

A Study in Psalms, Week 5 Handout Psalm 92: Worship—Our Delight and Our Duty

“Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant and praise is becoming.”

Psalm 147:1

Introduction

1. Angry, aggressive, speeding driver on I-40
2. Ten miles later; he was pulled over by sheriff—elation, mixed with guilt
3. Psalm 92 brings this into clear focus

The Worthiness of Worship

1. <Read Psalm 92:1-3>
2. No author identified, just “A psalm for the Sabbath day” (the only psalm so designated)
3. This psalm focuses on several aspects of **worship**
4. The **blessedness** of worship
5. The **expressions** of worship

The Motivation and Basis for Worship

1. <Read Psalm 92:4-15>
2. The psalmist’s **motivation** is stated in v. 4—“For Thou, O Lord, has made me glad”
3. Worship is not a **drudgery**, but a **delight**
4. Notice what has made the psalmist glad: What God has done—the works of His hands
5. Here, as elsewhere in Scripture, God’s “**thoughts**” often refer to His **purposes**.
6. God’s works are **great** and His thoughts (His **purposes**) are “**very deep**” (v.5)
7. Notice what a “stupid man” doesn’t understand (vv. 6, 7)
8. The “pinnacle” of this psalm is verse 8 (literally and theologically)
9. Two figures of speech indicate how God has exalted the psalmist (vv. 10)
10. Being exalted over our **foes** (v.11)
11. The principle that God rewards His own is evident in vv. 12-14
12. God’s **purpose** for prospering the righteous is found in **v.15**

Summary and Conclusion

1. This psalm reveals two important truths
 - a. Praise is good in that it is **appropriate**
 - b. The grounds for praise are the **works of God** (wicked destroyed; righteous exalted)
2. We shouldn’t seek **revenge** (“*vengeance is Mine, says the Lord*”), but **praise** our **Avenger**
3. We mustn’t fail to understand who our adversaries are

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Matt 6:24

“...do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”

James 4:4

Next week, Psalm 95...