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**For Discussion:**



1. What is your favorite part of Psalm 28?
2. What did you learn from David's petition? From his praise?
3. What parts of this Psalm drew you towards worship? Which lines filled you with awe?

*Psa. 28 Of David.*

*Psa. 28:1 To you, LORD, I call; you are my Rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I will be like those who go down to the pit.*

*2 Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.*

*3 Do not drag me away with the wicked, with those who do evil, who speak cordially with their neighbors but harbor malice in their hearts.*

*4 Repay them for their deeds and for their evil work; repay them for what their hands have done and bring back on them what they deserve.*

*5 Because they have no regard for the deeds of the LORD and what his hands have done, he will tear them down and never build them up again.*

*6 Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy.*

*7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.*

*8 The LORD is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.*

*9 Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.*

*All scriptures are NIV(2011) unless otherwise noted.*



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**LESSONS**

1. God is \_\_\_\_\_. He wants His people to acknowledge His holiness through \_\_\_\_\_, and He desires holiness from \_\_\_\_\_ who worship Him.
2. This holy God is all-powerful and yet longs for a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with all those who call on His name. To draw near to Him is to know great \_\_\_\_\_!

**AN OVERVIEW OF THE PSALMS**

1. The Book of Psalms is the \_\_\_\_\_ section of the Bible (but not the largest book in number of words). No book is more \_\_\_\_\_ or referenced.
2. King David wrote at least \_\_\_\_\_ of the Psalms and there were \_\_\_\_\_ other authors. The Psalms were written as "lyric poems" to express the \_\_\_\_\_ of the writer.
3. The Psalms were Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ and the 150 Psalms are divided into \_\_\_\_\_ sections around basic \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Some Psalms were written in \_\_\_\_\_ times (65) and some in very \_\_\_\_\_ times (51), but they all find \_\_\_\_\_, purpose and eventually \_\_\_\_\_ in the God of heaven.

## 1. THE PRAYER OF PETITION

*Psa. 28:1 To you, LORD, I call; you are my Rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I will be like those who go down to the pit. 2 Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place. 3 Do not drag me away with the wicked, with those who do evil, who speak cordially with their neighbors but harbor malice in their hearts. 4 Repay them for their deeds and for their evil work; repay them for what their hands have done and bring back on them what they deserve. 5 Because they have no regard for the deeds of the LORD and what his hands have done, he will tear them down and never build them up again.*

a. This Psalm was written by David, but we don't know what \_\_\_\_\_ caused him to write it. It was obviously \_\_\_\_\_ and possibly deadly.

b. David shared \_\_\_\_\_ requests:

1. That the Lord would \_\_\_\_\_ his plea. David, even with all his success, was not afraid to \_\_\_\_\_ to God for help.

— He refers to God as Jehovah, \_\_\_\_\_, Most \_\_\_\_\_ Place.

— His plea is \_\_\_\_\_ without any pride in himself: *I call; no deaf ear; don't be \_\_\_\_\_; I will die; my cry for mercy; I call for \_\_\_\_\_; I lift my hands.*

2. That he would \_\_\_\_\_ be swept away with the wicked. In the Bible, the word "\_\_\_\_\_ " is used in two ways:

— There is the \_\_\_\_\_ wickedness within all mankind.

*Psalms 51:5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.*

*Jer. 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?*

*Isa 64:6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.*

— There are those who constantly \_\_\_\_\_ wickedly. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ about which David is speaking. In this case, the people are hypocritical and \_\_\_\_\_.

3. That God would \_\_\_\_\_ these wicked people for the way they are acting and give them what they \_\_\_\_\_.

David was not praying against his \_\_\_\_\_ enemies, but God's!

— They do \_\_\_\_\_ work.

— They have no \_\_\_\_\_ for God's work.

— They \_\_\_\_\_ destruction with no chance of parole.

## 2. THE PRAYER OF PRAISE

*Psa. 28:6 Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy. 7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him. 8 The LORD is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one. 9 Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.*

a. When David's prayer is \_\_\_\_\_, he stops to acknowledge God and \_\_\_\_\_ Him. In fact, he goes back to continue \_\_\_\_\_ the Psalm and celebrates God for what He has done. (*How often do you return to thank Him?*)

— *Please note that it is \_\_\_\_\_ to thank God for answered prayer even if the answer is \_\_\_\_\_ what you were hoping for.*

b. David then lists many \_\_\_\_\_ of God as he worships:

1. He is our strength and \_\_\_\_\_.

2. He is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. He is our \_\_\_\_\_.

4. He is the strength of His \_\_\_\_\_.

5. He is protection for the \_\_\_\_\_ one.

c. David explains his \_\_\_\_\_ to God's goodness: *his heart \_\_\_\_\_ for joy and he breaks into \_\_\_\_\_ of praise!*

d. David closes with a final \_\_\_\_\_ that acts as a benediction. It is a reminder of how prayer \_\_\_\_\_ us on others.

*Psa. 28:9 Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.*

## 3. THE LESSONS WE LEARN

a. We are all wicked in our \_\_\_\_\_, but Jesus took care of that for us on the cross. However, we need to choose not to \_\_\_\_\_ wickedly (hands).

b. It is good to be \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer and to ask God for \_\_\_\_\_. It is also good to take the time to \_\_\_\_\_ and praise Him.

c. As you pray, practice \_\_\_\_\_ and pray for the needs of others, for the \_\_\_\_\_ and for the Kingdom.