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Psalm 129

Sermon notes from 8/10/08

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Summary

Songs of Ascents

This collection of 15 songs (Ps 120-134) was a special hymn book for Israel's use on their way to Jerusalem for the covenant feasts. They help us give voice to the longing of God's people to be with our God together.

Text

¹ They have greatly oppressed me from my youth—
let Israel say—
² they have greatly oppressed me from my youth,
but they have not gained the victory over me.
³ Plowmen have plowed my back
and made their furrows long.
⁴ But the LORD is righteous;
he has cut me free from the cords of the wicked.
⁵ May all who hate Zion be turned back in shame.
⁶ May they be like grass on the roof,
which withers before it can grow;
⁷ with it the reaper cannot fill his hands,
nor the one who gathers fill his arms.
⁸ May those who pass by not say,
“The blessing of the LORD be upon you;
we bless you in the name of the LORD.”

Message

I. Israel (God's People) Have Always Suffered.

II. Her Enemies Receive a Curse.

III. God's Goodness Is Shown in *Blessings & Cursings*.

Application

Please pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you with the following questions:

How do we reconcile God's promised blessings and the suffering of Israel?

What curses are called upon the wicked? Are they just? *Do we deserve them?*

How do we trust God with both His promises and curses?

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