

Wednesday Night, Survey Service: Week 50
Psalm 120 – Psalm 150, 2 Corinthians 5 - 10

Psalm 120: They are for war

Key Point:

Lies, gossip, and evil assumptions made by implying words are not simple words. They cause injury and can make people feel alienated from their own people.

Key Verse - Psalm 120:7 (NLT)

I search for peace; but when I speak of peace, they want war!

Psalm 121: My help is the Lord

Key Point:

God is the source of our relief, our preservation, and our eternal hope.

Key Verse - Psalm 121:2 (NLT)

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!

Psalm 122: Glad to go to church

Key Point:

We should pray for the peace of Jerusalem, because it is where the story of our God played out, where the temple stood, where the Messiah walked, and where He will walk once again.

Key Verse - Psalm 122:1 (NLT)

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Psalm 123: Our eyes look to You

Key Point:

Our God is our authority in life, so we should look to Him for mercy rather than look at Him as someone who does our bidding.

Key Verse - Psalm 123:2 (NLT)

We keep looking to the Lord our God for his mercy, just as servants keep their eyes on their master, as a slave girl watches her mistress for the slightest signal.

Psalm 124: Had it not been for the Lord

Key Point:

Our continued existence as a distinct people is solely dependent on God's mercy, so let us bless His name.

Key Verse - Psalm 124:2 – 3 (NLT)

What if the Lord had not been on our side when people attacked us? 3 They would have swallowed us alive in their burning anger.

Psalm 125: Be like Mt. Zion**Key Point:**

If we hold fast to the Lord and repent, He will surround us securely forever.

Key Verse - Psalm 125:1 (NLT)

Those who trust in the Lord are as secure as Mount Zion; they will not be defeated but will endure forever.

Psalm 126: We are glad**Key Point:**

It is good to remember how much God has saved us from, and seek Him to continue to bring us into His rest.

Key Verse - Psalm 126:3 (NLT)

Yes, the Lord has done amazing things for us! What joy!

Psalm 127: Unless the Lord builds**Key Point:**

Kids are a reward from God, and if we raise them in righteous homes they will become leaders.

Key Verse - Psalm 127:1 (NLT)

Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good.

Psalm 128: Blessed if you fear Him**Key Point:**

We are blessed when we live God's way.

Key Verse - Psalm 128:1 (NLT)

How joyful are those who fear the Lord— all who follow his ways!

Psalm 129: They persecuted me**Key Point:**

God protects His people even when He disciplines them, so the ungodly should not think they will get God's blessing.

Key Verse - Psalm 129:1 (NLT)

From my earliest youth my enemies have persecuted me. Let all Israel repeat this:

Psalm 130: If you marked iniquities**Key Point:**

If our sins are not washed away, there is no hope for us – but we wait upon the Lord who will redeem us.

Key Verse - Psalm 130:3 – 4 (NLT)

Lord, if you kept a record of our sins, who, O Lord, could ever survive? 4 But you offer forgiveness, that we might learn to fear you.

Psalm 131: I'm not proud**Key Point:**

Contentment in knowing the Lord is better than material success.

Key Verse - Psalm 131:1 (NLT)

Lord, my heart is not proud; my eyes are not haughty. I don't concern myself with matters too great or too awesome for me to grasp.

Psalm 132: The Lord chose Zion**Key Point:**

We should long for a place for God's house in our hearts and lives.

Key Verse - Psalm 132:13 (NLT)

For the Lord has chosen Jerusalem; he has desired it for his home.

Psalm 133: Dwell in unity**Key Point:**

Unity among God's people is refreshing and desirable.

Key Verse - Psalm 133:1 (NLT)

How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony!

Psalm 134: Lift your hands**Key Point:**

Raising our hands in the house of the Lord is an act of worship because He is the creator.

Key Verse – Psalm 134:2 (NLT)

Lift your hands toward the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.

Psalm 135: The Lord is above all gods**Key Point:**

Singing God’s praises is a pleasant thing because He is the Creator and the savior of His people.

Key Verse - Psalm 135:5 (NLT)

I know the greatness of the Lord— that our Lord is greater than any other god.

Psalm 136: His lovingkindness is everlasting**Key Point:**

God’s mercy can be seen in the history of His people and in our personal history, so give thanks to God for all that He has done.

Key Verse - Psalm 136:1 (NLT)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

Psalm 137: We remember Zion in Babylon**Key Point:**

God may use one group to judge another but God is fair and will bring about judgement on those who sin.

