

Psalm 6 | Deliver Us From Evil

– Communion Sunday

Jesus Revisits Nazareth

Matt. 13:54-58 'He came to His hometown and began teaching them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?"

Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this man get all these things?

And they took offense at Him. But Jesus said to them, **"A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household."**

And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief."

Responsive Reading

Psalm 6 'O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger, nor chasten me in Your wrath. Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am pining away; Heal me, O LORD, for my bones are dismayed. And my soul is greatly dismayed; but You, O LORD, -- how long?

Return, O LORD, rescue my soul; Save me because of Your lovingkindness. For there is no mention of You in death; in Sheol who will give You thanks?

I am weary with my sighing; every night I make my bed swim, I dissolve my couch with my tears. My eye has wasted away with grief; it has become old because of all my adversaries.

Depart from me, all you who do iniquity, for the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping. The LORD has heard my supplication, the LORD receives my prayer. All my enemies will be ashamed and greatly dismayed; they shall turn back, they will suddenly be ashamed.'

Addressing Enemies.

During WWII, the prime minister of England, Winston Churchill said in a speech "You have enemies? Good. That means you stood for something in your life.'

In this Psalm, David is faced with many enemies. The OT is racked with constant engagements of God's people being opposed by God's enemies.

The NT is bookended by the enemy forces seeking to kill Jesus at His birth and closing in Revelation with the Beast and the Dragon killing multitudes.

God's people are always faces the enemies of their soul and life. All we can do is Trust and Obey.

The Era of Persistent Conflict.

FM 3-0, the field manual for military operations, stated in 2008 that, **'we have entered the era of persistent conflict.'**

How would they know that? How could the combined writers of Army Doctrine. The staff meetings of Chiefs of Staff, and Generals accountable to Senators. How is it, that they could be so confident, to make the open claim that they will be, and is, and must be prepared for, in an on-going fashion, 'persistent conflict.'

Have you ever felt like in your life, there is just **'persistent conflict?'**

If there is conflict and enemies in your life, what are they and who are they?

If you are a Christian you will have enemies in this life. The point of being a Christian is not that you get along with everyone well, the point is that you get along with the right people well.

Prov. 16:7 'when a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him'

As we see in this Psalm, David's first enemy is an internal one. It is one of personal sin.

In this Psalm, and consistent through the life of David, he makes mistakes, he sins against God, and he repents and demonstrates his trust and reliance on God.

David is one of the best examples of living a full-orbed Christian life. A life of righteousness and a life of human failure, but in it all David loves God with all his heart and trusts God in all his ways.

David was a man of incredible authority and power. He realized that he had a responsibility to the people that he led to lead them in a godly way

Of course what comes along with such authority and power is the jealousy and envy of the unredeemed.

Prov. 27:4 'Wrath is cruel, anger is outrageous, but who can stand before envy/jealous?'

David is concerned that he is going to be rebuked by God because of his own sin.

Have you ever made the statement, 'if it ain't one thing, it's another?'

Have you ever made the statement, 'man, can we just get a break?'

Does it ever seem like there is something or someone out to get you?

Let me make you aware of something; There is!

There is someone and something out to get you. It is Satan. If you are a Christian, Satan is out to get you.

If you are a Christian and you stand for the Truth, you will receive the opposite.

As Rudyard Kipling said in his famous poem IF, "If you can wait and not be tired of waiting or be lied about, and don't deal in lies, or be hated, and not give way to hating, and yet don't look to good or talk to wise.

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue, or walk with Kings – nor lose the common touch, if neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you, if all men count with you, but none too much;

if you can fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds worth of distance run, yours is the earth and everything that's in it, and which is more, you'll be a man, my son!

Satan is the adversary of God's people. Satan hates them and Satan never sleeps.

The emissaries of Satan are always working. They are always looking to destroy the Christian's life.

1 Pet. 5:8 'Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.'

Satan is and always has been out to get you. And if that reality does not bother you, it might be full evidence that he already has possession of you and he has no need to interrupt that state by which you are living.

It is my job, by the power of God's word and the work of His Holy Spirit, to wake up the person deceived by Satan, and boost the spiritual immune system of the Christian who is in a war with Satan.

BY THE WAY, Satan wants you to believe that he is non-existent.

It's a great ploy of Satan for you to believe he doesn't exist and that he is not out to get you.

But God is good. God is good to those who are His.

1 Pet. 5:7 '**humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God**, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you' (That's what David does here.)

