

Praying Our Fears

Psalm 3

Into the Lesson:

From Sam's sermon, take a "Selah" moment to read and reflect on the following verse.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; instead, perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment. So, the one who fears is not complete in love.

Into the Word:

As you reread Psalm 3, chart the progression from:

Feelings vv.1-2-
Truth vv.3-4-
Hope vv.5-8-

Spend some time in II Samuel to understand some of the disfunction this "Man after God's own heart" has wrought to cause his fears:

II Samuel 11:1-13-
II Samuel 12:1-14-
II Samuel 13:1-12-
II Samuel 15:1-12-

I'm guessing Thanksgiving Dinner was a colorful event.

From Sam's sermon, contrast the difference between David's "Fear" and "Anxiety".

Comment on Sam's quote, "To obey may take me into danger, but to obey is also the only way I know I will be protected."

How crucial are the following phrases to realizing this truth:

My **Shield**-
My **Glory**-
My **Victor**-

How did David *not* work out that he "**should be in the same camp**" when it came time for retribution?

How does Deuteronomy 32:34-35 and Romans 12:19 speak to this situation?

Into Life:

How do we translate this truth from Sam's sermon < "We do **not hope in a God who only protects, but One who is victorious**" into our everyday walk with the Lord?

How important is prayer in this process?

What about those we encounter whose default life setting seems to be "fear"?

What are some of the behaviors that would give evidence of this?

How does the reality that God is "**Not necessarily victorious over people, but victorious over evil itself**" factor into our efforts to reach the unchurched?

Romans 12:9-12

⁹Let love be without hypocrisy. Detest evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another deeply as brothers and sisters. Take the lead in honoring one another. ¹¹Do not lack diligence in zeal; be fervent in the Spirit; serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer.

This Week's Songs:

All We Need

He Reigns (Though Troubles Assail) (Valley Original)

Turn Your Eyes (Hymn 269)

Jesus Strong And Kind (Hymn 362)

Run To The Father

