

Crushed By God

Psalm 44

Trinity Bible Church - Adult Sunday School Class
"The Psalms: From Promise to Praise" – Lesson 9
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Introduction

- ◇ Context of Psalm 44
 - ◇ Who wrote the Psalm?
 - ◇ Why was it written?
 - ◇ What is the theme of the Psalm?
- ◇ Outline of the Psalm
 - ◇ A declaration of the Lord's mercy and deliverance to prior generations
 - ◇ A lament of the Lord's affliction in the present
 - ◇ A prayer to the Lord for deliverance

God's Prior Mercies

- ◇ A message from their fathers (vs. 1-2)
 - ◇ We have heard with our ears from our fathers who saw these things
 - ◇ The Lord delivered us in our day and showed us great mercy
- ◇ God's sovereignty shown in his special favor (vs. 2-3)
 - ◇ The heathen drove out... God's people planted (Ex. 23:28)
 - ◇ The people afflicted and cast out... favor shown and deliverance given
- ◇ God's might shown in deliverance
 - ◇ God's hand cast out the nations
 - ◇ God's sword conquered
 - ◇ God's hand saved them

God's Prior Mercies

- ◇ God's kindness in the present generation (vs. 4-8)
 - ◇ He has defeated prior foes
 - ◇ He has upheld us in His strength
 - ◇ He has been our boast and trust

The Lord's Present Affliction

- ◇ The Lord's affliction of the Nation
 - ◇ He has allowed them to be defeated (vs. 9-10)
 - ◇ He has allowed them to be slaughtered (vs. 11)
 - ◇ He has allowed them to go into slavery (vs. 12)
 - ◇ He has allowed them to be covered with shame (vs. 13-16)
- ◇ The innocence of the Nation
 - ◇ We have not forgotten you (vs. 17)
 - ◇ We have not turned away from loving you (vs. 18)
 - ◇ We have not walked the paths of sin
- ◇ The conclusion of the Nation: We are oppressed for your sake (vs. 22)

A Prayer of Deliverance

- ◇ The Psalmist's prayer to God
 - ◇ Awake and rescue us
 - ◇ Turn your face to us and remember our troubles
 - ◇ Save us for your mercies sake
- ◇ The prayers of God's people
 - ◇ Asa against the Million Ethiopian soldiers (2 Ch. 14:11-13)
 - ◇ Hezekiah against Sennacherib (2 Kings 19:15-19)
 - ◇ Elisha against the Assyrians (2 Kings 6:17-18)