

Confidence in God's Justice

Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel

Psalms Study - Psalm 28:1-9

Sunday – July 4th, 2010

CONTEXT of Psalm 28: - David is the author of this Psalm. As with many of the Psalms we are not given the occasion of David's history as he wrote this Psalm. It is a prayer reflective of the reasoning process of David, and his argument before God for God to act according to His righteous justice. It is unclear from the context whether those who work evil are personally targeting David or whether David, because of his righteous heart, is severely vexed over the general actions of others. It is likely that both are true. In both cases David recognizes that God must and will act in judgment, and his prayer is that he will be remembered by God, and not destroyed in the same judgment. David makes several elaborate points. He makes it clear that his confidence is exclusively in God. He points out that if God does not hear his prayer he indeed has no hope and no desire to continue to live. He prays earnestly for the destruction of the wicked, and that God will indeed act in righteous justice. He further aligns himself with the chosen of God (this particular reference is no doubt to those who are truly under the covenant God made with Israel), and prays earnestly for their safety and promised future. By application this is a Psalm we can easily apply today. No righteous person can live without being vexed by the evil actions of those in authority over us, the destruction of our country, the church, and the family. The moral decay, and wickedness is beyond measure. A Christian today can overlay his prayer over this Psalm.

Introduction:

I. Personal Contrast with the wicked (28:1-5)

A. Sole hope in God (28:1-2)

B. Solemn plea against the wicked (28:3-5a)

II. Personal Confidence (28:5b-7)

A. Surety that God will act (28:5b-6)

B. Strength and joy by faith (28:7)

III. Provision for the chosen (28:8)

IV. Plea for the Chosen (28:9)

Conclusion:
