

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

THE GOD OF JUSTICE

Psalm 9

A Psalm of David – celebrating the LORD as righteous Judge.

1. God is the sovereign ruler & righteous judge of all the world.

David mentions personal troubles – past (vv.3,4) & present (vv.13,14),
BUT his FOCUS is on God – Yahweh, ruler of all nations.

& specifically – that the LORD who reigns forever (vs.7)

is the Judge, the righteous Judge, of all the world (vs.8).

Hebrews words for judge, judgment, justice occur 7 times.

He judges in righteousness (vv.4,8) – NO injustice in Him.

2. Is God in His justice on the side of the poor?

We need to correct a serious error that is common with liberal churches &
increasingly so with evangelicals & some Reformed churches -
the idea that God is on the side of the poor & oppressed.

Passages like Psalm 9:9,18 are among those cited in support.

God IS opposed to the proud, to the rich & powerful who oppress the poor.

God judges wicked oppressors.

BUT that does not mean the poor & oppressed are seen as sinless.

Being oppressed does not equate with being righteous or just.

See Exodus 23:3 & Proverbs 30:7-9 & history of revolutions.

Read 9:9 with 9:10 – “know Your name,” “trust in You,” “seek You,”
& 9:18 in contrast with “all the nations who forget God” (vs.17).

The LORD is the stronghold for *HIS people* who trust in Him.

3. God’s righteous justice is a two-edged sword:

a. He executes His judgments on the wicked.

vv.5,6, 15,16, 17 – “the wicked turn to Hell”

Romans 1:18 “the wrath of God against all ungodliness &
unrighteousness of men”

b. He executes His judgments for the righteous. vv.9,10

That is, for those who trust in Him – believers in Christ!

On the cross Jesus bore the justice our sins deserve, so that
believers in Him are forgiven & are righteous *in* Him.

He grants deliverances to His afflicted people while judging their
oppressors – as He did for David (vv.3,4), so for His church
- a source of comfort & hope for persecuted Christians,

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10.

4. In response to God’s Justice – worship & pray with David

a. Give thanks & praise to our righteous King & Judge (vv.1,2,14).

Our King Jesus, David’s royal descendant *IS* the Judge

(John 5:22,27, Acts 17:31, etc.).

Let this *stir you* to praise & worship with David & all the saints.

b. Pray with David (vv.19,20)

that God will arise to prevail over proud & wicked people –

that they may know they are mere men (& even be saved!!!)