

Psalm 9
“What Do You Say?”

“The psalm is a great pattern of praise on a level neglected far too much in our day. We praise God much for His mercy. This is right, but it is a good thing to recognize His righteous rule and to praise Him for that”.
G. Campbell Morgan

1. ABC 1-4

Every second line is a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

Psalm 9 and 10

Introduction to the reality

- A. Real Thanks
- B. Thanks is connected to the LORD
The personal God.
- C. Thanks is connected to past action 1b
- D. Exult in the LORD and sing praise to His Name 2
- E. God deals with the enemies 3
- F. Maintains my “just” cause 4
-who defines justice?
”Justice, when used of God, is a name we give to the way God is, nothing more; and when God acts justly He is not doing so to conform to an independent criterion, but simply acting like Himself in a given situation.”
AW Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*

2. On the Throne forever 5-8

- A. The rebuke of the nations and the enemy 5,6
Charles Spurgeon
When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. -1 Corinthians 15:54-57 ESV

B. The Eternal Throne 7, 8

At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.” -Revelation 4:2-11 ESV

3. Help to the Needy 9, 10

- A. Stronghold for the oppressed 9
- B. Those seeking 10

4. Command for others to join in 11, 12

- A. Psalms invite everyone

Mission

- B. He avenges

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge

yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. -Romans 12:14-21 ESV

5. Cry for Help and Thanksgiving 13-16

A miniature prayer book. Have mercy on me!

- A. Personal
- B. General
- C. Nations That Sunk in the Pit 15, 16

6. The LORD rules and it will be seen 17-20

- A. The Destination of the Wicked

“Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”
Revelation 20:11-15 ESV

- B. The Needy shall not always be forgotten
- C. They are only humans!

“the “real problem of humanity” is that “we have paleolithic emotions, medieval institutions, and godlike technology. And it is terrifically dangerous” E.O. Wilson from, John C. Lennox 2084 *and the AI Revolution, Updated and Expanded Edition*

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
Philippians 2:9-11 ESV

“For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?” -1 John 5:4-5 ESV

Reflection:

1. *What heaviness and oppression do you need to give to the Savior? What do you need to honestly express to Him?*
2. *Do you believe that God alone is on His throne? Do you believe that all will see it some day?*
3. *Are you willing to give thanks today? Will you “recount all of God’s wonderful deeds”?*

Follow UP in the Word through the Week...

Monday: 1 Corinthians 15:54-57. How does this “defeat” give you hope?

Tuesday: Romans 12:14-21. How difficult is it for you to trust in the Lord to settle the matters outlined in this list?

Wednesday: Revelation 20:11-15. When you read this about the destination of the wicked, where do you find your assurance?

Thursday: Philippians 2:9-11. When you read about Jesus ultimately ruling over every person in history, how does that change how you will live this day?

Friday: 1 John 5:4-5. Describe the victory of Jesus in your life.

Saturday: Revelation 4:2-11. Think about John’s description of the eternal throne. What details amaze you most?