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#9 of 10— September 2, 2018**

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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

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Gerrit Nieuwoudt
September 2, 2018



Psalm 92

A psalm. A song to be sung on the Sabbath Day.

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to the Most High.*

*² It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning,
your faithfulness in the evening,*

*³ accompanied by a ten-stringed instrument, a harp,
and the melody of a lyre.*

*⁴ You thrill me, Lord, with all you have done for me!
I sing for joy because of what you have done.*

*⁵ O Lord, what great works you do!
And how deep are your thoughts.*

*⁶ Only a simpleton would not know,
and only a fool would not understand this:*

*⁷ Though the wicked sprout like weeds
and evildoers flourish,
they will be destroyed forever.*

⁸ But you, O Lord, will be exalted forever.

*⁹ Your enemies, Lord, will surely perish;
all evildoers will be scattered.*

*¹⁰ But you have made me as strong as a wild ox.
You have anointed me with the finest oil.*

*¹¹ My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;
my ears have heard the defeat of my wicked opponents.*

*¹² But the godly will flourish like palm trees
and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon.*

*¹³ For they are transplanted to the Lord's own house.
They flourish in the courts of our God.*

*¹⁴ Even in old age they will still produce fruit;
they will remain vital and green.*

¹⁵ They will declare, "The Lord is just!"

1. It is good to remember who God is and what He has done

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most High." (v. 1)

"O Lord, what great works you do!" (v. 5)

2. God will triumph over evil

"Though the wicked sprout like weeds and evildoers flourish, they will be destroyed forever." (v. 7)

"But you O Lord, will be exalted forever." (v. 8)

3. God will bless and sustain his children

"But the godly will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon." (v. 12)

Remember the Cross!

"If my sins have been forgiven – bring on sickness, poverty, losses, persecution... for I am forgiven and my soul is free." – Charles Spurgeon

Big Idea: Choose to live a life of thankfulness to God.

"For he who promised is faithful" – Hebrews 10:23.

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service
are from the New Living Translation (NLT).*