

Evening Sermon Outline – August 23, 2020

“From Sinking to Salvation” Psalm 69

I. The sinking in trouble prayer –

To the Chief Musician. Set to “The Lilies.” A Psalm of David. ¹ Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to *my* neck. ² I sink in deep mire, Where *there is* no standing; I have come into deep waters, Where the floods overflow me. ³ I am weary with my crying; My throat is dry; My eyes fail while I wait for my God. ⁴ Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; They are mighty who would destroy me, *Being* my enemies wrongfully; Though I have stolen nothing, I *still* must restore *it*. Psalm 69:1–4 (NKJV)

When I first started studying this Psalm I thought of the song, “I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore ... very deeply stained within sinking to rise no more ...”

1. Set to The Lilies – these are lilies among thorns: David, the Son of David Jesus Christ!
2. Sinking implies:
 - A. Real trouble
 - B. No stability, nothing to stand on, against enemies no place to stand to fight!
3. Weary with crying and a dry throat show us:
 - A. Answered prayer was not immediate
 - B. Dry throat, water metaphorical
4. Those who hate without cause are numerous - :4
 - A. They would destroy David / Christ
 - B. Though he or He did no wrong

David did not sin against his persecutors, Jesus never sinned at all!

II. The claimed by Christ prayer –

⁵ O God, You know my foolishness; And my sins are not hidden from You. ⁶ Let not those who wait for You, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed because of me; Let not those who seek You be confounded because of me, O God of Israel. ⁷ Because for Your sake I have borne reproach; Shame has covered my face. ⁸ I have become a stranger to my brothers, And an alien to my mother’s children; ⁹ Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

¹⁰ When I wept *and chastened* my soul with fasting, That became my reproach. ¹¹ I also made sackcloth my garment; I became a byword to them. ¹² Those who sit in the gate speak against me, And I *am* the song of the drunkards. Psalm 69:5–12 (NKJV)

1. The foolishness, sins mentioned here are David’s, not Christ’s – :5-:6
 - A. Yet Christ takes our foolishness and sins upon Himself –

²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

- B. David could pray this because of his sins

⁶ Let not those who wait for You, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed because of me; Let not those who seek You be confounded because of me, O God of Israel.

- C. If Jesus would pray this it is because of our sin, and it is answered in true believers –

¹⁶ 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. Romans 1:16 (NKJV)

2. Yet the reproach, the persecution for David and Christ was not because of sin, but because of zeal for God’s house - :7-9
 - A. It was because of his / His relationship with God they were against him / Him - :7
 - B. Brothers were against him - :8
 - C. Quoted in reference to Christ - :9 –

¹³ Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. ¹⁵ When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers’ money and overturned the tables. ¹⁶ And He said to those who sold doves, “Take these things away! Do not make My Father’s house a house of merchandise!” ¹⁷ Then His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.” John 2:13–17 (NKJV)

III. The solid trust in God prayer –

¹³ But as for me, my prayer *is* to You, O LORD, *in* the acceptable time; O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, Hear me in the truth of Your salvation. ¹⁴ Deliver me out of the mire, And let me not sink; Let me be delivered from those who hate me, And out of the deep waters. ¹⁵ Let not the floodwater overflow me, Nor let the deep swallow me up; And

let not the pit shut its mouth on me. ¹⁶ Hear me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness *is* good; Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies. ¹⁷ And do not hide Your face from Your servant, For I am in trouble; Hear me speedily. ¹⁸ Draw near to my soul, *and* redeem it; Deliver me because of my enemies. Psalm 69:13–18 (NKJV)

1. *Prayer is directed to God* - :13
2. *Looking at His “multitude” of mercy* - :13
3. *The truth of His salvation* - :13
4. *Trusting for deliverance even in the worst of situations* - :14
5. *Trusting for protection even while trouble continues* - :15
6. *Trusting in God’s lovingkindness and “tender mercies”* - :16
7. *Looking for a speedy answer* - :17
8. *Asking for deliverance of soul, redemption, which leaves death as a possibility, but not separation from God’s love – Romans 8:31-39*

IV. *The guilt of enemies, prayer* -

¹⁹ You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; My adversaries *are* all before You. ²⁰ Reproach has broken my heart, And I am full of heaviness; I looked *for someone* to take pity, but *there was* none; And for comforters, but I found none. ²¹ They also gave me gall for my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. Psalm 69:19–21 (NKJV)

1. *Oh how greatly Christ was reproached in the cross* - :19
2. *For a time even His friends abandoned Him* - :20
3. *Here is another verse fulfilled in Christ’s experience* –

²⁸ After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. ²⁹ Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put *it* upon hyssop, and put *it* to his mouth. John 19:28–29 (KJV 1900)

V. *The punishment of enemies prayer* -

²² Let their table become a snare before them, And their well-being a trap. ²³ Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see; And make their loins shake continually. ²⁴ Pour out Your indignation upon them, And let Your wrathful anger take hold of them. ²⁵ Let their dwelling place be desolate; Let no one live in their tents. ²⁶ For they persecute the *ones* You

have struck, And talk of the grief of those You have wounded. ²⁷ Add iniquity to their iniquity, And let them not come into Your righteousness. ²⁸ Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, And not be written with the righteous. Psalm 69:22–28 (NKJV)

1. *Good things can and do lead the wicked astray* - :22
2. *Prays for blindness* - :23 A
3. *Prays for weakness* – :23 B
4. *For indignation and wrath* - :24
5. *For death and emptiness, meaning no descendants, a dwindling and dying population* - :25
6. *Why? They persecute the hurting, and weak, stricken by God* - :26
7. *The add sin to sin* - :27
8. *He prays they are blotted out* - :28

VI. *The expected answer-to-prayer prayer of praise* –

²⁹ But I *am* poor and sorrowful; Let Your salvation, O God, set me up on high. ³⁰ I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify Him with thanksgiving. ³¹ *This* also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bull, Which has horns and hooves. ³² The humble shall see *this and* be glad; And you who seek God, your hearts shall live. ³³ For the LORD hears the poor, And does not despise His prisoners. ³⁴ Let heaven and earth praise Him, the seas and everything that moves in them. ³⁵ For God will save Zion and build the cities of Judah, That they may dwell there and possess it. ³⁶ Also, the descendants of His servants shall inherit it, And those who love His name shall dwell in it. Psalm 69:29–36 (NKJV)

1. *:29, maybe more Christ’s prayer than David’s?*

³ He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Isaiah 53:3 (NKJV)

2. *Christ had “joy” set before Him* – :30 -36
¹² Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1–2 (NKJV)

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