Enemies and warfare have always been a normal part of the Christian experience.

The NT spans about 100 years of time and doesn't cover nearly as much world history as the OT. And the OT narrative is held together by the **constancy of conflict** that is brought upon God's people.

There is a constant conflict brought upon God's people. Enemies and adversaries that seek to destroy the people of God.

Through it all, we get the constant reminder to Trust God. Fear the LORD for it is the beginning of wisdom.

In this life, We have a great deal of cares that burden us in this life. There are a great deal of things that can concern you. **BUT your chief concern** should always be whether your life is right with God.

The chief concern is Communion with God.

I guess you really have to consider; How does Satan come after you?

Well, there's a lot to be said about that, but it's seen right here in this Psalm. Satan attacks God's people.

Specifically here, Satan attacks God's chosen leader, King David.

Satan hates David. David was anointed by the great priest Samuel. David was confirmed through His powerful slaying of the uncircumcised Philistine, Goliath.

David rose to power NOT out of power plays but out of private prayer.

David rose though the ranks NOT out of pride but out of Providence.

But here is David, a weak man. Weaken. Sick. Distressed. Persecuted by his enemies.

Overwhelmed in his mind. Downtrodden in his heart.

David is an example of a magnanimous leader. David was loving, forgiving, trusting. He was true, he was loyal, he was courageous. He was faithful in the small things. He was integral in the private, and quiet matters of life.

One of the things that bothers me today is the increase of books on the topic of leadership. A person does not become a leader by reading a book about leading.

A person becomes a leader through trials and adversity. The fiery trial among us should not surprise us, and for those who are God's it show that His Spirit of Glory is resting upon them.

A person becomes a leader by the example that they set. Example is the only type of leadership that matters.

Style is irrelevant. Politics are fool-hearty. Humor is useless.

The example of character and integrity is all that matters when it comes to making up a leader. And that is the stuff that David is made of.

David was loyal. He was loyal to his older brothers, yet patronized.
David was loyal to Saul, yet, attacked out of jealousy.

How is it that Satan attacks God's people? How is it that Satan has used his emissaries to attack David?

1. False testimony.

Ex. 20:16 'Thou shalt not bear false testimony/witness against your neighbor'

False witness is forbidden by God. It is sin. It is sin like any other sin, like adultery, or blaspheme. False witness is an incredibly destructive sin.

False testimony always stems from jealousy. Jealousy causes many problems in the kingdom of God.

Pro. 27:4 'Wrath is cruel and anger is outrageous, but who is can stand before jealousy/envy?'

We know that Saul sought to kill and destroy both David's life and reputation, merely out of his jealousy and envy of David.

Saul had killed his thousands but David his ten thousands. The comparison game almost always leads to jealousy and envy.

When the metrics of success are numbers and human cleaverness, then the metrics of honesty, integrity, and faithfulness go out the window.

Where human ingenuity and cleaverness abound, the metrics God uses for success are not valued.

You end up getting statements from people like, 'I know that's what the Bible says..BUT'

Ex. 23:1 'You shall not spread a false report...so as to pervert justice'

We cannot say conclusely the event that David is in in this situation. But we know, throughout his life, he has be racketed with slander, deceit and betrayal.

1 Tim. 5 'do not receive/entertain an accusation against an elder except on the account of two or more witnesses'

Lev. 19:12 'You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God; I am the LORD.'

That's what is happening here, that's David is receiving false witness, he has an overwhelming amount of enemies, and as a result God is being profaned by these people.

The calamity that David experiences is caused by men, BUT David wisely considers that it is God that he actually needs to deal with.

False testimony is a routine way Satan works through unsaved people to attack saved people. False testimony is lying. False testimony is telling a story that is untrue.

False testimony is a matter of taking a situation and construing it in a way to people who will lend you their ear and twist a story to make themselves out to be the hero or martyr of that story so as to preserve their self-image.

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In Luke 3:14 a John the Baptist tells a group of Soldiers 'do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely'

Even in secular life, outside of Christianity, false witness is problematic and indicative of a chief sin against others.

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Satan is a liar and all those who follow Satan are liars.

John 8:44 'You are of your father the devil, and you do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is liar and the father of it.'

False testimony abounds around David.

David is in the valley of the shadow of death. The throws of death have caused grieving to his internal health.

The medical diagnosis for David is that he is not doing well internally. He is so mentally distressed and so heartbroken that his **bones quake**.

