

Psalm Chapter 109 - Review

In part 1 we learned that the subject/title of this Psalm is “***The True David’s Humiliation and Deliverance***”. So, unsurprisingly, this is yet another Psalm of David. And, while it will speak much about the humiliation, deliverance and triumph of David, it’s also *prophetical* of the humiliation (beatings, mocking’s and crucifixion), deliverance (resurrection) and triumph (ascension into heaven) of the ‘true’ David, which is Jesus Christ. And the Psalm began by David (humbly and respectfully) asking God (our Creator) not to remain silent, but to help him, for David *truly* worshiped our Heavenly Father (and *only* Him). Then David began to ‘lay out his case’ as to *why* he so desperately needed God’s help. There were *many* wicked, and deceitful, people *mercilessly* slandering him, and he had done *nothing* to deserve it. And David also pointed out that, while he had treated these people with love, and goodness, they ‘rewarded’ his kindness with hatred and evil. Yet, despite this, David did not try to take vengeance into his own hands; instead, he ‘gave himself to prayer’, which means he was taking his problems to the Lord (YHVH) and asking for help (which is why he wrote this Psalm). And David *truly* trusted that our Heavenly Father could (and would) help him, because David was being afflicted ‘without a cause’. And our Heavenly Father is *always* gracious to help those who love, and obey Him.

In part 2 we began to learn about what the wicked, and deceitful, people were saying about David, which is why verses 6-15 are *in parenthesis*. So, David is further ‘making his case’ to our Heavenly Father, as to *why* he needed God’s help *so badly*, by explaining what the wicked were saying (and conspiring) about him and thus, were hoping would happen to him. And, the first thing David pointed out is that the wicked were wanting David to be arrested. But they also were conspiring to have someone who was on ‘their side’ (i.e. morally depraved) to ‘oversee’ David’s judgment, which is why they were also seeking *false* witnesses to accuse him. In other words, they were trying to ‘fix’ the arrest, trial and judgment of David so that he *would* be condemned to death! And this was a stunning type for what happened to Jesus Christ. For, while Jesus *allowed* Himself to be arrested, tried, condemned and executed, He did *nothing* to deserve it! And thus, His ‘trial’ was truly a *sham*, just as David’s trial would have been if the Lord (YHVH) had not saved Him from the wicked people conspiring against him. And, in like manner, we learned that those who stand against Satan (and the other wicked rulers of the world), during the ‘great tribulation’ (Mth 21:24), will also be put on trial (judged) that is ‘fixed’, as Jesus warned us in Mth 10:18-22, Mk 13:9-13, Lk 21:12-19. But we must not forget the purpose of this: so the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be *preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations*, for this is something Jesus said must happen *before* the ‘end shall come’ (Matt 24:14; Mark 13:10), which means *before* the Second Advent of the *true* Jesus Christ can happen.

And then we learned that the wicked (and deceitful) people even wanted David’s prayers to be counted as a sin (offensive) to God! In other words, they hoped even the Lord (YHVH) Almighty would judge David as guilty. And, not surprisingly, this is also how the wicked religious leaders

treated Jesus Christ as well. For they accused Him (who is without sin, Heb 4:15, 2 Cor 5:21, 1 Peter 2:22, 1 John 3:5) of blasphemy (vilifying God) simply because He *told them the truth*, i.e. that He *was* the Christ, the Son of God (Matt 26:63-68). And, through this ‘type’ we also learned that that *we* have a *constant* ‘accuser’ who is *Satan himself* (Rev 12:10). However, because Jesus Christ is our advocate in heaven, He intercedes for us when we need help (1 John 1-2; Rom 8:26-34) *and* therefore, we are not condemned by God *when* we sincerely repent for our sins *and* believe that Jesus’ precious blood atones for our sins (Rom 3:24, 8:1; Eph 1:7, Col 1:14; Heb 9:12-15, Rev 12:11, etc.).

