

Today we will have our 12th lecture on the book of Psalms. /The message starts from Psalm 109. /People may curse me, but bless me, O Lord.

/Verses 1-5. Let us read. /Be not silent, O God of my praise! For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me, speaking against me with lying tongues. They encircle me with words of hate, and attack me without cause. In return for my love they accuse me, but I give myself to prayer. So they reward me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

/There are those who are wicked. /The wicked attack me with their lies. /In verse 4, I love these people, but I do not know why they hate me. /Because the wicked are against me, I can only pray to God.

/The wicked repay evil for good. /However, God will punish the wicked. /God will judge them. /The days of the wicked are few. /In verse 8, God takes away their jobs. Acts 1:20.

/In verse 9, the children of the wicked become orphans and their wives widows. /Verse 10 says that their children will wander about and beg. /The wicked will lose everything they have, and no one will remember them. /How scary is God's punishment?

/In verse 18, curses soak into my body like water. /We need to be people who fear God. /People who do not know God do not fear him. /We are people who know God. /We must fear him. /We need to fear God, and we need to make sure that our children fear God.

/Verses 21-25. / But you, O GOD my Lord, deal on my behalf for your name's sake; because your steadfast love is good, deliver me! For I am poor and needy, and my heart is stricken within me. I am gone like a shadow at evening; I am shaken off like a locust. My knees are weak through fasting; my body has become gaunt, with no fat. I am an object of scorn to my accusers; when they see me, they wag their heads.

/Verse 22 says, "For I am poor and needy, and my heart is stricken within me." /Blessed are the poor in spirit. /Matthew 5:3 tells us this. /Blessed are the poor in spirit, /for they will be full.

/The poor in spirit is someone who loves God. /This person longs for the truth. /Verse 23 asks God to remember me, someone who is like a shadow and a locust. /David is appealing to God. /God must look after me because the wicked are many.

/Verses 26-29. /Help me, O LORD my God! Save me according to your steadfast love! Let them know that this is your hand; you, O LORD, have done it! Let them curse, but you will bless! They arise and are put to shame, but your servant will be glad! May my accusers be clothed with dishonor; may they be wrapped in their own shame as in a cloak!

/Let the wicked know that you are helping me. /Verse 27 says, "Let them know that this is your hand." /Verse 28 asks God to bless me when my enemies curse me.

/Then, I will give to God great thanks and praise. /May I witness God's judgment of salvation.

/We will continue with Psalm 110. / "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

/Verses 1-2. Let us read. /The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!

/Verse 1 reads, "The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." /God is talking to Jesus Christ. /Jesus sits at the right hand of God after resurrecting from the dead.

/How long will Jesus sit in that spot? /He will sit there until the Lord judges the enemies. /God will send forth his mighty scepter.

/Verses 2-4. /The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

/Verse 2 says, "The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter." /This scepter is a scepter of power. /Verse 3 says that God has chosen the day, /which is the day of power.

/The chosen people are wearing holy garments. /They offer themselves freely to God. /The youth, who are like dew, come before the Lord. /Who are the youth? /They are believers who have faith. /They are believers who apply their faith.

/It does not matter if someone is old or young. /The youth here refers to those whose souls are awake. /They are people who love God. /A church with these believers is a church with life. /There must be many youths in the church.

/There need to be many believers whose souls are awake. /There need to be many believers who can do the work of God. /They come before the Lord like the morning dew. /Verse 4 says that you are a priest after the order of Melchizedek. /Who is this talking about?

/This is a prophecy of the Christ who is to come. /Abraham offered tithes to Melchizedek. /Melchizedek is someone who is higher than Abraham. /He has no beginning and no end. /We do not know when he was born or when he died. /We do not know about his ancestors.

/He is the Messiah who appears in Genesis 14:18. /He is the Christ who came to Abraham. /Verse 5 talks about the day of wrath. /It is the day when God strikes the kings of the world.

/In verse 6, God judges the nations, /he shatters chiefs, /and the earth is filled with corpses. /In verse 7, the Lord drinks from the brook by the way and lifts up his head.

/We need to remember that the day will surely come when God judges the wicked. /He will save his believers of faith, and he will surely lift them up.

/We will continue with Psalm 111. /God forever remembers those who fear him. /He is a God who gives them food to eat.

/Verses 1-5. Let us read. /Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

/We need to give thanks to God with all our hearts. /There are those who delight in the works of God. /There are those who study his works. /Are theologians the only ones who study the word of God?

/Are pastors the only ones who study the word of God? /There are believers who read and meditate on the word of God. /How delighted are we when we understand the works of God? /How glorious is it? /Verse 4 says that God causes his wondrous works to be remembered.

/Verse 5 tells us that God provides food for those who fear him. /Those who fear God are afraid of God. /God gives to them the food of life. /This is food for the soul.

