

## **“The Ebb and Flow of Providence” – pt. I**

Text: Psalm 44:1-8

Scripture reading: Matthew 27:33-54

### **I. A conquering confession – vv. 1-8**

A) National witness – vv. 1-3 (Deut. 6:4-9; 7:6-8)

## B) Personal witness – vv. 4-8

**Conclusion:** Psalm 44 emphasizes...

1. The importance of \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
2. The necessity of full \_\_\_\_\_ to “\_\_\_\_\_.”
3. The ‘honest prayer’ should always \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Everyone knows what is most pleasant to Him, but God alone knows what is most profitable.”*

-Thomas Boston; Scottish church leader and theologian; 1676-1732

## SERMON QUOTES:

### Introduction

Dr. Will Varner, In his study of the psalms, he came to value...

*“...The prominent role of the Lament Psalms, alongside the Psalms of Praise, as vehicles of honest prayer when we just don’t understand the ways of God.”*

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#### A) National witness – vv. 1-3

C. H. Spurgeon,

*“Schoolmasters are well enough, but godly fathers are, both by the order of nature and grace, the best instructors of their sons, nor can they delegate the sacred duty. It is to be feared that many children of professors could plead very little before God of what their fathers have told them. When fathers are tongue-tied religiously with their offspring, need they wonder if their children’s hearts remain sin-tied.”*