

“Praise God for Justice and Righteousness”

Introduction

Praise - to express warm approval or admiration for someone or something. Given this definition, what things do you find worthy of praise in your life? Why do you consider these things worthy of your praise? If not already there, put God at the top of your praise list. For He is certainly worthy of our highest praise!

Today's Lesson Objectives

- **Contrast** God's justice with humanity's injustices
- **Value** how God listens and responds to our needs
- **Practice** God's justice in difficult situations

Scripture

Psalm 9:1-12 (KJV)

Devotional Reading:

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

About Today's Lesson...

God is in control of the world. Yet many people refuse to believe in God because of what they see as contradictory actions to His Word. How can a loving and just God allow evil politicians and other leaders to continue on their corrupt paths? How can a loving and just God allow the marginalized in society to continue to be oppressed? Why would a loving and just God allow innocent people to be killed by gun violence? These are the types of questions people ask or excuses people use in opposition to God's control of the world. Even Solomon in the Book of Ecclesiastes questioned God's plans: "So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter." (Ecclesiastes 4:1, KJV). But to all those who think life is unfair, just remember these final words from Solomon: "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (Ecclesiastes 12:14, KJV). And for this, we have reason to praise God for justice and for righteousness.

In today's lesson, David uses Psalm 9 to lead worship. Within this Psalm of praise, David not only praises God for his marvellous works, but he also acknowledges how God completely vindicates us. And even more, God will be a refuge for the oppressed and will not forget those who are forsaken.

Praise God for justice and righteousness. God's justice is ongoing and will always overcome humanity's injustices. Stay the course - God is always right on time.

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