



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NINILCHIK

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Mid-Week Devotional

SERIES:

“Christ in the Psalms”

March 24th, 2021

“Song of Early Morning Praise”

Psalm 108

TITLE AND SUBJECT. — *A Song or Psalm of David.* To be sung jubilantly as a national hymn, or solemnly as a sacred psalm. We cannot find it in our heart to dismiss this psalm by merely referring the reader first to Psalm lvii.7-11 and then to Psalm lx.5-12, though it will be at once seen that those two portions of Scripture are almost identical with the verses before us. It is true that most of the commentators have done so, and we are not so presumptuous as to dispute their wisdom; but we hold for ourselves that the words would not have been repeated if there had not been an object for so doing, and that this object could not have been answered if every hearer of it had said, "Ah, we had that before, and therefore we need not meditate upon it again." The Holy Spirit is not so short of expressions that he needs to repeat himself, and the repetition cannot be meant merely to fill the book: there must be some intention in the arrangement of two former divine utterances in a new connection; whether we can discover that intent is another matter. It is at least ours to endeavour to do so, and we may expect divine assistance therein.

We have before us *THE WARRIOR'S MORNING SONG*, with which he adores his God and strengthens his heart before entering upon the conflicts of the day. As an old Prussian officer was wont in prayer to invoke the aid of "his Majesty's August Ally," so does David appeal to his God and set up his banner in Jehovah's name..

DIVISION. — First we have an utterance dictated by the spirit of praise, verses 1-5; then a second deliverance evoked by the spirit of believing prayer, verses 6-12; and then a final word of resolve (verse 13), as the warrior hears the war trumpet summoning him to join battle immediately, and therefore marches with his fellow soldiers at once to the fray.

Treasury of David

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)

VOLUME V, PASSMORE & ALABASTER EDITION

Devotional Thoughts of Christ from Psalm 108

vv2-3. Whether in private prayer or in His public witness, every breath of the Lord Jesus Christ was first, foremost, and full of praise for His heavenly Father.

Mark 1:35, NKJV, *Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.*

v6. As perfect Man, *beloved* Son, and God's Anointed, Jesus relied upon the Father and the power of the Holy Spirit for deliverance from every situation and circumstance that would hinder Him from bringing God glory.

Luke 22:41-42, NKJV, *And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."*

vv7-9. By His humble and faithful obedience unto death, the Lord Jesus Christ purchased redemption for those He has saved by His grace, for Jews (*Gilead, Manasseh, Ephraim, Judah*, inhabitants of *Succoth*), Samaritans (*Shechem*), and Gentiles (*Moab, Edom, Philistia*).

Phil 2:5-8, NKJV, *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

Rom 1:16, NKJV, *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*

Devotional Challenge for Our Youth (& Young at Heart)

PRAISE GOD IN YOUR GLORY (v1). When you meet with the Lord in prayer early, personally, privately, when the glory of His presence shines upon you, as it did with Moses (Ex 34:34-35), praise Him in song before the glory fades.

PROCLAIM CHRIST'S VICTORY & POSSESSIONS (vv7-9). Christ Jesus has triumphed through Calvary's cross, redeeming the world for Himself. He rejoices in His victory. So should we.

PLACE YOUR TRUST IN CHRIST'S HANDS ALWAYS (v13). There is nothing valiant in the power of our corrupt flesh. Find strength in Christ alone and proceed in live by the power of His might (Eph 6:10).

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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