

Psalm 92 - The Value of Worship

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Intro: *The psalm is titled: "A song for the Sabbath Day"*

- A. While no author is specified, the psalm would have been composed for any who still kept God's Sabbath.
 - 1. "*Jewish tradition says that it was sung in the morning at the time of the drink offering of the first lamb. It was also, we are told, recited on the second day of the Feast of Tabernacles*" (Pulpit Commentary, Electronic Ed)
 - 2. Even when Judah was taken into captivity, there is evidence that some still worshiped God as best they could.
- B. The psalm is no less valuable as it conveys the benefits of continued and faithful worship to God.
 - 1. We will divide it into 3 parts (vv 1-4; 5-9; 10-15) and observe the value & benefits of worship to God.

I. The Value of Praise – Vv 1-4

- A. The attitude of the worshiper is hard to miss.
 - 1. David said, "*I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'*" (Ps 122:1) when there was no temple built yet! His enthusiasm sprang from the desire of himself and others to worship the one true God.
- B. "It is good..."
 - 1. This implies that not only is it *right and pleasant*, but that there are benefits to be derived from offering praise to God. He tells us of three ways by which praise is offered:
- C. "Give thanks to the Lord"
 - 1. Nothing is so appalling, to man and to God, as the apathy of ingratitude.
 - 2. It ought to be a very natural thing for God's people to be thankful as they consider that - no matter what - God's goodness continues to be shown.
- D. "Sing praises to Your name, O Most High"
 - 1. The instruments mentioned were but a shadow of the true instrument God desires to be played.
 - 2. As our voices ring with the love of God in our hearts, the song ascends to the very ears of God!
 - 3. While technical harmony may elude some of us, spiritual harmony is not only desirable, but achievable for all.

E. "To declare..." - vs 2

- 1. It is an immutable fact that God's people *declare*
1 Pet 2:9; Col 1:28
 - a. Whether we are working to teach the gospel to others or convince someone of God's power by demonstrating the change in our own life, we must *speak!*
- 2. "Your loving-kindness in the morning"
 - a. Morning speaks of the potential of the day
(1) "*Eat a good breakfast; it prepares you for the day*" mom would say
 - b. However, bacon & eggs will do little against the onslaught of temptation; we must remind ourselves that God's goodness and help is always near.
- 3. "and Your faithfulness by night"
 - a. Evening brings opportunity for reflection regarding the day's events. It also provides opportunity to count the day's victories and ascribe them to God's faithfulness.
- 4. Thus have praise and meditation providing spiritual "book ends" for the day. How wonderful to have our assemblies on Sunday providing us with that opportunity!

II. The Value of God's Wisdom – Vv 5-9

- A. People of every age hasten to and revere deep thinkers and we value (for the most part) their wisdom.
 - 1. But man's wisdom only reaches so far and too often falls short of offering any real help to life's struggle.
- B. God's wisdom is certainly higher...
 - 1. **Is 55:8-9**
 - 2. ...and man needs His help - **Jer 10:23-24**
- C. How fortunate for us that God has not left us to flounder in the dark, but has provided His wisdom for all to apprehend.
 - 1. **1 Cor 2:6-14**
 - 2. However, some men reject God's wisdom and wrongly believe that all the knowledge they need is between their own ears. These "deep thinkers" sometimes prosper greatly and so others flock to them to glean the secrets of success.
 - a. But while they gather to themselves material prosperity, *real* wisdom evades them as does real fulfillment and happiness. Why? Because they've failed to realize that the purpose of this life is more

than shiny trinkets and piles of money.

3. The truly pious man/woman will see that storing up “treasures in heaven” in the pursuit of understanding more perfectly God’s will is worth *any* inconvenience or difficulty to be with his brethren in the study of it.

III. The Value of Confidence – Vv 9-15

- A. Offering true worship not only honors God, it provides tangible benefit for the worshiper. - vv 10-11
 1. It gives a “shot in the arm” as he resumes his activities refreshed and faces tests & temptations with confidence.
- B. The confidence from being in a right relationship with God provides for stability and increasing growth. - vv 12-13
 1. How many times have you seen a truly devoted brother/sister in the throes of hardship refuse to despair? It is because they’ve learned true perspective and allow hardship to make them stronger.
 2. He is sustained by righteousness - **Psalm 1:1-3**
- C. This confidence acts as a rudder as it guides the godly into old age - vv 14-15
 1. How fortunate that we have among us aged saints who by their example and wisdom show us the blessings of growing older in the Lord. Their testimony speaks volumes!
 - a. **Psalm 71:17-18**
 2. Let us hear their testimony and follow their example according them the respect they deserve.

Conc: *Truly, worship overflows with value and benefits for those who have an eye to seek them.*

- A. For the devoted Christian, worship and study is not an inconvenience or merely a part of who they are.
- B. It is the reason we exist: To honor and glorify the God who made us and gave His Son as our sacrifice!
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