

# Psalms 109-111 – 9 November 2025

## “Vengeance, Victory & Veneration”

### Introduction

- \*This is 2<sup>nd</sup> of about 12 messages in the 5<sup>th</sup> & final Book of Psalms
- \*So much of the Psalms is centered on what the Lord deserves to receive from us
- \*He has the right to do as He pleases
- \*He has the right to treat us as He pleases
- \*He has the right to do nothing
- \*He has the right to change anything
- \*He has the right to.....everything
- \*Today we look at 3 very different types of Psalms
  - \*Imprecatory, Messianic & Praise
- \*So thru these 3, we'll see 3 things that the Lord has the right to**

# #1: The Lord has the right to Vengeance (Psm 109)

Read Psm 109:1-3 [Strong Imprecatory Psalm]

1. We open w/ a call for God to deal w/ these liars
  - a. This is the right place to bring our call for vengeance – Vengeance belongs to God, not us
2. Notice liars are often called deceitful, b/c the lies are rarely in public, but secret
  - a. They flatter your face, but spread lies to those closest to you

Read Vs 4-5

1. David insists the one against him is unjustified in doing it – false accusations will occasionally
2. “No good deed goes unpunished”
3. Many reasons why someone might come against a just person
  - a. Could be that they just weren’t careful & made a bad mistake
  - b. Ask them before we blow up
    - i. This isn’t the case w/ David’s enemy here
  - c. Could be to make them look better than you
  - d. Could be just a mean or evil spirit

4. See David devotes himself to talking to God in prayer about it - not everything needs spread around

Read Vs 6-13

1. The Lord led Peter in Act 1 to apply this vs 8 to Judas that betrayer
2. David asks for two things for this man
  - a. #1 - Let him have no help (vs 6) & be condemned (vs 7) quickly
  - b. #2 - Let him be (vs 8) w/o fruit of family (vs 9-10), labor (vs 11) or followers (vs 12-13)
3. Seem harsh? If David is right about who this enemy is, then this is good
  - a. It's good for evil to stop being influential
  - b. But we must bring this to the Lord, b/c only He knows if our judgement of them as evil is correct

Read Vs 14-20

1. His enemy chose to not be charitable to others or the needy
2. Instead, he set his heart on cursing others

- a. Many have this mind & don't even realize it
- b. To be 'down-putting' to others to so natural that it was as if he was clothed in it
- 3. David asks, "as he loved cursing other, may he receive it in return"
  - a. Read Matt 7:2, 12 – Our heart condition will have its results

### Read Vs 21-25

- 1. David believed this was him
- 2. Do you believe that this is you – maybe it is
  - a. But this happened, in no greater way, than to Jesus Himself
  - b. You can come to Jesus, He understands, He will always understand

### Read Vs 26-29

- 1. Lord I want You to right this situation in such a way that they know YOU did it
  - a. If we have means to deal w/ the situation, how can God get the attention and glory?
  - b. If we don't have means, we must walk by faith, then God can step in for His glory

Read Vs 30-31

1. As a believer, your adversaries may condemn you as a prosecuting attorney, but your defense attorney (Jesus) has never lost a case

## **#2: The Lord has the right to Victory (Psm 110)**

Read Psm 110:1-2

1. This is the LORD Yahweh speaking to David's Lord or master Jesus
2. Of all verses in the Bible, this we wonder the least what it means b/c it's used 7 times in NT
  - a. Read Matt 22:42-46 - Showing Messiah is David's son (man) but also David's Lord (God)
  - b. In Acts 2:34-35, Peter uses it to show Jesus's deity & ascension to God's right hand
  - c. Paul uses it to explain Christ Jesus/ rule over all (I Cor 15:25)
  - d. Author of Hebrews uses it twice to speak of Jesus' superiority over all

## Read Vs 3

1. Jesus' enemies will be put under, but His people will volunteer themselves to him
2. His people will be seen as powerful & beautiful
3. This pictures the King that is reigning

## Read Vs 4

1. Now we see Messiah as Priest
2. Mel mentioned 3 times (Gen 14, here, Heb 5-7)
3. Abe gave tithes to Mel showing Mel is greater
4. Aaron & Mel are different
  - a. Aaron < Abe, Mel > Abe
  - b. Aaron is within Levi of Israel, Mel is w/o mother or father (Heb 7:3)
  - c. Aaron's family is a succession that dies, Mel is once for ever

## Read Vs 5

1. Messiah is the very instrument of God to put down all pride & rebellions

Read Vs 6-7

1. Jesus isn't a local judge but world-wide ruler
2. Vs 7 is seen as refreshing yourself w/ water during battle

### **#3: The Lord has the right to Veneration (Psm 111)**

Intro – 1 of 7 acrostic Psalms

Shows care & completion while aiding memorization

Read Psm 111:1

1. Starting on a joyful note of “Hallelujah”
2. Is our whole heart devoted to the Lord?
  - a. A divided heart will never know the joy that comes from rejoicing in God's righteousness

Read Vs 2-3

1. The great works of God from His creation works to His work in redeeming the soul of man are splendid to explore

- a. Read Prov 25:2 – There's surface info, & there's the deep things of the Lord to explore
2. His righteousness speaks of His perfect law & just ways and actions
  - a. He'll never become a selfish cruel overlord or anything less than honorable & kind

### Read Vs 4-6

1. The Lord has graciously provided the necessary things for our life
2. What transactions do you remember?
  - a. Ones in which you give to someone in need? Sometimes
  - b. Ones of equal exchange, like at the grocery store? Money for food? No
  - c. Ones in which you receive w/o the ability to pay back? Yes – b/c of the grace involved

### Read Vs 7-8

1. Think of His forever attributes, truth & justice
  - a. Truth is what's real, reliable and robust
  - b. Justice is acting on truth
2. All God does is based on truth & done in justice



## Read Vs 9-10

1. Average American Christian doesn't lack love for God, we lack fear & reverence for the Lord
  - a. Reverence means *intense veneration*
  - b. He deserves our undivided attention every moment of every day & yet allows us the freedom to choice
2. Of all the wonderful works of God, His greatest work is to love a sinner like me
  - a. So much so that He would take my suffering & death on the cross to redeem me

## Conclusion

So, do you agree?

1. **The Lord is the only one that has the right to take vengeance**
2. **The Lord will be the only one standing in victory in the end of all things**
3. **The Lord is the only one that deserves our veneration, praise and attention**