And then we learned the wicked (and deceitful) people were hoping that David’s days ‘in office’ would be very little (few) and that someone else would take his ‘office’ (of judgment, which he oversaw, likely because David was on the throne). So, verse 8 does seem to imply this Psalm 109 was during the days when Absalom led a rebellion against David; for indeed, they *were* trying to *kick David off his throne* and install Absalom as king instead. And, of course, this is also how Jesus Christ was treated. For, after the hard-hearted ‘Jews’ realized Jesus Christ was *not* going to ‘go along to get along’ with their wicked ‘traditions of man’ (because they made void God’s Word, Mth 15, Mk 7), they rejected Him as the Messiah. So, just as there were wicked (and deceitful) people trying to kick David out of his ‘office’ (likely that of king of Israel) so too were there wicked people trying to kick Jesus Christ out of His office of the Savior (Messiah); and they did this *because* they knew the Messiah would *also be the King* of Israel *and* the world (Isa 9:6-7)!

And this truly is what Satan has been trying to do to our Heavenly Father since the first earth age, i.e. to kick God Almighty (Yehovah) off His rightful throne, and ‘inhabit it’ instead (Ezek 28:12-19, Isa 14:12-20, 2 Thess 2:3-4, etc.). But it won’t work, as *many* Scriptures declare (Ezek 28:16 Isa 14:15; Ps 93:2; Ps 9:7; Ps 103:19, etc.). So, while mankind tries to find his own salvation, *and* tries to build a world government that *always* excludes our Heavenly Father (our Creator), their efforts *will* be ‘in vain’, i.e. they’ll come to ‘nought’! As Ps 2:4-9 declares, our Heavenly Father just laughs at their puny efforts to overthrow Him. And He has already delegated a King (Jesus Christ) who will rule (forever, and with righteousness) from Zion, Jerusalem (Isa 9:6-7, Ps 2, etc.). And, there is *nothing* the wicked ones can do to stop Him! And that’s why, no matter how the wicked people slandered (and plotted against) David, the Lord (YHVH) would not let them succeed. For David was (like Jesus Christ) anointed by God to rule over Israel (1 Sam 16:13).

In part 3 we learned more about David ‘making his case’ to our Heavenly Father (as to *why* he needed God’s help so badly) by explaining what the wicked were saying, conspiring to do and hoping (wishing) would happen. And, those wicked people not only wanted harm to come to David himself, but also *his family*. They truly hoped his children would be fatherless, his wife(s) to be a widow(s), and that all of his earthly possessions would be stolen, which would *totally*

impoverish his family. And, they even hoped his children would be *so destitute* that, even when they went begging for food, they would not be able to find any! Worse yet, they hoped no one would show kindness to his destitute children! And *that's not all*. They also didn't want *any* of David's descendants to *live*, so that his name would be *totally blotted out* of existence! And we also learned how this *same hatred* was shown towards Jesus Christ *and* those who follow Him (i.e. His 'spiritual' children that the Holy Spirit begets into a 'new person', John 1:12-13, 1 Peter 1:3-5, 1 John 5:17-20, James 1:18, Rom 8:8-17, 24-29, Ps 22:31).

But, the worst thing of all was that they wished that even the *memory* of David's *ancestors* would not exist anymore. This means they hated David *so much* that they didn't want *anyone* in his family to be remembered *ever again* - as if they *never existed in the first place*. And this truly shows the *intensely deep* hatred these people had for David *and* how truly *evil* they were (it is no wonder David was calling upon God to help him). And it's evil for several reasons. First off, David's ancestors included some *very* good people, such as Abraham, Issac and Jacob. So, their wishing David's ancestors wouldn't be remembered also includes is wishing *all the promises God made to these men* (Gen 12:1-7, Gen 13:14-17, Gen 15:4-5, 18-21, Gen 17:1-11, 15-21, Gen 22:15-18, Gen 26:2-5, Gen 28:10-15, Gen 35:9-13) would *be blotted out as if they never existed!* But, further to that, David's *descendants* also included some very good people, most importantly *Jesus Christ!!!* In fact, it was through Abraham, Issac, Jacob and David that the Messiah (Jesus Christ) was promised to (and did) come. Further to that, it was through this 'Seed' (Jesus Christ, Gal 3) that *all nations* would be 'blessed' *with salvation* (Gen 12:3, Gen 22:18, Gen 26:4, Gen 28:14). So, this was not just a harmful wish (curse) upon David; it truly was against God's very plan of Salvation, i.e. saving God's wayward children from spiritual death!