David was a strong leader to the nation of Israel, **yet betrayed by many** in his own ranks.

David was a loving father, yet, his own son, Absalom conspired to kill him.

David was a great leader but in this moment, he is weak and distressed.

All great leaders need a **great supporting cast**.

David has a great supporting cast. He has a great friend in Jonathan. Jonathan cares about David on numerous fronts. David has a great friend in Nathan, cares about him even to the extent that he will tell David the truth even when it hurts.

'Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of the enemy' Pro. 27:6

David, literally has an Army and nation of support.

'when the righteous are in authority the people rejoice' Pro. 29:2

But God gives David another blessing that can only come from God; **a godly wife**.

Pro. 18:22 'when God gives man a good wife, he obtains favor from the LORD'

Obviously David has had incredible favor from God. He has good friends. He has the backing of a nation. He has a good wife. **But he is still downtrodden because of his adversaries.**

David's wife, Abigail, was considered to be intelligent and beautiful. She was very wise as well.

1 Sam. 25, we see that Abigail has a mind to focus on David's well-being and his future. She gives him food and speaks with him advising him to avoid vengeance. She reminds David that yes, you are capable of destroying these enemies, but the battle is yours to fight, the battle belongs to the LORD.

The renowned dutch theologian, **Abraham Kuyper**, stated that Abigail's personhood indicates one of the most appealing character of unwavering faith. She was beautiful, inside and out.

And not only was she beautiful and intelligent and had sound character, she had what all Godly women need, **she was enterprising**. Abigail was resourceful and discerning. She had such an astute influence in David's life.

David was a great leader, but David was not just a great leader unto himself, David was a great leader, because God had given him a great wife to help him.

As the saying goes, behind every successful man there are two things; **a good woman and a surprised father-in-law**.

Abigail intercedes in David's life.

v.24-25 'please let your maidservant speak to you and listen to the words of your maidservant. Please do not let my lord, pay attention to this worthless man, Nabal, for as his name is, so he is. Nabal is his name and folly is with him; but I your maidservant did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent.'

v.26 'Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, since the LORD has restrained you from shedding blood, and from avenging yourself by your own hand, now then let your enemies and those who seek evil against my lord, be as Nabal. (Nabal means fool, at this current time, Abigail was married to this fool. It's always a shame when a beautiful, intelligent, godly woman has to be married to a fool.)

v.27 'Now let this gift which your maidservant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who accompany my lord.' (Abigail had brought David food)

v.28 'Please forgive the transgression of your maidservant; for the LORD will certainly make for my lord an enduring house, because my lord is fighting the battles of the LORD, and evil will not be found in you all your days.'

v.29 'Should anyone rise up to pursue you and to seek your life, then the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the LORD your God; but the lives of your enemies He will sling out as from the hollow of a sling.'

v. 30 'And when the LORD does for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and appoints you ruler over Israel,

v. 31 this will not cause grief or a troubled heart to my lord, both by having shed blood without cause and by my lord having avenged himself. When the LORD deals well with my lord, then remember your maidservant.'

v. 32 Then David said to Abigail, 'Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me, and blessed be your discernment, and blessed be you, who have kept me this day from bloodshed and from avenging myself by my own hand.'

v. 33 Nevertheless, as the LORD God of Israel lives, who has restrained me from harming you, unless you had come quickly to meet me, surely there would not have been left to Nabal until the morning light as much as one male.'

v. 36 'Then Abigail came to Nabal, and behold, he was holding a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. And Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk; so she did not tell him anything at all until the morning light.

But in the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him so that he became as a stone. (It is believe Nabal had a stroke.)

v.38 'About ten days later, the LORD struck Nabal and he died.'

'my lord' x 11, and 'the LORD' – Abigail recognizes David has been anointed the chosen leader of Israel and it is only a matter of time before his household takes over. She serves him! 'my lord' – Abigail recognizes who she will serve and acknowledges who David serves.

God struck David's enemy **stone cold dead**.

This was David's wife. A helper, a helper to **stragizes how to protect him**. How to keep his reputation safe, Abigail knows that when David becomes King he does not need a reputation of vengeance and avenging himself.

Despite the abundance of anger that he feels toward his enemies.

David's enemies have risen up against him again, he is angry with them, Abigail recognizes that, and gives him Godly council. .

Now, in this setting in **1 Sam. 25**. David was on the side of righteousness. David had been loyal to Nabal. David had shepherded Nabal's flock faithfully. David did had been betrayed. David had been lied about and lied to.

