

Series: Together in the Psalms III

Text: Psalm 3:1-8

HI: Those who trust in the Lord will rest secure.

Title: *Stacked Odds*

Hook: Bizarre things to bet on

Date: 7.14.24

Purpose: To encourage God's people to trust in him.

FCF: Like David, we face many enemies in this world. God's grace meets us here, with the news that we can trust in him and dwell secure.

COR: Betrayal is a wound that cuts deep. The gospel tells the story of one who was betrayed, but willingly took the cross, in order to forgive those who betrayed him.

Witness of Christ [WC*]: Analogy: The holy hill (Zion) // the installation of Jesus as King (cross/calvary/resurrection- Acts 13). David's hope is in the Lord, and apparently, the Lord is still in charge of that holy hill, though David has been forced to flee.

Apologetic: If you don't know the Lord yet, you at least know sorrow. You know the night, hopelessness, helplessness, those points where you reach the end of yourself. Where do you go in those times? What gets you through the night? How do you feel the next morning? This Psalm is a prayer, a song, an anthem of desperation and a declaration of trust.

Text Tone: Desperation and Relief

Preaching Voice: Sage

Form: Hourglass (mid-2nd movement)

Call to Worship: Psalm 40:1-3

Benediction: Matthew 11:28-29

Outline:

I. There is potency in the voice of the enemy. (1-2)

A. The enemies rise up. (1)

B. The enemies put down. (2)

II. There is security in the promise of the Lord. (3-6)

A. The Lord hears and answers. (4)

B. The Lord sustains and secures. (3, 5-6)

III. There is certainty in the knowledge of the Savior. (7-8)

A. God brings justice on his enemies. (7)

B. God gives blessing to his people. (8)

Main Idea:

Subject: How can David sleep in security while being pursued by his enemies?

Complement: The Lord hears his cries and saves him.

Exegetical Idea: David can sleep in security while being pursued by his enemies because the Lord hears his cries and saves him.

Theological Idea: Those who trust in the Lord will rest secure, for salvation belongs to the Lord.

Homiletical Idea: Those who trust in the Lord will rest secure.

Introduction:

READ Psalm 3:1-8

3 A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

¹ O Lord, how many are my foes!

Many are rising against me;

² many are saying of my soul,

“There is no salvation for him in God.” Selah

³ But you, O Lord, are a shield about me,
my glory, and the lifter of my head.

⁴ I cried aloud to the Lord,
and he answered me from his holy hill. Selah

⁵ I lay down and slept;
I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.

⁶ I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
who have set themselves against me all around.

⁷ Arise, O Lord!
Save me, O my God!

For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;
you break the teeth of the wicked.

⁸ Salvation belongs to the Lord;
your blessing be on your people! Selah

I. There is potency in the voice of the enemy. (1-2)

William Blake: “It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend.”

Spurgeon: “Troubles always come in flocks. Sorrow hath a numerous family.”

READ Psalm 3:3-6

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II. There is security in the promise of the Lord. (3-6)

AW Tozer: “For each of us the time is coming when we shall have nothing but God. Health and wealth and friends and hiding places will be swept away and we shall have only God. To the man of pseudo faith that is a terrifying thought, but to real faith it is one of the most comforting thoughts the heart can entertain.”

Homiletical Idea: Those who trust in the Lord will rest secure.

READ Psalm 3:7-8

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III. There is certainty in the knowledge of the Savior. (7-8)

As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.” Psalm 2:6

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Conclusion:

Revelation 7:9-12

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."