



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 14th February 2021
Series- Songs of Experience part 4

A Prayer for Justice

***“But you, Sovereign Lord,
help me for your name’s sake;
out of the goodness of your love, deliver me.”***

- **Psalm 109:21**

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1. Cry out to God when you experience injustice. Ps 109:1-5

2. Pray your anger out! Ps. 109:6-20

3. Take your appeal to a Sovereign God. Ps. 109:21-30.

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Psalm 109:1-5. What behavior has prompted the opening of this Psalm? What has the Psalmist's enemy done to him? What does he ask God to do about it and what do you think he meant by this?
2. Read Psalm 109:6-15. How does this section of the Psalm make you feel? What does it tell you about the Psalmist's experience?
3. Read Psalm 109:16-20. What does this reveal about the Psalmist's enemy- what kind of person was he?
4. Read Psalm 109:21-30. How does the Psalmist lean into the character of God in these verses? How do these verses describe that character and why do you think "God's Character," and the fact that he is Sovereign is important in this instance?

B. Meditation & application

5. Why do you think that this Psalm made it into the book of Psalms as instruction for the prayer life of Israel? What purpose did it serve?
6. Given Jesus' teaching on loving one's enemies- how do we marry that with the seeming scathing vent of the Psalmist?
7. Do you think we can still make a case for praying against enemies of God and the Gospel today? (Cf Matt 5:44 & Jude 9-11)
8. How do we guard against a spirit of vindictiveness when unjustly attacked? (1 Peter 2:19-35, 3:13-18 & 4:12-19)

A Prayer: Heavenly Father- we thank you for the gift of the Psalms. We praise you that we can bring everything to you. Our fears, our anger and our sense of injustice. Help us to recognize that you are Sovereign, loving and eager to deliver us. In Jesus Name Amen.