

## IX. I WILL RECOUNT ALL OF YOUR WONDERFUL DEEDS: Psalm 9:1-10

**INTRODUCTION:** **Q.** Do you sing songs of praise to the Lord God? If so, why? Imagine someone joins with us on the Lord's Day, and afterwards they ask you, "Why the singing?" What would you say?

- **All you need to equip you is Psalm 29:2** "Ascribe to the Lord the glory *due* his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness."

***O that we all would memorize this verse and preach to our families and ourselves before we worship Him privately or as families or as the assembled church!***

- **QUESTION.** Why do Christians praise the Lord?
- **ANSWER.** Because of who He is and what He has done, He deserves worship and praise.

**Q. But what should the content be of our songs of praise?** Two main things: **I)** Who God is, as revealed in the Scriptures—His being and attributes; **II)** What God has done in History—*His works of Redemption and Providence.*

Simply, *Who God is and what He has done.*

**CONTEXT:** This second part is what Psalm 9 is about—What God has done! Praising God for what He has done, though who God is is also all throughout!

**DOCTRINE:** The Lord's people praise His name *by* recounting his wonderful deeds of *terror* to persistent sinners and deeds of *protection* to His saints.

### I. THE LORD'S PEOPLE PRAISE HIM BY RECOUNTING HIS WONDERFUL DEEDS (Psalm 9:1-2)

**Psalm 9:1b** "I will recount *all* of your wonderful deeds."

**BOYS AND GIRLS.** The Lord's people praise Him by recounting, remembering, and naming God's wonderful actions. **Q.** What has the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit done for God's people?

**I) The LORD's people praise Him *BY GIVING THANKS* to Him for His wonderful deeds (Psalm 9:1a).**

**Psalm 9:1a** "I will give thanks to the Lord with my *whole* heart;"

- God's people must give thanks with the heart, not lips only!
- You and I must also give thanks with our whole hearts, not divided hearts.
- Lack of thankfulness kicks against the fathers bowels and the mothers

breasts.

- **QUESTION.** How can we be sure to give thanks not with lips only and not with a divided heart, but a full heart? **ANSWER.** Stir yourself up to thankfulness by recounting the Lord's marvelous deeds.

## II) The LORD's people praise Him *IN GLADNESS* for His wonderful deeds (Psalm 9:2a).

**Psalm 9:2a** "I will be glad and exult in you;"

- We must be glad and *exult* in the Lord for His Merciful Redemption and Providential Care!
  - **The man that in Acts 3 leaped for joy throughout the courts of the Temple because his physical body had been healed by Christ!**  
**O how we should leap for joy who have had our souls healed by Christ!**
- **QUESTION.** How can we be sure to praise God in gladness, and not just in sitting in sackcloth and ashes all the time? **ANSWER.** Stir yourself up to gladness and exultation by recounting the Lord's marvelous deeds.

## III) The LORD's people praise Him *THROUGH SONG FOR HIS GLORY* (Psalm 9:2b).

**Psalm 9:2b** "I will sing praise to your name, O Most High."

- *Through song we give thanks in joy as we exult in the Lord because He is most High—it is all to ascribe the glory that is due His name!*
- **QUESTION.** How can we be sure to praise God for His glory, and not merely so that we feel better or have an emotional experience during the singing? **ANSWER.** Stir yourself up to sing for His glory by recounting the Lord's marvelous deeds.

***The Lord's people praise Him by giving thanks for His wonderful deeds, in joy and exultation, through song, for His glory!***

TRANSITION:

## II. THE LORD'S PEOPLE PRAISE HIM BY RECOUNTING HIS WONDERFUL *TERRORS TO PERSISTENT SINNERS* (Psalm 9:3-6)

### I) The LORD is a terror to persistent sinners because *HE IS HOLY AND THEY ARE NOT* (Psalm 9:3).

**Psalm 9:3** "When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before your presence."

- **The Lord said to Moses**, “No man can see my face and live.” **Q.** Why? Holiness.
- **Peter, James, and John are trembling with fear on the Mount of Transfiguration when they behold Jesus’ glory.** **Q.** Why? Holiness. **BUT HOW DID THEY SURVIVE SEEING THE FACE OF CHRIST GLORIFIED?** They had a Mediator.
- **Isaiah’s response to seeing the glory of the Lord in Isaiah chapter 6.** **“I am undone.”**

## II) The LORD is a terror to persistent sinners because **HE IS A RIGHTEOUS JUDGE AND THEY ARE GUILTY** (Psalm 9:4).

**Psalm 9:4** “For you have maintained my just cause; you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.”

- **Nahum 1:3** “The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, and the Lord will by no means clear the guilty. His way is in whirlwind and storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.”

