

The Book of PSALMS

Psalms 71 – 73

“Life’s Prayer—Messiah’s Glory—God’s Sanctuary”

Psalm 71 – “Life’s Prayer”

(v1-11) Trusting in God through prayer from birth to old age. In “God we Trust”, observe this acrostic for “TRUST”:

Truth - John 14:6- *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

Redeemer - Isa 60:16 - *You shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.*

Understands - Jer 9:24 - *But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.*

Shield- Ps 3:3 - *But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head. Ps 119:114 -* *You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.*

Thoughts - Jer 29:11-14 - *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.*

(v12-16) Continued prayer for help and boldness

(v17-18) God is our teacher throughout life, even when our hair turns gray. We are called to share with the next generation about the awesomeness of our God!

> Let’s observe some generations mentioned in the New Testament: (1) There is *evil & adulterous generation* – Matthew 12:38-42; (2) a *faithful & perverse generation* - Matthew 17:14-21; (3) there is the *salvation generation* – Acts 2:40-42 - *And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. A “chosen generation” - 1 Peter 2:9-10 - *But you are a **chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.****

(v19-21) God will resurrect us! – Jesus said in John 5:24-30, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth — those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

(v22-24) Praise him with your lips & talk of His righteousness!

Psalm 72 – “Messiah’s Glory!”

(v1-4) A declaration of righteousness, sound judgment and peace; plus justice for the poor and needy, and destruction of the oppressors.

(v5-11) These events will take place when the Lord Jesus returns and establishes His millennial reign.

(v12-17) The millennial kingdom will be a time of: *(1) Equality and safety (v12-14); (2) Offerings, prayer & praise (v15); (3) Abundant provisions (v16); (4) All nations will worship Him (Jesus, the King of kings & Lord of lords) (v17).*

(v18-19) Amen & Amen! Listen to the blessings in the Millennial Kingdom as described by Dwight Pentecost in his book *Things to Come*, pg. 487-490.

Psalm 73 – “God’s Sanctuary”

(v1-9) How do believer’s stumble? **By being envious of the prosperity of the wicked.** Look to **James 3:14-16-** *But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.* **Jesus said in Mark 8:34-38-** *"Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."*

> **What about the warning to the Church of Loadicea in Revelation 3:14-22.** Also, **2 Timothy 2:19** - *Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."*

(v10-14) Don’t be fooled by the arrogant, atheist or skeptic.

(v15-28) Return and be safe in the sanctuary of God - **Hebrews 10:24-25-** *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*