However, we also learned that, no matter how much those wicked people hated David (or Jesus, or His followers), their desire *would* perish (Ps 112:10) *because* they (short of sincere repentance) will also perish in that 'lake of fire', at the end of the Millennium (Rev 20:10-15). For our Heavenly Father's precious (and perfect) 'plan of Salvation' will **not** be thwarted. Not by fallen angels who tried to pollute the Messiah's lineage (Gen 3, 6), not through wicked people who hated David (and our Heavenly Father) and not through Satan, his fallen angels, or his wicked 'beast' governing system - which will try and cause *all* of God's children (on earth at the time) to apostatize *by worshiping him*, thus jeopardizing the existence of their soul and spirit. And that's why God gave Jesus Christ a thousand years to teach (through His faithful servants) the *truth* (to those who *don't* make the first resurrection) *before* the great 'White Throne Judgement' happens (Rev 20).

In part 4 we saw David continue to ask the Lord (YHVH) to punish the malicious things the wicked people were *saying* about, *conspiring* to do to, and *hoping* would come to pass against David, even against his family (past, present and future). And, he *specifically* asked God to give them *exactly* the same treatment as what they gave David *because* they showed no mercy

(kindness) to him when he was ‘poor and needy’ (destitute and oppressed), and even broken hearted. And David used several analogies to make his request: just as clothes cling to our skin (and as a belt clings to our belly), he asked the cursing’s would so cling to them. And, as water absorbs into our bowels (and then penetrates deep into every part of our body), he asked he asked the cursing’s would so cling to them. And, as oil penetrates deeply into our skin, he asked the cursing’s would so cling to them. And he specifically asked that these things (the cursing’s he asked for) would be the ‘reward’ (work) of the Lord *to those* who spoke (devised and wished) evil upon him (and his family). So, David was essentially asking God (YHVH) to take vengeance upon the wicked ones persecuting him. And, we also learned that, while our Heavenly Father has delegated earthly governments to enforce justice, they (obviously) don’t always do that. And this was apparently the situation David was in, likely because of the insurrection that Absalom led against him. So, that’s why David was asking the Lord (YHVH) to help him (take vengeance upon the wicked by giving them the same things he was receiving from them). And, as so long as we have sincerely repented for all our sins (and are earnestly trying to obey our Heavenly Father’s Word) then this is ok for us to do too *but*, we *should* still kick the bitterness and anger (any negative emotions) out of our heart (forgive in our heart) so we are not tempted to do evil ourselves (especially in trying to take vengeance into our own hands).

In part 5 we saw David turn from praying about his adversaries, to praying for himself. So, he began to lay out his ‘case’ for *why* he thought the Lord (YHVH) should help him (while previously he spoke of *why* he needed help, i.e. what the wicked ones were doing to him). And, the *first* reason David gave the Lord (YHVH) for helping him was ‘for thy name’s sake’. This simply means that David was pointing out that, it is in our Heavenly Father’s holy (and righteous) *character* to save those who are ‘poor and needy’ and have a broken heart, as David was (Ps109:22). And David knew what God’s characteristics were (and still are) because he knew God testified (to Moses and Israel) that He is *merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth to those who* fear (revere), love and obey Him (Ex 34:5-7). Yet, David also knew God is a ‘terror’ to the wicked (He always punishes unrepentant sin) because the Lord (YHVH) also testified of that (Ex 20:5-6 & Deut 5:9-10). That’s why David spent so much time (in this Psalm 109) pointing out what the wicked were doing *before* asking God to punish them for it; and that’s also why David spent so much time explaining *his own* terrible situation too.

