

OMG

I. Announce:

A. Slide1-3 Easter Weekend. Men's Breakfast. RO Prayer Guide.

II. Slide4 Intro: OMG

A. Have you ever had to escape danger by going out a window? (I prob don't need to know why)

1. Joshua sent 2 spies into Jericho & Rahab help them escape out a window
2. Paul escaped from Damascus out a window.
3. Michal helped David escape out a window here when Saul had his men watching the house.

B. Backstory: (*read* Ps.59 intro) 1 Sam.19:8-17.

Summary: (David won a great battle for Saul. Back in his palace playing some tunes. Saul launches spear/misses. David flees/life of a fugitive starts that eve/IDP. Hides in his house. Saul's Hit squad outside, a very focused assassination plot. Michal says, *if you don't save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed.* So she let him down through a window. Pretends he's in his bed. Next morn messengers knock, she says he's sick. They tell Saul. He sends em back, bring him to me in his bed. Saul asks Mical *why do you let him escape?* she lies says he's going to kill her)

C. We have in this chapter a gathering cloud in David's life.

1. Clouds are brought on by pressure. If a high pressure zone moves in from the south the weather is usually warm & clear in the summer. However, a high pressure zone originating from the north will usually bring cold weather in the winter months.
2. God often places US in pressure situations. Clouds building over our lives
 - a) Slide5 Pressures of criticism. Pressures of financial problems. Pressures of a 1001 details. Maybe pressures in your home or work life, school or ministry life

3. How real is the pressure of a gathering cloud? Pretty real! *When we see a cloud getting **darker & darker**, until its **black & ominous**, pretty soon we find ourselves **right in the path of a hurricane**.*
4. What do we do? Well let's watch **David** pull up **4 assurances** that kept **him** going, & might keep **you** going in your faith tonight. (outline Warren Wiersbe)
 - a) Slide6 David knows that God **sees**, so he **prays**. David is sure that God **hears**, so he **waits**. David is sure that God **rules**, so he **trusts**. David is sure that God **delivers**, so he **sings**.
5. Remember, Long ago in a covenant of mercy to His people and to the world, God said to Noah, *I have set **my rainbow in the clouds**.*
 - a) **Never** do you find a rainbow in the **clear blue sky**. You find the mercy of God *in the very thick of the cloud*.

III. Slide7,8 **DAVID KNOWS THAT GOD SEES, SO HE PRAYS (1-5) READ**

- A. In David's prayer he asks God, *"Awake, come to meet me, and **see!**"* (4b).
 1. Prayer changes, when you realize **God sees** you, and your life, & **cares**.
- B. **Oh my God - OMG**. Yet not to express shock. (in the most reverent way) *oh MY God*
- C. **Protect me/defend me** - Heb (**high place or refuge**), *lift me up into a safe & defended place*. (Lizards at home on stucco, just out of reach of Sully)
- D. **God sees**, He knows when you're innocent. Yes He is **watching** you (**not** in a creepy way. **not** in a Santa Claus way *to see if naughty/nice*. **but** in a loving way).
 1. 2 Chron.16:9 *For the **eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him.***
 - a) Wasn't me. *Not my fault*.
- E. (5) **Lord God of Hosts** (vey atah *Yahweh Elohim saba*) - communicates **God's role as a warrior** who fights both in the cosmic conflict against divine forces **and** through human historical events for His people, Israel. (285 x's in the OT, *esp in Prophets*)
 1. It's saying, *Lord, I need all of you, every attribute, all your power, grace, faithfulness, strength.*

2. Slide9 *What God is to you determines what He does for you!* Wiersbe

IV. Slide10,11 **DAVID IS SURE THAT GOD HEARS, SO HE WAITS (6-10) READ**

- A. David's enemies say, "*for Who, they think will hear us?*" (7). Uh, God will!
- B. While we **wait**, God accomplishes many things (in us. in our enemy. or in the situation).
- C. The 4th fruit of the Spirit is *longsuffering*. Which is *waiting w/o worrying*.
 1. As believers, we are to exhibit the kind of *longsuffering*, that can only be explained by the **presence** of God in our lives and the filling of His Holy Spirit. It's about *waiting ... ON GOD!*

V. Slide12,13 **DAVID IS SURE THAT GOD RULES, SO HE TRUSTS (11-13) READ**

- A. *That they may know that God rules over Jacob/Israel to the ends of the earth.*
- B. **God rules over** - do you believe that? trust that? Would you rather rule? What area of your life do you struggle with Him ruling over?
- C. Trust in God is a *process*. 1st we trust Him for salvation, **but then** we continue learning how to trust him *daily*. (we can trust in Him, because He is *trustworthy*)
- D. Trusting God is about trusting Him in every area of Life.
 1. It's developing a **Trust Response** in the face of *challenges, crisis and impossibilities*.
 2. I don't know about you spiritual people, **but** my 1st response to *challenges, crisis, and impossibilities* in my life ... is usually *fear, flesh, or faithlessness*.
 3. **Also** we are programmed in life to not trust.
 - a) We've all heard the adage, *it's too good to be true*. **So** we learn *the better something is, the less likely I'll trust it*. Which helps me with Ponzi schemes, **but not** with my God. He's never too good to be true.
 4. Think about it ... not much trust is needed when *I'm not challenged, have no crisis, and the situation looks very possible*. Right?

- a) Slide14 *Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word; just to rest upon his promise, and to know, Thus saith the Lord. Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!*
[not trust in your trust]

VI. Slide15,16 DAVID IS SURE THAT GOD DELIVERS SO HE SINGS (14-17) READ

A. Notice in vs.9 then 17, David 1st says, *O my Strength, I will watch for you ... then states, O my Strength, I will sing praises to you.* [watch for God, then sing]

1. First, the soul **waits** upon God, *its strength*; and then to Him who had been its strength, it breaks into **praise**.

B. **Sing Praises** - to offer *praise to God* using one's voice as an instrument. Sing in time of danger.

1. **Sing of what?** His strength/power. His mercy/His steadfast love.
2. **Sing when?** In the morning, after a difficult night. (oh for His *mercy in the morning*)
 - a) *In the morning when I rise ... give me Jesus.*
 - b) Ps.30:5 *Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.*
3. **Sing why?** Because of who God is. Because God had been David's fortress, refuge, steadfast love.

C. Which do you struggle with the most? believing that ... **God sees** your circumstance, **or that God hears** what's going on in your life, **or that God rules over your situation**, **or that God delivers** you from the evil one.

D. How do you exercise your faith when the enemy is pursuing?

1. Respond by *praying, waiting, trusting, & singing*.
2. That's both physical enemies & spiritual enemies.

E. Keywords: God, deliverance, mercy, patience, prayer, salvation, soul, truth.