106

GENERAL REMARKS. —This Psalm begins and ends with Hallelujah— “Praise ye the Lord.” The space between these two descriptions of praise is filled up with the mournful details of Israel’s sin, and the extraordinary patience of God; and truly we do well to bless the Lord both at the beginning and the end of our meditations when sin and grace are the themes. This sacred song is occupied with the historical part of the Old Testament, and is one of many which are thus composed: surely this should be a sufficient rebuke to those who speak slightly of the historical Scriptures; it ill becomes a child of God to think lightly of that which the Holy Spirit so frequently uses for our instruction. What other Scriptures had David beside those very histories which are so depreciated, and yet he esteemed them beyond his necessary food, and made them his songs in the house of his pilgrimage?

Israel’s history is here written with the view of showing human sin, even as the preceding psalm was composed to magnify divine goodness. It is, in fact, A NATIONAL CONFESSION, and includes an acknowledgment of the transgressions of Israel in Egypt, in the wilderness, and in Canaan, with devout petitions for forgiveness such as rendered the Psalm suitable for use in all succeeding generations, and especially in times of national captivity. It was probably written by David, —at any rate its first and last two verses are to be found in that sacred song which David delivered to Asaph when he brought up the ark of the Lord (1 Chron. xvi. 34, 35, 36).

While we are studying this holy Psalm, let us all along see ourselves in the Lord’s ancient people, and bemoan our own provocations of the Most High, at the same time admiring his infinite patience, and adoring him because of it. May the Holy Spirit sanctify it to the promotion of humility and gratitude.

Treasury of David

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)

VOLUME V, PASSMORE & ALABASTER EDITION

Devotional Thoughts of Christ from Psalm 106

verse 1. Who never doubted the LORD's goodness or never failed to praise Him in perfect humility? Answer: the Lord Jesus Messiah, alone.

verse 2. Who can express the LORD's mighty acts and declare ALL His praise?

verse 3. Who was most blessed to keep (guard) justice and did righteousness at ALL times?

verse 4. Whose perfect prayers went before ours so we, in our frailty and weaknesses, may ask the LORD to remember us with favor and visit us with His salvation?

verse 5. Who saw the benefit of the LORD's chosen ones, rejoicing in the gladness of His nation, and is glorified with His inheritance?

Devotional Challenge for Our Youth (& Young at Heart)

WILL YOU ENDEAVOR TO utter the mighty acts of the LORD, and to declare all His praise? (**v2**). How can you do this when the corruptions of our flesh oppose the work of the Spirit?

WILL YOU ENDEAVOR TO keep justice at all times? (**v3a**). What does it mean to keep, guard and protect justice? How can you do so?

WILL YOU ENDEAVOR TO seek the Lord's favor in prayer and ask for a visitation of His salvation (**v4**). What does a visitation of God's salvation mean? What can you expect in answer to that prayer?

What to Pray for This Week:

1. May the blessed truth of Your Word minister to us as we pray.
2. May our prayers begin sounding like those prayed in Scripture because You're conforming our lives to Christ.
3. May our focus in prayer be upon You, and not for the ears of man.
4. Pour out Your Spirit upon Christ's church, and upon the world.
5. Purify Your children, and unite us to worship You in Christ, with one heart, one mind and one accord.
6. Raise up godly ministers unto Your harvest, and bless those who are already laboring in Your field.
7. Be merciful unto us by bringing saving faith to our unsaved family, friends, neighbors, the village of Ninilchik, and all the residents of the Kenai Peninsula.
8. Remove from us all pride, haughtiness and arrogance, and make us ever watchful against the flesh and every temptation from the enemy.
9. Humble us as we commune with You in prayer, and keep us from lip-service, from deedless word religion and heartless works religion.
10. Teach us to abide in Christ each time we pray; that our hearts may be knit to His so we may glorify You.

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