David had been taken advantage of. David was full confident of the power of the Spirit of God that lived within him. BUT, David wanted blood. David wanted vengeance.

God used David's wife to teach him a godly lesson; **The battle belongs to the LORD**.

Rev. 20. Final Destruction of Satan. Satanic Rebellion will be crushed.

Rev. 20:7-10 'Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog (**Ez. 38, Dan. 7**), to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And **they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.**'

In total picture of the work of Satan and the enemies of God we get a good picture of who is against God's anointed in the minds-eye in Ez. 38-39 and Dan. 7.

Ez. 38-39

Dan. 7: 10-11 'Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days. Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.'

Dan. 7, Daniel receives a vision from God of the Four Beasts and the Ancient of Days. This vision comes next after Daniel's persecution of the attempt to feed him to lions in the Lions Den.

What I want you to see here is a couple things; Evil people bring false accusation and false testimony against God's people, God's people go to God in humble prayer, God's people get persecuted by the evil people and God shows Himself faithful to protect them, then God gives increased illumination to His people to give them insight and guidance.

We see this with Joseph. He is sold into slavery for jealousy. He is falsely accused and then thrown in jail. But through it all God is guiding his life.

God continues to show His faithfulness, and control over world events and creation. But we see that God is faithful to a faithful man.

We know that this enemy work of Satan will come to an end.

Abigail, David's wife, is used by God to remind him that the battle belongs to the LORD.

OF COURSE, we know, bound up in the testimony of every man is a testimony of failures, imperfections, and sin.

We know that mankind is imperfect and sinful. We also know that God is loving, is kind and is patient and God is merciful .

For those who confess their sin, God is faithful and justice to forgive their sin.

I. Psalm 6:1-5. 'O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger, nor chasten me in Your wrath. Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am pining away; Heal me, O LORD, for my bones are dismayed. And my soul is greatly dismayed; But You, O LORD – how long? Return, O LORD, rescue my soul, save me because of Your lovingkindness. For there is no mention of You in death; in Sheol who will give You thanks?'

My bones.

The reason, initially, that David is distressed, is that he perceives sin in his own light.

David has become poor in spirit. But David realizes that the only enemy that can ever conquer him is his own sin. And he refuses to cave to it or ignore it.

Instead, of ignoring his sin, David confesses his sin, and pleads with God to be patient, kind, and gracious with him.

David in this setting is living out the first beatitude.

Matt. 5:3 'blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

It is God's will that those who will enter the kingdom of heaven will do so poor spirit. They will have no merit of their own.

When the Saint enter Heaven, the Saint doesn't show up with resume, The Saint shows up with Seal on their soul.

David has been sealed for eternity. Nothing can separate him from God.

Christ is the door to the Kingdom of Heaven, and it is the poverty of humble faith in Christ is what gives entrance through that door.

It is a good thing to be poor in spirit. What it means is to be dependent. To be bankrupt. To recognize you have no ability of your own to be right before God.

It is only Christ and Christ Alone. Poverty of Spirit comes from the Holy Spirit.

John 16:8 'when the Holy Spirit comes He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement.'

In this Psalm the Holy Spirit does all 3. The Spirit of God, convicts David of an internal lack of communion with God. After his heartfelt confession, the Holy Spirit empowers David to pray for God's righteousness and judgement against unrighteousness.

The Holy Spirit ministers to Christians in a number of ways: empowers, guards, guarantees salvation, helps, illuminates, produces fruit in the believers life, regenerates, seals and sanctifies.

The Holy Spirit is a source of liberty, and power, and unity.

The Holy Spirit works to teach the righteousness and truth of Christ. The Holy Spirit always brings Glory to God and always promotes Christ.

The Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, is working David's life to bring him to a place of lowliness. The Holy Spirit always works in a Christian's life to grow them in humility.

When a person is able to grow in self-pride it is an indication of the lack of the of the working of the Spirit of God in favor of their life.

Ref. King Nebuchadnezzar.

Do not despise the chastening of the LORD! God disciplines those whom He loves.

David's bones, represent the internal structure of his well-being.

As we see these things individually, we should also see them corporately. That God's church has a bone structure as well.

If God's church is to fill out and come to maturity, its bone structure must become stronger and calcified.

The bone structure of the church needs the grace of God. The grace of God is the spiritual nutrient that builds a healthy bone structure in the church.