Key Verse - Psalm 137:1 (NLT)

Beside the rivers of Babylon, we sat and wept as we thought of Jerusalem.

Psalm 138: I will give You thanks**Key Point:**

There are other things men will worship, but the righteous worship God alone.

Key Verse - Psalm 138:1 (NLT)

I give you thanks, O Lord, with all my heart; I will sing your praises before the gods.

Psalm 139: You have searched me**Key Point:**

God knows us intimately from conception, so we should take heart that God's thoughts toward us are many and good.

Key Verse - Psalm 139:1 – 2 (NLT)

O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. 2 You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.

Psalm 140: Rescue me**Key Point:**

God is our God by our freewill choice, so we can have confidence that He will establish us, give us justice, and guide our steps.

Key Verse - Psalm 140:1 (NLT)

O Lord, rescue me from evil people. Protect me from those who are violent...

Psalm 141: Set a guard on me**Key Point:**

Our praise and prayers are a sacrifice to the Lord.

Key Verse - Psalm 141:3 (NLT)

Take control of what I say, O Lord, and guard my lips.

Psalm 142: I cry aloud**Key Point:**

God is near the lonely and the brokenhearted, so it is right to pour out our desperate hearts to Him.

Key Verse - Psalm 142:1 (NLT)

I cry out to the Lord; I plead for the Lord's mercy.

Psalm 143: Teach me**Key Point:**

When we meditate on God, His ways and His word will stir up a longing to know Him even more.

Key Verse - Psalm 143:10 (NLT)

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your gracious Spirit lead me forward on a firm footing.

Psalm 144: What is man?**Key Point:**

We do not direct God, He directs us, because the Creation bows to Him and we have decided to make God our Rock.

Key Verse - Psalm 144:3 (NLT)

O Lord, what are human beings that you should notice them, mere mortals that you should think about them?

Psalm 145: Slow to anger**Key Point:**

God is worthy of praise, so we should meditate on His great works and tell each other about His great deeds.

Key Verse - Psalm 145:8 (NLT)

The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

Psalm 146: Help is the God of Jacob**Key Point:**

God is the eternal Creator, so don't put your trust in human leadership or plans that die.

Key Verse - Psalm 146:5 (NLT)

But joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Psalm 147: It's pleasant to sing**Key Point:**

The natural world runs on natural laws that God created and controls, so worship Him for His great power and wisdom.

Key Verse - Psalm 147:1 (NLT)

Praise the Lord! How good to sing praises to our God! How delightful and how fitting!

Psalm 148: The stars are established**Key Point:**

The beauty and grandeur of Creation praises the Lord by its very being, so let us all sing His praise.

Key Verse - Psalm 148:6 (NLT)

He set them in place forever and ever. His decree will never be revoked.

Psalm 149: He takes pleasure in his people**Key Point:**

We should sing and use instruments to praise the Lord, because God delights in His people.

Key Verse - Psalm 149:4 (NLT)

For the Lord delights in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.

Psalm 150: Praise Him with music**Key Point:**

We should use every sort of instrument to praise the Lord.

Key Verse - Psalm 150:6 (NLT)

Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord! Praise the Lord!

2 Corinthians 5: New creatures**Key Point:**

Our attachments to the things of this world should be minimal, because our destiny is heaven, God has reconciled us to Himself, and we are now His ambassadors.

Key Verse - 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 6: Don't be unequally yoked**Key Point:**

Our service to God should be serious, so we cannot afford to be intimately yoked to unbelievers or ignore how much was sacrificed to call us into union with Jesus.

Key Verse - 2 Corinthians 6:14 (NLT)

Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness?

2 Corinthians 7: Sorrow can lead to repentance

Key Point:

Sometimes sorrow and regret about our conduct are not bad things, if that sorrow leads us to repentance.

Key Verse - 2 Corinthians 7:10 (NLT)

For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There’s no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.

2 Corinthians 8: Complete the gift

Key Point:

Our giving should be from the heart, and if we are inclined to give, we should do so rather than put it off.

Key Verse - 2 Corinthians 8:7 (NLT)

Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.

2 Corinthians 9: Give as you purposed

Key Point:

Giving is an expression of faith that helps the saints, helps us be thankful, proves our ministry, glorifies God, and shows obedience.

Key Verse - 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.”

2 Corinthians 10: Our weapons are not carnal

Key Point:

Our influence in the Kingdom (or just our own social circle) is not as big as we might think, so we should walk in humility and boast in the Lord.

Key Verse - 2 Corinthians 10:3 – 4 (NLT)

We are human, but we don’t wage war as humans do. 4 We use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.