

SONGS IN THE NIGHT

Psalm 119:49-56

INTRODUCTION

- A. What do you turn to in time of difficulty [affliction]?
 - 1. Affliction defined: to cause pain or distress to.
 - 2. David [if he is the psalmist?] and affliction:
 - a. Saul's pursuit for his life.
 - b. Michal's [wife] ridicule – returning ark to Jerusalem.
 - c. Absalom [son] secret coup for the kingdom.
 - 3. Our personal affliction:
 - a. When you need comfort, where do you turn? I.e., food, work, movie, ...
 - b. What brings you hope in a better world? I.e., pay raise, sunny day, achievement, ...
 - c. What brings you joy from day to day? I.e., children successful, clean house, ...
- B. This particular section of the psalm is a prayer:
 - 1. That God would not forget what He had promised.
 - 2. That all that He had said might be fulfilled.
 - 3. That the expectations and hopes which He had raised in the mind might be realized.

I. THE PSALMIST'S VIEW.

- A. Comfort in Affliction.
 - 1. Verse 50, "*Your word revives [comforts] me in my affliction.*"
 - 2. Verse 52, "*I find comfort in Your ordinances, as I remember...*"
 - 3. Verse 55, "*I remember Thy name in the night, ...*"
 - 4. The history of God's people remembered.
 - a. Red Sea and the Egyptians, Ex. 15:1-18.
 - b. Song of Moses, Deuteronomy 1-4, 32.
 - c. Joshua's farewell address, Josh. 23-24.
 - d. David's song of deliverance, 2 Sam. 22.
- B. Hope in God's Promises.
 - 1. Verse 49, "*My hope in God's Word, remember...*"
 - 2. God's promise of a "permanent" home, Genesis 12, 17.
 - 3. God heard the cry of the Israelites in Egypt, Exodus 3:7-9.
 - 4. God's promise fulfilled, Joshua 23:14..
- C. Joy in God's Laws.
 - 1. Verse 54, "*Thy statutes are my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.*"
 - 2. Psalm 33:1-5
 - 3. Psalm 93:1-5
- D. Forsaking God's Law.
 - 1. In spite of peer [arrogant, proud] pressure, I will not turn, vs. 51.
 - a. Psalm 3:1-3
 - b. Psalm 56:1-4
 - 2. Burning indignation against the wicked [sin], vs. 53.
 - a. Psalm 26:2-7
 - b. Psalm 27:1-5

II. SONGS IN THE NIGHT.

- A. Our Comfort, Hope and Joy.

1. Psalm 23
 2. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17
 3. John 14:1-3
- B. A Reminder of Sin.
1. God's take on sin, Psalm 11:5; Isaiah 59:2.
 2. The same for each of us.
 3. We will be mocked – made fun of, disagreed with.
 - a. Luke 6:22-23
 - b. 2 Peter 3:3

CLOSING

- A. This Has Become Mine.
1. This has happened to me, because of God's law, vs. 56.
 2. It is a cry for a closer relationship with God.
- B. What is Your Desire?
1. If for a closer walk with God, then it begins with knowing Him.
 2. Through His Word and then committing ourselves to Him.
 - a. Matthew 7:24-27
 - b. John 20:31