David says, 'heal me' and 'be gracious to me'

Heal me.

Be gracious to me.

David knows that when God is gracious to him, He will be restored to internal health.

do not rebuke me in Your anger, do not chasten me in Your wrath

God's anger and God's wrath is a clear problem for the Psalmist. His conscience has brought that to his full attention,.

David is concerned that God might be angry and God might demonstrate His wrath toward him.

Your lovingkindness.

II. Psalm 6:6-7. 'I am weary with my sighing; every night I make my bed swim, I dissolve my couch with my tears. My eye has washed away with grief; it has become old because of all my adversaries.'

There are two reasons David has been weary. The conviction of his own sin and his persecution from other peoples sin.

It is always sin that inhibits a person's confidence in God.

When people 'lose their faith' it is always because of some type of on-going sin in their life.

The prototypical example of this is the person that is raised in a godly home then moves away and then does one of two things; falls away from faith and practice of God or redefines their faith and practice. of God.

Either way, their efforts are to accommodate to their sinful lifestyle. Nevertheless, it is futile.

The point is that **it is a good thing, it is a real thing**, and it is a continual thing, that the Holy Spirits primary work is to convict us of sin, so that we would repent of that sin, and in return, God, who is all-loving, and all-merciful, would forgive us of that sin.

That profession of illuminating work of the Holy Spirit, and humble response of confession is what brings God ultimate glory!

Matt. 9:6 I want you to know this 'that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.'

What is the Gospel about? It's about Christ's authority to forgive your sin.

The Gospel is that we are sinners and Christ died to take authority over the fact that we are dead in our sin. And in knowing Christ

The subject of the Gospel is Christ. The object of the Gospel is our sin. And the subject to action upon the object and now the object is fully aware of the work of the subject.

And that is where we find confidence in Christ.

This Gospel reality is seeping deeper and deeper into the conscious awareness of God's servant, David.

The more

David is now aware and has been aware, that he is righteous because of Christ.

This awareness gives him this bold confidence.

III. Psalm 6:8-10. 'Depart from me, all you who do iniquity. For the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping. The LORD has heard my supplication, the LORD received my prayer. All my enemies will be ashamed and greatly dismayed; they shall turn back, they will suddenly be ashamed.'

Those who do Iniquity.

The LORD has heard my voice
The LORD has heard my supplication

David wants to reiterate his confidence in God lending his ear to him.

Weakness.

David is weakened. And of course in thinking this is a detriment. But that paradox is that it's a benefit.

It seems like a paradox to us, that God works His mighty through our lack of might.

God performs His greatest feats when we are least capable.

Don't take this as a pandering to encourage inability. Don't take this as a plea for lack of effort.

God wants us to work hard. But He wants us to pray hard just like David here.

Rom. 8:26 'in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words, and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.'

1 Cor. 1:25 'the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.'

1Cor. 1:27 'God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are'

1 Cor. 2:3 'I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.'

1 Cor. 4:10 'We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor.'

1 Cor. 8:7 'However not all men have this knowledge; but some, being accustomed to the idol until now, eat food as if it were sacrificed to an idol; and **their conscience being weak** is defiled.'

1 Cor. 8:10 'if someone sees you, who have knowledge, dining in an idol's temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be strengthened to eat things sacrificed to idols?'

1 Cor. 9:22

1 Cor. 15:43

The Lord's Table. Communion.

Mark 14:38

Matt. 26:41 'the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.'

A Time of Reflection.

God working His perfect will through our human weakness.

Lord's Table. 1 Cor. 11.

Small Group/Kids

1. What are the two types of enemies David is dealing with in this Psalm? First his own sin, second all those who are sinning against him and God.
2. What is a pattern of the work of the enemy that you see paralleled with your life and David's? Is adversity and enemy activity normative in the Christian experience?
3. How should we support one another in family and church life as Christians that are routinely under enemy attack? Ref. 1 Sam. 25, Rev. 20, Ez. 37/38 and Dan. 7
4. What does it mean that the 'battle belongs to the LORD'? How is it good that we would be weak in Christ, yet in that, become strong?

Email.

Psalm 6 | Deliver Us From Evil 'Every Christian, just like David, is faced with two enduring enemies; their own sin and the persistence spiritual conflict of Satan. We see in this Psalm that David recognizes he must first deal with his own sin before God. When David does that he is confident that God will fight all of his enemies, destroy them, because the battle belongs to the LORD.'