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The Book of Psalms part II: Psalm 9 Saturday, May 10, 2025

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

²I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

³My enemies turn back; they stumble and perish before you.

⁴For you have upheld my right and my cause, sitting enthroned as the righteous judge.

⁵You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked; you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.

⁶Endless ruin has overtaken my enemies, you have uprooted their cities; even the memory of them has perished.

⁷The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. ⁸ He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.
⁹ The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.
¹⁰ Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

¹¹ Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done. ¹² For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not ignore the cries of the afflicted.

¹³ Lord, see how myenemies persecute me!Have mercy and lift meup from the gates of death,

¹⁴ that I may declare your praises in the gates of Daughter Zion, and there rejoice in your salvation. ¹⁵ The nations have fallen into the pit they have dug; their feet are caught in the net they have hidden.

¹⁶ The Lord is known by his acts of justice; the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands.^[C]

¹⁷The wicked go down to the realm of the dead, all the nations that forget God.

¹⁸ But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish.

¹⁹ Arise, Lord, do not let mortals triumph; let the nations be judged in your presence.

²⁰ Strike them with terror, Lord; let the nations know they are only mortal.

Questions

- 1. How does Psalm 9 portray the contrast between the fate of the wicked and the security of the righteous?
- 2. In what ways does this psalm present God as both a judge and a refuge?
- 3. How can Psalm 9 guide modern believers in responding to injustice or suffering?
- 4. What role does memory and testimony ("telling of God's deeds") play in the faith journey according to this psalm?