In part 6 we continued to learn how David ‘made his case’ as to *why* the Lord (YHVH) should deliver him. David felt like his life was ‘slipping away’, just as the shade (from a shadow) fades away as the sun moves. This analogy clearly expresses *how close to death* David felt he was, thus expressing the *extreme* threat the wicked ones were posing to him. And David was also feeling helpless, unstable, and driven by overwhelming (and chaotic) external forces, much like a locust caught in the wind. So, this analogy signifies *extreme* vulnerability, weakness, feelings of being discarded, or even ‘shaken off’ like a nuisance. And then we learned that David was also

feeling *incredibly physically* weak. And David also testified that he had been vilified with words (reproaches) *and* with actions (the shaking of the head in mockery and disgust). And these things David wrote about further support the idea that David wrote this Psalm (109) when he was ‘on the run’ after Absalom made a ‘power grab’ for his throne. Yet, these things (from David’s own life experiences) were (yet again) also a ‘type’ for what happened to Jesus Christ when He was arrested, tried, condemned to death, and then executed on the cross. Moreover, they are also a warning what can (and possibly will) happen to us, who follow Jesus Christ faithfully; for we are no better than our Savior, Jesus Christ (John 15:20). Yet, as Jesus also told us, we will be *greatly rewarded* for our faithfulness to Him *and humbly* enduring it, *for His sake* (Matt 5:10-12).

And then (after David *fully* ‘made his case’ to our Heavenly Father) we saw David finally ask for the Lord (YHVH) God (Elohiym) to help, and save, him according to God’s unfailing mercy (kindness) *to those who* love, revere, and obey Him wholeheartedly. For David well knew that the Lord (YHVH) is eternally *merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth* to those who love, fear (revere) and obey Him (Ex 34:5-7) no matter what generation we live in (Ex 20:5-6, Deut 5:9-10). And, while Jesus Christ didn’t ask for *Himself* to be saved (He *willingly* died on the cross for us), He *did* ask for our Heavenly Father to ‘keep’ (guard and protect, #5083 Greek) His faithful servants, so they would *not be deceived* by Satan’s deception, *especially* in these end days (John 17:11-17). And we know, from Rev 12:14-16, that our Heavenly will provide safety for His faithful servants, even during the ‘great tribulation’ (Mth 21:24) when Satan is persecuting those who *keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ* (Rev 12:17).

And lastly, we saw David ask that the wicked ones would be punished in a way that it *obvious* the Lord (YHVH) was punishing them - so they would *know* (of a surety) that their malicious slanders, plotting against and ill wishes against David (even his family) truly angered our Heavenly Father. So, while David refused to take vengeance into his own hand, he *did* ask God to take it (vengeance) into *His own hands*. And this is something our Heavenly Father is always faithful to do, especially when Jesus Christ returns to put down *all* the wicked ones *and* reward all those who have *faithfully* followed Him. So, no matter how much the wicked try and fight against God’s anointed (David and his followers - or Jesus Christ and His followers), ***they’ll never win***. And truly, our Heavenly Father *will* make sure that the wicked ones *know they were wrong* (Mth 7:21-23) while also making it *obvious* that, those who have been terribly persecuted (as David was) during the ‘great tribulation’ (Mth 21:24), are indeed *greatly* pleasing to Him (Matt 25:31-46).