/God gives us food that revives our spirits. /We must eternally remember God's covenant. /Let's read the Bible. /If we love God, we will read the Bible. /Also, think deeply about the words of the Bible. /Meditate on them.

/Doing this is thinking deeply about God. /It is thinking deeply about his word. /Think deeply about the message you have heard this morning. /Think deeply about the word you have heard during the last service. /Also, think about the word you have heard on Sunday as you live through the week.

/As we think deeply over the Bible, our souls come to life. /I am able to understand God's profound teaching and trust in him. /The believer who knows God trusts in God. /How can someone who doesn't know God trust in him?

/How can someone trust God and follow him when he does not know who God is? /God is an eternal, everlasting God. /Verse 9 says that God redeems his people /and remembers his covenant forever.

/Verse 10 says that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. /Proverbs 1:7 talks about this. /What is wisdom? /Wisdom is fearing God. /What does it mean to fear God? /It is serving God in fear. /We need to fear God.

/Believers! Do you love your fathers of the flesh? /Are your fathers living in your homes? /We respect our fathers, but we also love them. /Additionally, we have hearts that fear our fathers.

/Serving God is the same. /We love God, and we also fear him. /The believer who does these things is someone with perception.

/We will continue by studying Psalm 112. /Blessed is the one who delights in God's commandments. /His heart is firm in trusting the LORD. /Do you delight in God's commandments? /Whoever does delight in them is someone who loves the word of truth. /Psalm 1 tells us this. /He is someone who meditates on the word day and night.

/Believers! Let us say that you receive a love letter from a beloved person. /Won't you read the letter over and over again? /Won't you keep thinking about this person? /God loved us so much that he sent his Son to die on the cross for us.

/He also recorded his words in the Bible. /If we want to know God, we must study the Bible's word of truth.

/Verses 1-5. Let us read. /Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments! His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.

/There is someone who fears God and obeys his commandments. /There is someone who delights only in God. /This person is blessed. /Verse 2 says that his offspring will be mighty in the land. /His offspring will be blessed.

/Verse 3 says that wealth and riches are in his house, /and God will be with him in whatever he does. /Verse 4 says that light dawns in the darkness for this person. /He does not need to worry about getting lost. /God shows him mercy, /grace, /and God makes everything go well for this person.

/Verses 6-10. /For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries. He has distributed freely;

he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor. The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and melts away; the desire of the wicked will perish!

/God holds the person who fears him so that he will never be moved. /God is with him. /Verse 7 says that he trusts in the LORD, /and his head is steady. /His heart is firm. /His faith is firm like a rock.

/God said to Peter, / “You will be called Peter, /not Kepha.” /It means that God will build his church on the rock. /Here, “rock” means the truth that comes from understanding. /It is not a truth of knowledge, but one that is realized.

/It means that I have come to understand the word of God. /Verse 9 says that God gives him possessions, /and he exalts him. /Verse 10 says that the wicked get angry and gnash their teeth when they see this. /God will judge all who are wicked.

/We will continue with Psalm 113. /God gives the barren woman a home.

/Verses 1-3. Let us read. /Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

/We must praise God. /God’s glory fills the entire universe, /his glory fills the place from the rising of the sun to its setting. /Verse 4 says that God is high above all the nations, /and he is seated on high.

/However, in verse 6, God lowers himself. /The Lord becomes like us humans. /In verse 7, God raises the poor from the dust /and lifts the needy from the ash heap.

/Let us look at the message of 1 Samuel 2:8. /Samuel’s mother, Hannah, came to understand something. /She realized that God seats the people among the princes. /She was a poor person, /a needy person, /but God raises her up.

/God places her as a pillar of the earth. /In verse 9, there appears a woman who is barren. /She was someone who was criticized by others. /However, God has given her a child.

/She was given a home. /God allowed her to be the joyous mother of her children. /Therefore we must praise God. Hallelujah!

/We will continue with Psalm 114. /Israel is the LORD’s dominion.

/Verses 1-2. Let us read. /When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

/The Israelites came out of Egypt. /They lived as slaves for 430 years. /Verse 2 says that Judah is the LORD's sanctuary. /Israel is his dominion. /Judah is the fourth son of Jacob.

/When Joseph was about to be killed, Judah stepped in and rescued him. / "Let's sell Joseph to the merchants, not kill him." /Judah saved Joseph from being killed. /The word tells us that Judah will become God's sanctuary.

/This is a prophecy saying that Jesus Christ will come from the line of Judah. /The verse also says that Israel is God's dominion. /We believers are God's dominion. /God's church is God's dominion.

/Believers of God are God's dominion. /It is the place where God reigns. /The place where God rules. /Verse 3 says that the sea flees. /The Red Sea is divided. /Verse 5 says that the Jordan River turns back.

