

Praise to the Working God

Psalm 9

1. The Righteous Judge ____ Given Hope (v. 1-12)

- a. He is worthy of _____ praise
 - i. As I _____ all His extraordinary deeds
 - ii. With my _____ heart and voice
- b. He has _____ the enemies
 - i. They turn back at His _____
 - ii. They are judged by His _____
 - iii. They are rightly _____
 - With _____
 - With _____
 - With loss of _____
- c. He has established _____
 - i. _____ justice
 - ii. Righteous and _____ justice
- d. He is worthy of _____ praise
 - i. A _____ place for believers
 - ii. A _____ God for seekers
 - iii. A _____ God for His people
 - iv. An _____ God for the afflicted

2. The Righteous Judge ____ Give Hope (v. 13-20)

- a. He is a purveyor of _____
 - i. From the gates of _____
 - ii. To the gates of Zion's _____
- b. He is a _____ judge
 - i. He uses _____ justice
 - ii. He punishes those who _____ Him
 - iii. He _____ the poor and needy
- c. He is the _____

"I, I am he who comforts you; who are you that you are afraid of man who dies, or the son of man who is made like grass, and have forgotten the LORD, your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, and you fear continually all the day because of the wrath of the oppressor, when he sets himself to destroy? And where is the wrath of the oppressor?" (Isaiah 51:12-13)

Follow-Up Questions

1. Refer to Psalm 78. What are some of the deeds that the psalmist (David) can recount?
 - a. When you pray, do you recount some of the marvelous deeds of the LORD? What are they?
 - b. How does the practice of recounting the LORD's marvelous deeds enhance your prayer life?
2. Read Luke 18:1-8. In this story, the persistent widow gains justice from an unjust judge. What is the point that Jesus is trying to make about God from this story?
 - a. Should God's track record regarding justice bring encouragement and hope to the downtrodden?
 - b. According to Psalm 9:15-16, how does God often bring justice about?
 - c. Should we always expect immediate justice? Is it okay to ask God for immediate relief?
3. What do verses 19-20 say about God? What do they say about men?
 - a. How does verse 20 fit in with Psalm 8? (See especially 8:5.)
 - b. What would it look like for a nation to "know they are men?" What would it look like for the United States to know this?
 - c. How will the LORD "put fear" to the nations?