

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

DEEP WATERS

PSALMS 69

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² I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

Introduction:

The imagery of this psalm has David sinking in the mire. He has become overwhelmed with the waters of despair.

He is in over his head and desperately needs the hand of God to deliver him.

Note:

1. HIS SITUATION (VS. 1-6)

Psalm 69:1-6

¹ Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul. ² I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. ³ I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God. ⁴ They that hate me

without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away. ⁵ O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee. ⁶ Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.

In examining his situation we note:

A. His Pain (vs. 1-3)

Psalm 69:1-3

¹ Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul. ² I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. ³ I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

Here we see the hopelessness of the Psalmist.

His trouble was not only without, but also from within.

The severity of his suffering is seen in three ways. He gives three pictures to illustrate the height of his trouble:

Notice:

- He is rising water and deep mire
- He is the process of being overwhelmed
- He is weary of his crying

David has lost his stability and strength and is unable to rescue himself.

David has exhausted his tears. He has cried so loudly that he has actually lost his voice – his throat is dried.

We see:

- Faith in the midst of Difficulty – “O God”
- Prayer in the midst of Discouragement – “I am weary”
- Hope in the midst of Disappointment – “I wait for God”

We examined his Pain not also:

B. His Persecution (vs. 4)

Psalm 69:4

⁴ They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.

David now speaks about the persecution of his enemies.

Note three things about his enemies

- Their Multitude – More than the hairs on mine head
- Their Might – Are Mighty
- Their Madness – They hate me without cause

The hatred of his enemies was so fierce that they sought his complete destruction.

David had done nothing to provoke their anger, but still they drove him to give up what was rightfully his.

Unjustified suffering is one of the hardest things to handle. The tendency is to fight back, but we see what David does:

C. His Prayer (vs. 5-6)

Psalm 69:5-6

⁵ O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee. ⁶ Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.

We see two parts to this prayer

- His Confession (vs. 5)

David confesses first his faults.

Although he felt his enemies hated him without a cause, he was not claiming that he was without sin.

- His Concern (vs. 6)

He did not want to be the cause of others sin. He did not want to shame God.

We note not only His Situation but also:

2. HIS STATEMENT (VS. 7-12)

Psalm 69:7-12

⁷ Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face. ⁸ I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.

⁹ For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me. ¹⁰ When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach. ¹¹ I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them.

¹² They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards.

In these verses he claims there has been a Desertion of Friends and the Delight of Foes

- He was Ridiculed by the Drunkards (vs. 12)
- He was Reviled by His Enemies
- He was Renounced by His Relatives

To an honorable man nothing is more bitter and painful than reproach and slander.

Note who is mentioned first in this list – “My mother’s children”

His nearest relatives treated him as if he were a stranger and a foreigner.

It's also interesting to note why he was suffering:

- It was because of his Faithfulness to God – for thy sake (vs. 7)

Psalm 69:7

⁷ Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face.

Note the words of the Lord in Matthew 5”

Matthew 5:10-11

¹⁰ Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

There are times when our stand for Christ may cause our relatives and friends to shun us.

There also may come a time when our stand for Christ may cause us to turn away from our relatives.

The Lord continues his instruction on Matthew 10:

Matthew 10:34-39

³⁴ Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. ³⁶ And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. ³⁷ He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. ³⁹ He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

We should never become disrespectful to our family but our priority should always be to glorify the Lord with our life.

We have considered David's Situation and Statement note also:

3. HIS SUPPLICATION (VS. 13-18)

Psalm 69:13-18

¹³ But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O LORD, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation. ¹⁴ Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

¹⁵ Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me. ¹⁶ Hear me, O LORD; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. ¹⁷ And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily. ¹⁸ Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

Note the words “in an acceptable time” in verse 13.

David again illustrates his condition and situation being overcome with deep waters.

Being overcome, overwhelmed, and over flooded can happen in the lives of the best Christians.

The loving kindness and mercies of God was David’s only hope.

David had been in the pit before and knew the power of God to deliver his soul.

What a blessing it is to be able to go to our Father in the time of need.

In verse 17 we see:

- Prayer – “Hide not thy face”
- Person – “Thy servant:
- Plea – “For I am in trouble”
- Pressure – “Here me speedily”

The Peril of his situation was one of desperation. He needed help and he needed it quickly. So, he asks God to hear him, draw near him, and deliver him.

We have considered David’s Situation, Statement and Supplication note lastly:

4. HIS SECURITY (VS. 29-36)

Psalm 69:29-36

²⁹ But I am poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high. ³⁰ I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. ³¹ This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs. ³² The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

³³ For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners. ³⁴ Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein. ³⁵ For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession. ³⁶ The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

David moves from Brokenness to Blessed.

The Psalmist expresses his confidence that God will deliver him, and that others will be encouraged because of his deliverance.

Close:

God will protect his people from generation to generation. Empires come and go; heathen religions eventually perish.

The afflicted are not neglected by God. Thus when God delivers, we should give him the glory.