/God is working in the wilderness. /Verse 8 says that the Lord turns the rock into a pool of water. /God makes water flow from a rock. /A spring of water comes forth from the flint. /God is someone who does things we cannot even imagine.

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/How are we to accept the works of God? /We must accept them in faith.

/We will continue with Psalm 115. /Trust in the LORD. /He is your help.

/Verses 9-11. Let us read. /O Israel, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.

/Verse 4 tells us the people of the world chase after possessions. /They love gold and silver. /Money is their god. /The world's honor and glory are their god. /Idols may have ears, but they cannot hear. /They have noses, but they cannot smell.

/Look at the people who serve idols. /They bring a huge rock and shape it into an idol. /They bring a hammer and a chisel and sculpt their idols. /They also cut trees to make idols. /These people bow down to idols and ask them to bless them.

/In our eyes, how foolish is this? /Verse 8 says that those who do not know God are foolish like their idols.

/Verse 9 says that we believers must believe and trust in the LORD God. /Verses 9 to 11 tell us three times to trust in the LORD. /God is your help. /God is your shield.

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/In verse 10, God blesses the house of Israel, and he blesses the house of Aaron. /Verse 13 says that God blesses those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great. /Verse 14 tells us that God also blesses their children. /He makes our children prosperous. /Do you want to be blessed? /Then trust in God.

/We will continue with Psalm 116. /God delivers my soul from death. /He takes away the tears of my eyes.

/Verses 1-4. Let us read. /I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

/I pray to God. /I plead with God because I love him. /In verse 2, I ask God to incline his ear to me. /I will pray to God all the days of my life.

/In verse 3, the snares of death encompass me. /Great sadness and fear sweep over me. /In verse 4, I pray in the name of the LORD. / “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul.”

/The writer of this psalm probably shed many tears. /Loneliness also came upon him. /We are humbled when we face troubles. /We become lowly. /Verse 7 says that God gives peace to the believer who is suffering hardship.

/God treats us hospitably. /The Lord gives rest to his believers. /Verse 8 asks God to deliver my soul from death. /Take the tears away from my eyes. /The believer is currently in a lot of suffering.

/Doesn't the believer shed many tears during his lifetime? /We shed many tears when we keep our faith. /We also shed tears when God disciplines us because of our sins. /The death of his believers is precious in God's sight.

/Verse 15. /Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

/God finds the death of his believers to be precious. /The believer is rewarded in heaven in accordance with his deeds. /The believer's deeds follow him into heaven.

/We will continue with Psalm 117.

/Verses 1-2. Let us read. /Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

/We must remember God's steadfast love toward us. /God is unchanging. /That is why we can believe in him. /We must praise God.

/We will continue with Psalm 118. /The LORD is on my side. /I shall not fear.

/Verses 1-4. Let us read. /Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

/The message is telling us to give thanks to God. /God is good, and his steadfast love endures forever. /God's steadfast love refers to his love. /God loves us until the very end.

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/God knows about our abilities. /He knows about our humanity. /God knows about the extent of our faith. /We are weak and lacking in our faith. /But because God's steadfast love endures forever, he accepts us.

/Verse 4 says that the one who fears God will know God. /He will know that God's steadfast love endures forever.

/Verses 5-7. /Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

/The believer is crying out to God in his distress. /God answers the believer. /God has set me free. /All of my enemies have disappeared.

/In verse 6, God is on my side. /I will not fear. /Hebrews 13:6.

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/I will not fear anything. /What can man do to me? /Because God is on my side, /he helps me. /Verse 7 says, "I shall look in triumph on those who hate me."

/It is far better for me to take refuge in God than to trust in man. /It is far better for us to take refuge in God than to trust in someone with authority. /If there is trouble in your family, do you go searching for people to solve your problems? /Shouldn't we pray to God instead?

/Believe that God is on your side. /Verse 10 says that I have nothing to worry about even though the nations surround me. /Verse 12 says that even if they surround me like bees, I will not worry.

/Verse 13 says that people push me to make me fall down, but God helps me. /In verse 19, all the gates are open. /All of our problems have been solved. /God opens the gate for us.

/Verse 20. /This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

/The gate of God will open. /The righteous will enter through it. /God's gate can only be reached through the path of righteousness. /We can only enter through our faith.

/Verses 22-24. /The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

/There are stones that the builders have rejected. /Matthew 21:42. /The rejected stone refers to Jesus Christ. /When God built his holy house, Jesus became the cornerstone.

/Verse 23 says that this is the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. /Verse 26 says that God blesses us. /Verse 29 says that God is good and his steadfast love endures forever. /Therefore we must give to God our thanks and our praise.

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/This concludes the 12th lecture on the book of Psalms. /Thank you.