



Exploring God's Love through the Bible: The Psalms of David

A DAY OF CRYING OUT TO GOD!

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FIRST READING: PSALMS CHAPTER 8

- **One of the greatest acts of God's love is His hearing us when we call.** What kind of love causes a holy God to hear our poor, pitiful, inept cries? Yet He does!
- David, despite all his flaws, was a man after God's own heart, determined to do His will (Acts 13:22). We see this love and determination in his writings. God loved David and purposed that Jesus would come from His lineage, as we saw last week.
- Today, I'd simply like to read some of David's Psalms, and perhaps, encourage CRCC to imitate his passion, repentance, and **confession** of need before our King.

EXHORTATIONS CONCERNING BOTH GOD'S LOVE AND OUR NEED FOR HIM: THE PSALMS OF DAVID

- Psalm 6 Oh Lord, hear our plea!
- Psalm 12 & 15 Oh Lord, help us be among the faithful!
- Psalm 19 Help us live oh Lord, according to Thy Word!
- Psalm 23 Oh Lord, You are our Great Shepherd!
- Psalm 26 Test us oh Lord, that we might walk in integrity and holiness!
- Psalm 29 Lord, Your voice is great; glory and strength are Yours!
- Psalm 30 Lord, You have turned our mourning into dancing!
- Psalm 34:1-8 Lord, we have tasted and have seen that You are good!
- Psalm 37:1-11 Therefore Lord, we fret not because of evildoers!
- Psalm 51:1-13 Oh Lord, create in us clean hearts!
- Psalm 56 Lord, we declare our total trust in Thee!
- Psalm 124 If it had not been for the Lord who was on our side...!
- Psalm 133 Lord, help us walk in unity...
- Psalm 138 ...So we might thank and praise You with our whole hearts!

Let us read this Psalm of praise together...

- Psalm 145 Our mouths will speak the praise of the Lord and bless His holy Name forever and ever!

EXHORTATION TO THE CHURCH

David's Psalms remind us of our need in the battle. As we read, they are FILLED with pleadings, supplications, and deep contrition before God. Friends, **humility** is our key going forward. Embedded in that one word is victory and blessing for this church.

Similarly, the modern church desperately needs this mindset as well. We've tried it our way. We've spent billions of dollars trying to fix family and community and communicate the Gospel. We've used clever sermons, media, and even worldly devises, all to little avail and suspect fruit.

Church, we need **Jesus**. We need to cry out to Him for mercy and power. The good news is that He loves us...oh how He loves us! He made us and purposed us for a time such as this and trains our hands for war. Let us be encouraged by one final Psalm: Psalm 144.

Amen Lord Jesus.