

WORSHIPING ON THE LORD'S DAY

April 10, 2016

Worship, as God intended, is a supernatural event. As we enter into this service of worship, we cross the threshold of the secular to the sacred, from the common to the uncommon, from the profane to the holy. Prepare yourself therefore for this most holy convocation!

Prelude

Worship Theme

God is Majestic

Isaiah 63:1, 7-9: "Who is this who comes from Edom, with garments of glowing colors from Bozrah, this One who is majestic in His apparel, marching in the greatness of His strength? 'It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save'... I shall make mention of the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which He has granted them according to His compassion, and according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses. For He said, 'Surely, they are My people, Sons who will not deal falsely.' So He became their Savior. In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the angel of His presence saved them; in His love and in His mercy He redeemed them; and He lifted them and carried them all the days of old."

God Calls us to Worship Before the Cross Ps. 104:1-2

+We Adore Him

Hymn #301, "Join All The Glorious Names"

We Confess Our Sin

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all who call on You; hear us as we humbly confess our sins. We have allowed higher priorities than You in our lives. We've not fulfilled our vows as we ought. We have used our time selfishly. We have been disrespectful of our superiors. We have tolerated hate and malice in our hearts. We have allowed lust, theft, false witness, and covetousness a place in our lives. For these sins of thought, word, and deed we are sorry and we repent. Grant us cleansing and power to live a new life in Christ. All to the praise of the glory of Your grace. Amen.

We Thank Him For His Forgiveness

Hymn #169, "My Heart Doth Overflow"

From Psalm 45:1-10

God Calls us to Worship Thru Dedication Ps. 104:32-34

We Give Him Our Offering & Concerns

We Give Him Ourselves

Hymn #565, "All For Jesus"

God Calls us to Worship Thru Fellowship Ps. 104:27-28

We Read His Word

Sermon

*We Partake Of The Lord's Supper

Hymn #293, "Golden Harps Are Sounding"

God Blesses us in the Benediction

Welcome and Announcements

Postlude

(Containers have been placed at the front for communion cups and small trash)

+You are invited to raise your hands during the prayer of adoration.

*Visitors, please see note below on the Lord's Supper.

God: The Believer's Stronghold

Psalm 94:17-19

Study Notes for April 10, 2016

I. Introduction: Masada



II. God: The Believer's Stronghold, Ps. 94:17-19.

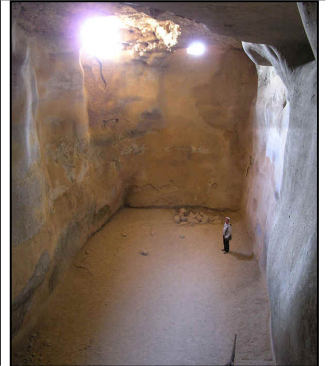
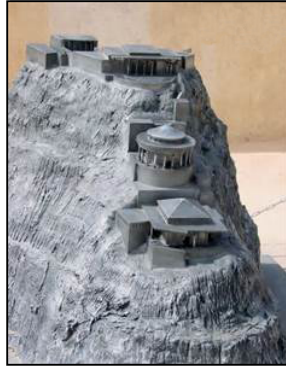
A. A Strong Conviction, v. 17.

The context speaks of remarkable suffering...

=vv. 1-7, 21

=vv. 8-11

=vv. 12-16



...and yet in the midst of all of this, the Psalmist expresses in the text before us a profound confidence in God's help...

A Glorious Truth... Confession vs. Profession

B. An Incredible Way of Living, vv. 18-19.

1. Hanging on Love, v. 18.

=v. 18a: "If I should say my foot has slipped..."

External Physical Struggle

Our Tendency as Sinners

Yet, God is our Stronghold (Prov. 18:10; Ps. 46:1-3; 20:7; Hab. 3:17-19a)...

=v. 18b: "...Thy lovingkindness, O Lord, will hold me up."

The "Lovingkindness" of the Lord

The Comfort of Suffering Saints (2 Cor. 5:14; Mt. 25:21;
2 Tim. 2:13)

Spurgeon wrote, "Ah! beloved, Christ will take anything that comes from your heart, whatever the gift may be. However feeble, and weak, and insignificant it may seem to others, it shall be rich and lovely to him."

2. Living in Hope, v. 19.

=v. 19a: "When my anxious thoughts multiply within me..."-

What were the anxious thoughts that consumed the Psalmist? We could put them in the form of questions...

1. Has God forgotten me (Ps. 94:3)?
2. Has God forsaken me (Ps. 94:5)?
3. Has God abandoned me (Ps. 94:14)?

=v. 19b: "When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Thy consolations delight my soul."

The "Consolations" of the Lord (cf. Is. 49:13-15; 52:9, 8)

The "Consolations" in Print Form (Acts 20:32)

***Where We Live**

1. The Foundation of Biblical Expectations and Prayer

2. The Promises of the Lord

Ex. 14:14

Ps. 34:19

Ps. 149:4

Rom. 8:34b

Mt. 28:20

2 Thes. 3:3

Rom. 8:39

1 Jn. 3:2