

“The Cries of the Psalmist”

Psalm 84

Introduction

- I. The Psalms are filled with referencing to “crying”
- II. Sometimes it refers to “crying out”, while other times it is an emotional reaction.
- III. Whenever we find the Psalmist “crying”, it is worthy of our attention and study.

Discussion

- I. The Psalmist “cried” for sickness, pain, and suffering.
 - A. Notice Psalm 6.
 1. The Psalmist endured many troubles and difficulties.
 2. In the end, the Psalmist showed confidence and faith in the LORD.
 - B. Next, notice Psalm 88.
 1. The Psalmist feels that he is near his death (Psm. 88:1-5).
 2. He has been quarantined (Psm. 88:8)
 3. He feels forsaken by friends and family (Psm. 88:18).
 - C. Now, see Psalm 30.
 1. This time the Psalmist is grateful for his recovery (Psm. 30:2-4).
 2. His hardship had turned to rejoicing (Psm. 30:10).
 - D. In our difficulties, we need to “cry” unto God, and when we are blessed, we should remember to thank Him (James 5:14; Phil. 2:27, Epaphroditus).
- II. The Psalmist “cried” because of persecution from the wicked.
 - A. Take Psalm 18.
 1. This is a Psalm attributed to David.
 2. David was thankful for God's assistance (Psm. 18:6).
 - B. Then there is Psalm 56.
 1. This Psalm is also attributed to David during the time that Saul was after him.
 2. David's confidence is shown in the LORD (Psm. 56:11).
 - C. Also there is Psalm 142.
 1. This is headed by a statement that David was in a cave.
 2. David feels abandoned and lonely and cries out to God (Psm. 142:4-7).
 - D. Now see Psalm 126.
 1. The children of God had been taken into captivity, but now they were released.
 2. What once was sorrow had burned turned into joy (Psm. 126:5).
 - E. Today, God knows our persecutions and takes notice (Luke 12:6-7).
- III. The Psalmist “cried” because of his sins and his forgiveness.
 - A. Psalm 39.
 1. The Psalmist did not want to sin (Psm. 39:1).
 2. He “cried” for forgiveness (Psm. 39:8).
 - B. Psalm 130.
 1. The Psalmist knows that he has sinned (Psm. 130:3).
 2. He also knows that forgiveness is with the LORD (Psm. 130:4-8).
 - C. Today, we should “cry” for our sins and seek God's forgiveness (2 Cor. 7:8-10).
- IV. The Psalmist “cried” because he wanted to worship God.
 - A. Psalm 42.
 1. The Psalmist longed to be in worship before God (Psm. 42:1-2).
 2. He had done so in the past and wanted to do so in the future (Psm. 42:4-5).
 - B. Psalm 84.
 1. He knew the joys of being able to be present where worship was done (Psm. 84:1-2).
 2. Those that “dwell” in God's house are blessed (Psm. 84:4).
 - C. Today, we should long for opportunities to worship God (John 4:23-24; Heb. 10:25).

Conclusion

- I. Sometimes “crying” is the right course of action..
- II. Let us learn from the Psalmist when those times are.