In part 7 we saw David ask the Lord (YHVH) to bless *him*, even though the wicked ones were cursing him (slandering, mocking, plotting evil against and wishing great evils to come upon him). And, even though the wicked ones were also trying to ‘arise’ to power (likely referring to the ‘power grab’ made during the time of Absalom’s rebellion), David humbly asked that our

Heavenly Father *would make them* be ashamed, disappointed and delayed - which would indeed make David greatly rejoice (brighten up, be blithe and gleesome). And we also learned that, there was yet another ‘type’ within this; for, even though the wicked religious leaders sought to ‘curse’ (vilify) Jesus Christ, our Heavenly Father still blessed Him - by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, and then raising Him up (even further) to Heaven, to be at His right hand (which we’ll learn more about in the next chapter). So, the wicked can ‘curse’ all they want, but the Lord (YHVH) will *still* bless those who faithfully serve Him.

And then we learned how David asked that his adversaries would be *totally surrounded by* (and thus overwhelmed with) shame and disgrace, which means he was simply asking that his adversaries would *receive the same kind of treatment they gave to him*. And this did come to pass, for the Lord (YHVH) allowed Absalom’s rebellion to *totally* fail, as the few men David had fighting for him *were* able to conquer the abundant warriors that Absalom had following him. And this *was* devastating (shameful and disgraceful) to those who led the rebellion. And we also learned that, this too will happen to *all* those who fight against Jesus Christ and his faithful followers. And while it can still happen now, it will be *fully* so when Jesus Christ returns to the earth. For all people (even Jesus’ adversaries) will be forced to bow a knee to Him, and confess He (alone) truly is the King of kings and Lord of lords (Isa 45:23; Rom 14:11-12; Phil 2:10-11) because *all* people *will be* judged by Jesus when He returns.

And then we saw David promise to greatly (wholeheartedly) worship, and celebrate, the Lord (YHVH) among the multitude, likely referring to his people, Israel. So, David showed *great* faith (when promising to greatly praise the Lord, YHVH) because it shows he was confident the Lord (YHVH) *would* hear his prayers *and answer* them. And, in like manner will the ‘overcomers’ (those who make the first resurrection) greatly praise (worship and celebrate) the Lord (YHVH) for His Salvation, i.e. saving the righteous from the wicked ones (Rev 15:1-4, 4:10-11, Rev 11:15-18, 19:4-6, etc.). So, when Jesus Christ returns, there will be much to praise (worship and celebrate) the Lord (YHVH) for. But, of course, there’s still much to praise Him for, even now!

And then we saw David explain *the reason* he promised to praise (worship and celebrate) the Lord (YHVH). And truly, it’s the same reason we (living today) do so, *and* why we’ll do so in the future (when Jesus returns). For, just as the Lord (YHVH) stood at David’s right hand (which is symbolic of power) to save him (from those who tried to condemn him to death) so too is Jesus Christ at God’s right hand *to make intercession for us* (Is 53:12, Rom 8:26-27, 34, Heb 7:25). This means that Jesus Christ is what we’d call our ‘lawyer’ who *defends us against all our enemies* on earth (in this fleshly dimension) **and** in heaven (the heavenly/spiritual dimension, where Satan is *still* accusing us at, Rev 12:10). Therefore, just as David was assured (had great confidence in) the Lord (YHVH) standing at his right hand to save him from those who condemned him – so too can we have great assurance (confidence in) that, even though we have an accuser (Satan) standing at our right hand (accusing us day and night, Ps 109:6, Rev 12:10),

we also have an Advocate (intercessor, Jesus Christ) standing at our right hand (day and night) *to protect us from* that great accuser (*and any others*). And that's why the Lord (YHVH) won't ever leave us in Satan's hand (grasp, John 10:27-29; Ps 37:33), nor will He condemn us (Rom 8:1) when the wicked ones (or Satan) condemn us! Therefore, so long as we never forsake our Heavenly Father (or faith in Jesus Christ) He will *never* forsake us...

*The Lord is faithful, who **shall** stablish you, **and** keep you from evil...*
2 Thess 3:3

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