



Psalm 101

1 A Psalm of David. I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing. 2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me. 4 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person. 5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

8 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

Introduction:

1. This Psalm reflects upon a time prior to David's assumption to the throne. (Prospective).
2. The Lord Jesus will rule righteously (Isa. 11:1-5).

Outline:

- A. A Commitment to Walk Perfectly (vv.1-2)
- B. A Hatred of Evil (vv.3-5)
- C. A Love for Righteousness (v.6)
- B.' A Hatred of Evil (v.7)
- A.' A Commitment to Destroy the Wicked (v.8)

Observations:

1. David vows to praise the Lord (v.1).
2. To walk perfectly as an example (v.2).
3. To destroy all the wicked (vv.3-5).
4. To delight in the righteous (v.6).
5. To destroy the wicked (vv.7-8).
6. Notice the hearts: Perfect heart (complete, integrity, whole, upright). Froward heart (going the opposite way).

Lesson: The King's Commitment to Godliness.

Psalm 102

1 A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD. Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee. 2 Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.

3 For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth. 4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread. 5 By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin. 6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert. 7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top. 8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me. 9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping, 10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down. 11 My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.

12 But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations. 13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come. 14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof. 15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory. 16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory. 17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer. 18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD. 19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth; 20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death; 21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem; 22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

23 He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days. 24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations. 25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. 26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: 27 But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

Introduction:

1. This Psalm belongs to a series of Repentant Psalms (Pss. 6; 32; 38; 51; 102; 130; 143) – there are seven Psalms of Repentance.
2. The Psalmist anticipates the end of captivity (vv.13-14).

Outline:

- A. Opening Prayer (vv.1-2)
- B. Lament (vv.3-11)
- C. Trusting in God (vv.12-22)
- B.' Lament (vv.23-27)
- A.' Concluding Perspective (v.28)

Observations:

1. Here are sore complaints mentioned in solemn prayer (vv.1-11).
2. Here are the comforts found in the LORD (vv.12-21).
3. A future & perpetual restoration is anticipated (vv.22-28).

Lesson: The LORD is permanent though my life is transient.