



The Lord of History
9th in the “Psalms” Series
Psalm 9
January 8, 2023
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Introduction

In this Psalm, David gives us a big-picture view of God’s righteousness judgment and justice.

The Text: Psalm 9

To the choirmaster: according to Muth-labben. A Psalm of David.

⁹ I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
² I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
³ When my enemies turn back,
they stumble and perish before your presence.
⁴ For you have maintained my just cause;
you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.
⁵ You have rebuked the nations; you have made the
wicked perish;
you have blotted out their name forever and ever.
⁶ The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins;
their cities you rooted out;
the very memory of them has perished.
⁷ But the Lord sits enthroned forever;
he has established his throne for justice,
⁸ and he judges the world with righteousness;
he judges the peoples with uprightness.
⁹ The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
¹⁰ And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek
you.

¹¹ Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!
Tell among the peoples his deeds!
¹² For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;
he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.
¹³ Be gracious to me, O Lord!
See my affliction from those who hate me,
O you who lift me up from the gates of death,
¹⁴ that I may recount all your praises,
that in the gates of the daughter of Zion
I may rejoice in your salvation.
¹⁵ The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;
in the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught.
¹⁶ The Lord has made himself known; he has executed
judgment;
the wicked are snared in the work of their own
hands. *Higgaion. Selah*
¹⁷ The wicked shall return to Sheol,
all the nations that forget God.
¹⁸ For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.
¹⁹ Arise, O Lord! Let not mortals prevail;
let the nations be judged before you!
²⁰ Put them in fear, O Lord!
Let the nations know that they are only mortal! *Selah*

Message: At the day’s end (at the end of human history), God reigns forever and will act according to his compassionate and just character.

Introducing Psalm 9 (& 10)

Structure:

David’s Praise: vv. 1-2
David’s Enemies: vv. 3-6
David’s Lord: vv. 7-12



David’s Petition: vv. 13-14
David’s Enemies: vv. 15-17
David’s Lord: vv. 18-20

Application: Do you entrust the history of the world to the Lord who sits over it all? Remember the following...

- The Lord sits enthroned forever and will judge people with righteousness (vv. 4, 7-8, 16, 19).
- The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed and hope for the poor (vv. 9-10, 12, 18).
- The Lord is worthy of our faith and testimony; let us tell the world of his deeds (vv. 1-2, 10-11, 13-14)!

Sunday Text Questions

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- 1) Starter Question: Do you watch, read, or listen to the news daily? Why or why not?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) What overall truths does this Psalm teach us about the deeds and character of the Lord?
- 4) How does this text portray both “already” and “not-yet” realities of history?
- 5) What does it look like for the Lord to be a “stronghold for the oppressed” and the “hope of the poor” today (vv. 7, 18)?
- 6) How can our lives be a testimony to the deeds of the Lord? What does this look like in your life next week?
- 7) Are there any current events in the world today that make you worried, hopeless, or angry?
- 8) How does this Psalm instruct Christians to pray for the world today?
- 9) How does this Psalm give you hope for the future?
- 10) What does it look like to “sing” this Psalm in your life moving forward?

Further study this week: Passages that are thematically connected to Psalm 9: Matthew 23 (Mon); Matthew 24 (Tues); Matthew 25 (Wed); Psalm 8 (Thurs); Psalm 10 (Fri).