## III) The LORD is a terror to persistent sinners because **THEY HAVE TRIED TO STEAL GOD’S GLORY, AND HE WILL SHARE IT WITH NO ONE** (Psalm 9:5-6).

**Psalm 9:5-6** “**5** You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish; you have blotted out their name forever and ever. **6** The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins; their cities you rooted out; the very memory of them has perished.”

- **Isaiah 42:8** “I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other,”
  - **Think of Nadab and Abihu. Korah and his rebellion. Ananias and Sapphira. Herod.**
    - **FLAVEL:** “The Lord’s glory is more precious to Him than men’s lives.”

**SEE THE TERRIBLE CONDITION OF PERSISTENT SINNERS:** They will serve to glorify the Lord, but only by His judging them. Songs of praise will be about them, but not about their greatness; about their wickedness. SINNERS, God will be glorified through your salvation or your damnation. REPENT AND GO TO CHRIST TODAY!

TRANSITION:

## III. THE LORD’S PEOPLE PRAISE HIM BY RECOUNTING HIS WONDERFUL PROTECTION OF HIS SAINTS (Psalm 9:7-10)

## I) The LORD protects His saints because **HE IS OUR JUST KING**

(Psalm 9:7-8).

**Psalm 9:7-8** "7 But the Lord sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for *justice*, 8 and he judges the world with *righteousness*; he judges the peoples with *uprightness*."

- **He is not only a King to rule you, believer, He is also a King to defend you!**

## II) The LORD protects His saints like a **STRONGHOLD FOR WEARY SOLDIERS** (Psalm 9:9).

**Psalm 9:9** "The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble."

**BOYS AND GIRLS:** Christ Jesus is like a stronghold for His people. You can run to Christ and be safe in Him from all harms!

- **Proverbs 18:10** "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe."
  - **2 Tim 1:12** "I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me."
    - **WATSON:** "In a time of war, men get into a garrison and trust themselves and their treasures there; [in the same way] 'the name of the Lord is a strong tower' (Prov. 18:10), and a believer trusts all that ever he is worth in this garrison."
- **Believer, say with David in Psalm 119:114:** "You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word."

## III) The LORD protects His saints because **THEIR FAITH IS IN HIM** (Psalm 9:10).

**Psalm 9:10a** "And those who know your name put their trust in you. . ."

- **WATSON:** "Faith is...a remedy against all troubles. It is a godly man's sheet-anchor that he casts out into the sea of God's mercy, and is kept from sinking in despair. 'If only faith is firm, no ruin harms.'"

## IV) The LORD protects His saints and **HE WILL NEVER FORSAKE THEM** (Psalm 9:10B).

**Psalm 9:10B** "for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you."

– Hebrews 13:5 "He has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"

PSALM 9:1-10

I Will Recount Your Wonderful Deeds

To the choirmaster: according to Muth-labben. A Psalm of David.

[1] I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;  
*\* For the benefits received \** *prop.* *entire* *(inner man)* *no division*  
 I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. *mind, will, heart, understanding*  
*rehearse* *to count exactly or accurately* *extraordinary*

[2] I will be glad and exult in you;  
*rejoice* *to jump for joy* *triumph*

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.  
*celebrate with song*

[3] When my enemies turn back,  
 they stumble and perish before your presence.  
*be tottering* *be exterminated* *to die* *Face* *Holiness of God*

[4] For you have maintained my just cause;  
 you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.  
*rule, govern, judge*

[5] You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish;  
*to chide, rebuke, reprove* *Wiped out* *erased* *obliterated*

you have blotted out their name forever and ever.

[6] The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins;  
*to be finished* *put to an end*

their cities you rooted out;  
*(pulled up) pluck up* *expel*

the very memory of them has perished.

[7] But the LORD sits enthroned forever;  
 he has established his throne for justice,  
*Justice in judgement*

[8] and he judges the world with righteousness;  
*according to his attributes and Law*

he judges the peoples with uprightness.  
*Straightness, evenness, levelness, equity*

[9] The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
*high place* *refuge* *(network) secure haven* *crushed* *afflicted*  
*\* A town in a high place, defensible and safe \**  
 a stronghold in times of trouble.  
*adversity* *distress* *anguish* *tribulation*

[10] And those who know your name put their trust in you,  
*experiential* *confidence* *security* *faith*

for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.  
*Left* *abandoned* *prayer and worship* *neglected* *departed from*