

A Prayer of Desperation (Psalm 28)

To Read:

1. Luke 18:1-14
2. Luke 11:1-13

Proposition:

- ✘ David's situation led him to pray desperately, needing God to save - an attitude that should mark us as well and we can have confidence in Christ that God will save.

1 A Prayer of Desperation

- 1 1 • A Desperate Plea - God, please answer me or I will die
 - 3 ○ David's activity: earnestly seeking God's salvation
 - 3 ○ David's request: hear me! answer me!
 - 1 1 ○ David's desperation: if God won't answer, I'm as good as dead
- 1 1 • A Burning Desire - God, don't count me among the wicked
 - 1 ○ David's desire: don't count me among the wicked
 - 1 1 ○ David's desire: don't judge me as a hypocrite
- 1 1 • A Foundational Hope - God will judge righteously for His own glory
 - ✘ ○ David's plea: God, be just! (according to)
 - 1 ○ David's reason: the wicked don't honor you
 - 1 1 ○ David's conviction: God will judge for His own glory
- 1 1 • A Joyful Confidence - God has heard my cry
 - 2 ○ David's confidence: God has heard my cry
 - 1 ○ David's God: The Lord is my strength and shield
 - 2 1 ○ David's joy: Blessed be the Lord!
- 1 1 • A Communal Prayer - God, be the Savior of Your people
 - 1 ○ David's communal confidence: God is the Savior of His people
 - 1 1 ○ David's communal prayer: God be the Savior and Shepherd of Your people

1 The Ultimate Prayer

- 1 2 • An Unexplained Tension - tension between verses 3+4, either self-righteous or unresolvable (pleas for mercy, not justice)
- 1 1 • An Earnest Supplicant - the prayer of desperation
 - 3 ○ Psalm 28:1-2
 - 1 ○ Luke 3:21, Mark 1:35, Luke 5:16, Luke 6:12, Matthew 14:23, Luke 9:18, Luke 9:28-29, Luke 11:1, Luke 22:41-44, Hebrews 5:7
- 1 1 • An Alternate Offer - make My grave with the wicked, instead of theirs
 - 1 ○ Psalm 28:3
 - ✘ ○ Isaiah 53:8-9, Luke 22:41-42, II Corinthians 5:21
- 1 1 • A Unifying Act - God will be the righteous judge in Me
 - 3 ○ Psalm 28:4-5
 - 3 ○ Romans 5:9, II Corinthians 5:21, Romans 3:23-26
- 1 1 • A Joyful Confidence - God has heard my cry
 - ✘ ○ Psalm 28:6-7
 - 1 ○ Hebrews 5:7, John 12:27, Hebrews 12:2
- 1 1 • A Communal Answer - I will be the Shepherd of God's people
 - 1 ○ Psalm 28:8-9
 - John 10:11-18, Hebrews 13:20-21

1 Praying with Desperation

- 1 1 • We must have a desperate plea
 - 3 ○ David and ultimately Jesus called out desperately to God, knowing their need for His aid - Psalm 28:1-2
 - Jesus called us to follow His pattern of prayer - Luke 18:1, Luke 21:36
 - 3 ○ An earnest pattern of prayer is the patter of the NT - Romans 12:12, Colossians 4:2, I Thessalonians 5:17
 - 1 2 ○ And the attitude of our earnest prayers should be a desperation for God - II Corinthians 1:8-11
- 1 1 • We must have a burning desire
 - 1 ○ David's desire was to be counted righteous - Psalm 28:3
 - 1 ○ This should be our desire in Christ as well - Philippians 3:7-11
- 1 1 • We must have a foundational hope
 - 2 ○ David's hope was that God would be just - Psalm 28:4-5
 - 1 ○ Our hope must be the same in Christ - I John 1:9
 - 1 ○ And this is our hope through all the trials of this world - II Thessalonians 1:6
- 1 1 • We must have a joyful, thankful confidence
 - 2 ○ David end's his prayer with confidence and joy that God has heard him - Psalm 28:6-7
 - We are called to have confidence in prayer as well - Mark 11:20-25, James 1:6
 - Our confidence is merely believing Jesus' promises - John 6:37, I John 5:14-15
 - 2 3 ○ Our believing confidence should lead to thankful joy - Romans 12:12, I Thessalonians 5:16
- 1 1 • We must have a communal prayer
 - 1 ○ David's final prayer was that God would ultimately save His people through His anointed one; a prayer that was answered in Christ - Psalm 28:8-9
 - 1 ○ Our focus in prayer should also end, not with ourselves, but with all of God's people - Ephesians 6:18