



Pastor's Update

Psalm 28 – A Prayer for God's Mercy

Theme: The Psalmist prays to the LORD for a response to his prayer, reasoning that he should not be grouped with the wicked whom the LORD correctly distances from Himself (vv. 1-5). David then praises God hearing his prayer (vv. 6-7) and intercedes for the people (vv.8-9).

1. The Psalmist Prays for Mercy and reasons with God (vv. 1-5)

A. He prays for mercy

- i. “do not be deaf to me” or do not disregard me
- ii. With confidence (“my Rock”)
- iii. With humility
“my supplication” i.e. “a prayer for mercy”
“lift up my hands towards Thy holy sanctuary” (the holy of holies, the inner sanctum).
See I Kgs. 8:22; Psa. 44:21; 1 Tim. 2:8)

B. He reasons with the LORD: If the LORD does not hear he will be grouped with the wicked.

- i. The wicked are deceitful (v.3)
- ii. They will receive “measure-to-measure Retribution (v. 4; cf. Deut. 19:19; Psa. 94:2)
 - a) according to their work
 - b) “according to the deeds of their hands”
- iii. The LORD will tear them down (v. 5)
 - a) Because they do not discern the works of the LORD
 - b) Because they do not discern the deeds of His hands

2. The Psalmist Praises the LORD for answering his Prayer (vv. 6-7)

A. His Benediction (“blessed be the LORD” v. 6; cf. Matt. 11:25; 2 Cor. 1:3; Eph. 1:3)

B. The reason for his praise is that The LORD answered his prayer for mercy (v. 6-7)

- i. His prayer is “supplication” (tahanuna)
 - to supplicate is to make a humble entreaty; to beg; (See 1 Kgs. 8:30; 2 Chron. 6:21; Psa. 6:9; 31:22; 86:6; 130:2; Prov. 18:23; Jer. 3:21; Dan. 9:3; Phil. 4:6)
- ii. His heart trusted in the LORD and he was helped
- iii. Therefore, his heart exults

3. The Psalmist prays for the People (vv. 8-9)

A. The basis of his prayer is the LORD's Power (v.8)

B. The content of his prayer is the salvation of God's people (v.9)

Save Your People
Bless Your inheritance
Be their shepherd
Carry them forever

Lessons:

Unbelievers would always trust in their own works and deny God's.

God will tear down all those who do not discern his works.

We should always return gratitude to the Lord for hearing our prayers.

We should pray for the salvation and sustenance of God' people.

We should be careful to give God all the glory for who is and for what he has done.

By God's Grace and for His glory,

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