

Evening Sermon Outline – June 23, 2019
“Dedicating David’s House...” Psalm 30

I. David’s house or the Temple?

A Psalm. A Song At the Dedication of the House of David.

¹¹ Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters and masons. And they built David a house. ¹² So David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel. 2 Samuel 5:11-12

1. David did not build the Temple, Solomon his son did, and yet he could have written Psalms for its dedication.
2. However, his building his own house was also a great occasion, not nearly so great as building the Temple, but still worthy and maybe even a bit connected to building the Temple? –

² that the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains.” ³ Then Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.” ⁴ But it happened that night that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying, ⁵ “Go and tell My servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: “Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? 2 Samuel 7:2-5

3. Though the word in the title is house, there are hints this Psalm may be about the Temple, I do not know ... Let us consider both possibilities -

II. David’s praise and thanksgiving for his situation -

¹ I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up, And have not let my foes rejoice over me. ² O LORD my God, I cried out to You, And You healed me. ³ O LORD, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

1. Extol = Lift you high, consider YOU LORD, higher, more important, than anything else in my life!

Why?

- A. Because God had lifted David, - made Him King!

- B. God did not let David’s enemies: Saul, Doeg the Edomite, rejoice over David! Or even other later enemies like his own son Absalom?
- C. Because of healing? There was saving from death, multiple times!

- There was a great plague brought upon Israel due to David’s sinful numbering of the people, Israel’s army –

¹⁴ And David said to Gad, “I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies are great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man.”

¹⁵ So the LORD sent a plague upon Israel from the morning till the appointed time. From Dan to Beersheba seventy thousand men of the people died. ¹⁶ And when the angel stretched out His hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the destruction, and said to the angel who was destroying the people, “It is enough; now restrain your hand.” And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

¹⁷ Then David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who was striking the people, and said, “Surely I have sinned, and I have done wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, be against me and against my father’s house.”

.... ²⁵ And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD heeded the prayers for the land, and the plague was withdrawn from Israel. 2 Samuel 24:14-17 & :25

- You might also say there was a spiritual healing after David replaced Saul as king of Israel?

2. He calls others to praise the LORD with Him -

⁴ Sing praise to the LORD, you saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

III. Reasons for Praise:

1. God’s anger, at least toward His saints, is temporary, grace is forever –

⁵ For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning. Psalm 30:6

¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸ while we do

not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

2. *God's strength and His alone, is our true prosperity -*
6 Now in my prosperity I said, "I shall never be moved."
7 LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong; You hid Your face, *and* I was troubled.

A. Pride is an extremely dangerous thing –

- 18 **Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.**
19 **Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud.** Proverbs 16:18-19

B. We are counselled against self-confidence –

- 12 **Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.**
1 Corinthians 10:12

D. Our strength is only in the LORD and His favor –

- LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong; Psalm 30:7

E. We are constantly dependent upon Him –
You hid Your face, *and* I was troubled. Psalm 30:7b

- 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. John 15:5

10 **Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.** 11 **Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.** Ephesians 6:10

3. The third reason for PRAISE is answered PRAYER –

A. A pitiful prayer, asking for life / help!

- 8 **I cried out to You, O LORD; And to the LORD I made supplication:**
9 **"What profit is there in my blood, When I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth? 10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me; LORD, be my helper!"**

B. The glorious answer to that prayer -

- 11 **You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;**
You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
12 **To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent.**

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

• *In David's day, in Biblical times, people knew how to mourn!*

34 **Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days.** 35 **And all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and he said, "For I shall go down into the grave to my son in mourning."** Thus his father wept for him. Genesis 37:34-35

• *They also knew how to rejoice –*

10 **Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for *this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.*"** Nehemiah 8:10

• *Certainly there is a time for both –*

4 **A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance;** Ecclesiastes 3:4

These times are different for believers and unbelievers -

Verse 12.—Even as the Chaldeans formerly measured their natural day differently from the Israelites; they put the day first and the night after; but the Israelites, on the contrary, according to the order that was observed in the creation; for in the beginning darkness was upon the face of the deep, and of every one of the six days it is said, "The evening and the morning were the first day," etc. So the times of the world and of the church are differently disposed; for the world begins hers by the day of temporal prosperity, and finishes it by a night of darkness and anguish that is eternal; but the church, on the contrary, begins hers by the night of adversity, which she suffers for awhile, and ends them by a day of consolation which she shall have for ever. The prophet in this Psalm begins with the *anger* of God, but ends with his *favour*: as of old, when they entered into the tabernacle they did at first see unpleasant things, as the knives of the sacrifices, the blood of victims, the fire that burned upon the altar, which consumed the offerings; but when they passed a little farther there was the holy place, the candlestick of gold, the shew-bread, and the altar of gold on which they offered perfumes; and in fine, there was the holy of holies, and the ark of the covenant, and the mercy-seat and the cherubims, which was called the face of God.—*Timothy Rogers.*

David saw this in life, we may or may not, but definitely in eternal life!

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