

Psalms Devotionals - Day 8

King and Kingdom

Recite aloud:

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Scripture Reading

- Read Psalm 8 slowly

Meditate on His Word

Answer the following questions carefully:

1. What the NIV translates as the “praise of children and infants,” literally is “from the mouth” and probably indicates cries from oppression and war rather than a positive praise. The young cry out and God has established a stronghold or boundary. In other words, he has set a limit to the havoc that mankind can wreak. Why do you think that God allows us to choose evil?
2. How do you feel about God setting limits on that evil?
3. What do you think it means that God is mindful of humans?
4. What have you learned about God from this Psalm?

Prayer Today:

- Begin this prayer by reciting the Lord’s prayer from above and praying through it.
- Pray that you may reflect God’s name as majestic everywhere you go.
- Pray to understand how amazing it is that God is mindful of us in the midst of such a vast creation.
- Thank God for sending Jesus who fulfilled the role set aside for humans and gave us a way to be restored to that purpose.
- Pray that others throughout the world will come to know God’s name as majestic.
- At least two other times today, recite the Lord’s Prayer and let it lead you into a short time of prayer rooted in the language and ideas of that passage.

Psalms Devotionals - Day 9

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Scripture Reading

- Read Psalm 9 slowly

Meditate on His Word

Answer the following questions carefully:

1. How often do you give thanks to God with all your heart? What keeps you from doing that more often?
2. Verse 15 talks about the pit the nations have dug for themselves and then fallen into. The wicked falling as a result of their own choices and actions is a common theme in the psalter. What can you learn from that?
3. Verse 20 appeals to God to strike the nations and let them know they are mortal. How might God be doing that right now?
4. What have you learned about God from this Psalm?

Prayer Today:

- Begin this prayer by reciting the Lord’s prayer from above and praying through it.
- Spend some time giving thanks to the Lord for all that he has done in the world and in your life.
- Pray that God will help you trust in him.
- Pray that more and more people will seek him and trust in him.
- Pray that during the present times, people will be reminded that we are mortal and desperately need God.
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Scripture Reading

- Read Psalm 10 slowly

Meditate on His Word

Answer the following questions carefully:

1. Can you identify with the psalmist’s frustration here? Where is God? When is he going to act? How do you respond when you grow frustrated with God?
2. We can easily grow impatient and unloving towards those that act selfishly or do not care for the vulnerable. But the psalms encourage us to take that frustrations to God and not to take them out on others. What person or group of people is the most tempting for you to be angry with right now?
3. How often do you pray for the poor, oppressed and vulnerable?
4. What have you learned about God from this Psalm?

Prayer Today:

- Begin this prayer by reciting the Lord’s prayer from above and praying through it.
- Take any complaints you have to God today. Learn to feel comfortable with sharing your frustrations, your anger, and even your impatience with God.
- Pray for the oppressed.
- Pray for the oppressors.
- Pray for people that have wronged you.
- Is there anything in your life or in the world where you really feel that you need to ask God to please intervene?
- Praise God for how he will act and what he will do to rescue and preserve his people.
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Scripture Reading

- Read Psalm 11 slowly

Meditate on His Word

Answer the following questions carefully:

1. How do you need to take refuge in God today?
2. David didn't like the idea of being told to be afraid and even hide. Is there anything that others in the world are telling you that you should be afraid of?
3. What picture does the psalmist give of God and how does this combat fear?
4. What does verse 7 mean for you personally today?
5. What have you learned about God from this Psalm?

Prayer Today:

- Begin this prayer by reciting the Lord's prayer from above and praying through it.
- Pray that God will assist you in finding refuge in him today.
- Ask God to help you to rebel against the things that you are told you should fear.
- Pray that people in the world will turn to God rather than giving into fear.
- Spend some time praying about God's greatness.
- Remind yourself in prayer that God is in control and will judge the world one day.
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Psalms Devotionals - Day 12

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Scripture Reading

- Read Psalm 12 slowly

Meditate on His Word

Answer the following questions carefully:

1. What do you do when you feel like you cannot trust the people around you to simply be honest and trustworthy?
2. What does the psalmist hope for as a response to this terrible situation?
3. Do you see any examples of what is vile being honored by humanity in today’s world?
4. How often do you pray about the rebellion of the world and wait for God’s response?
5. What have you learned about God from this Psalm?

Prayer Today:

- Begin this prayer by reciting the Lord’s prayer from above and praying through it.
- Pray that God will assist you in finding refuge in him today.
- Share your frustrations, complaints, and accusations of a fallen world with God. Be specific.
- Pray for those that have never been faithful to God.
- Pray for those that feel they must lie to get ahead or survive in this world.
- Confess your own sin to God.
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Scripture Reading

- Read Psalm 13 slowly

Meditate on His Word

Answer the following questions carefully:

1. What is David’s frustration in this psalm?
2. Are there any situations right now that cause you to grow frustrated with God’s patience or seeming lack of concern and action?
3. Why do you think God included complaints like these in his word?
4. In verse 4, the people or thing opposing the psalmist *rejoice* at his fall, but rather than letting that get him down, he chooses to *rejoice* over what God has done, even though he hasn’t done it yet. What *rejoicing* from the world do you need to reject today in order to *rejoice* in God? What will it take for your faith to get to that point?
5. What have you learned about God from this Psalm?

Prayer Today:

- Begin this prayer by reciting the Lord’s prayer from above and praying through it.
- If you have any frustrations with God’s patience or lack of action, get it out. Be honest with him.
- Share your frustrations from today with God?
- Meditate on why he wants us to feel free to air our complaints with him and to him.
- Praise God and rejoice for what he will one day do.
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Scripture Reading

- Read Psalm 14 slowly

Meditate on His Word

Answer the following questions carefully:

1. The concept of what we would call an atheist didn't really exist at the time David writes this. What the fool or scoundrel actually were declaring was that God was not active and present in the lives of people. Do you ever identify with that feeling, like God is not present or concerned? How would you take those feelings to God if you have them?
2. The rest of verse 1 is not a commentary on the fool, it is the fool's complaint against society. Everyone is corrupt, vile, and no good. If God was active, then wouldn't he do something about all this evil, complains the fool. But are there any ways that you identify with his complaint? Explain.
3. In verse 7, he turns to hope. We can have confidence in God's restoration and salvation because he is present with us. How often do you allow what God will do one day, to change your attitude and level of faith in the present time?
4. What have you learned about God from this Psalm?

Prayer Today:

- Begin this prayer by reciting the Lord's prayer from above and praying through it.
- Pray that when God looks at humankind he will see more and more people seeking him and coming to understand him.
- Pray for those that oppressed or disadvantaged.
- At least two other times today, recite the Lord's Prayer and let it lead you into a short time of prayer rooted in the language and ideas of that passage.