

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

WITH MY SONG
WILL I PRAISE HIM
PSALMS 28

Text: Psalms 28:7

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⁷ The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

Introduction:

The story is told of a farmer in a Midwestern state who had a strong disdain for “religious” things. As he plowed his field on Sunday morning, he would shake his fist at the church people who passed by on their way to worship. October came and the farmer had his finest crop ever—the best in the entire county. When the harvest was complete, he placed an advertisement in the local paper which belittled the Christians for their faith in God. Near the end of his diatribe he wrote, “Faith in God must not mean much if someone like me can prosper.”

The response from the Christians in the community was quiet and polite. In the next edition of the town

paper, a small ad appeared. It read simply, “God doesn’t always settle His accounts in October.”

Sometimes, it looks like evil gets away with being evil.

That is not really the case.

Just because the judge postpones the court date does not mean that the crime will go unnoticed and unpunished.

Someday, there is a reserved judgment for evil and it will all come to light in the court of God’s opinion.

In this Psalm we see a short but earnest prayer of David regarding evil around him.

The Lord also prayed a similar prayer regarding evil.

Luke 11:4

⁴ And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

The Lord also prays the same for us.

John 17:15

¹⁵ I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

Notice:

1. THE PRONOUNCEMENT IN THIS PRAYER (VSS. 1-2)

The first two verses serve as an introduction to the entire chapter.

Note:

A. The Commitment (vs. 1)

Psalm 28:1

¹ **Unto thee will I cry, O LORD** *my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.*

The Psalmist commits himself to prayer.

A resolve to prayer comes from one who is devoted to the Lord.

Sadly, prayerlessness abounds today among God's people.

We need more than ever a resolve to pray.

Note not only the Commitment to Pray but also:

B. The Conduct (vs. 2)

Psalm 28:2

² Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

The manner or conduct of the psalmist prayer is noted here.

- The Plea – “I cry unto thee”
- The Posture – “Lift up my hands”

This was common in that day.

Remember outward posture is not as important as inward posture.

2. THE PETITIONS IN THIS PRAYER (VSS. 3-5)

There are two main petitions in this prayer. They both have to do with David’s enemies.

Note these petitions:

A. Protection (vs. 3)

Psalm 28:3

³ Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief *is* in their hearts.

This first petition was for protection from his enemies.

- Protection from Sinners

The Psalmist didn't want to be in the company of sinners. We live in a world and work with many who are sinful but as Christians we must not be influenced by their way of thinking or their way of life.

- Protection from Sinfulness

3. THE PRAISE IN THIS PRAYER (VSS. 6-8)

As with many of the psalms, this one has a section of praise to the Lord in it.

Note:

A. The Person Receiving Praise (vs. 6)

Psalm 28:6

⁶ **Blessed be the LORD**, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

B. The Prompting for the Praise

Psalm 28:6

⁶ Blessed be the LORD, **because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.**

C. The Particulars of the Praise (vs. 7-8)

Psalm 28:7-8

⁷ The LORD is my **strength** and my **shield**; my heart trusted in him, and I am **helped**: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

⁸ The LORD is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed.

- Strength
- Shield
- Help

4. THE PATRONAGE IN THIS PRAYER (VS. 9)

The last verse of this Psalm is a petition for blessing on others. The Psalmist was not selfish to pray only for his own blessing but for the blessings of others.

Note

A. The Preservation (vs. 9)

Psalm 28:9

⁹ **Save thy people**, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

Salvation – be it deliverance from our troubles or deliverance from eternal damnation comes from God; and it to God we must go to.

B. The Prosperity

Psalm 28:9

⁹ Save thy people, and **bless** thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

This is the prosperity that comes from God unlike the world's prosperity that will often bring sorrow.

Proverbs 10:22

²² The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

There are no hangovers after God's blessings.

C. The Provisions

Psalm 28:9

⁹ *Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: **feed them also**, and lift them up for ever.*

The Psalmist prayed that God would provide for His people.

God has and will continue to provide for His people in spite of the enemies attempt cause trouble.

Close:

David had much to sing about, and so do we.

The Lord has given us the ability to sing, and our song should be used to glorify Him.

Whatever talent, whatever ability, and whatever gift He has given you, use it for the honor, glory, and praise of our God.

With our song we should praise Him.