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Text: Psalm 69

Title: The Suffering Savior

1. **Salvation for all that obey His Word, Have His Faith (Hab.2:4)**
   1. **Save Me, O God…**

You are going to have to learn **HOW** to suffer if you are going to be a soul-winner.

Ps 69:1 **Save me, O God**; for the waters are come in unto my soul. (13,29)

We need a full understanding of the salvation God is able to perform in our lives. Peter cried sinking in the water “Save me, Lord.” Sinking beneath literal physical waters, Peter cried for saving. Psalm 69 is not PHYSICAL waters but is a LIFE EXPERIENCE.

v.2 I sink in deep mire,

These are expressions of troubled waters. Anyone of these phrases used express that we can overcome on our own. As h cries ot, faith is being tested and proven. His faith is where? In God! “Save me, O God!”

* 1. **Save Me, O God**

Psalm 54:1 Save Me O God (DAVID)

Psalm 69:1 🡨There is a question as to if it is David speaking, but Psalm 54:1 there is no question, it is David.

There is the promise of full salvation where the Lord makes himself fully known to us. Most don’t even think about “FULL” salvation. God is merciful, but every sin that is unrepented of, God will judge.

Psalm 54🡨David is hiding among the Philistines from Saul. The Ziphites tattled on him to Saul. They saw his hiding place. The world can tell a real Christian from someone that is not genuine. The enemy is watching and you might not even realize how much. They can tell if you ar really trusting God or if you are hiding something.

David wanted God, but there were areas he needed his faith tested, proven and strengthen. The spirit of this age is creeping into people’s lives so much today. David wanted to serve God, but ther were times the spirit of his age influenced him.

Ac 13:36 For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:

God has been prepared to save man over and over.

Mic 7:8 Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me.

God’s grace is great, but there is a greater experience to be had than to fall into sin over and over again.

John 20:23—*Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.*

We cannot just remit sin unless God does it. But when God does remit, we must recognize that. Peter was told to forgive 70 x7 a day! God is merciful and gracious beyond our understanding, (Isa 49:8; 2Co 6:2 ) but this is not a license for us to hide out amongst the world. There a greater grace to work in our heart than to merely deliver us from sin and our hiding places.

Psalm 69:1; 54:1 “Save me o God” 🡨DAVID IS HIDING, BUT IS NOT HID!

You find that hiding place in God and the world will hate you!

* 1. **Arise, O Lord…**

Psalm 3:7—*Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.*

God cannot become any higher that what he is, but has a way of elevating our awareness of Him.

A lot of verses, you might read into Psalm 69 “God, just get rid of these enemies, destroy them.” But there is a great salvation available and greater than that!

Hab. 2:4 “The just shall live by His faith” 🡨God’s grace, glory, honor The more we know of God the more there is to know of Him! NO matter what the situation ( deep waters) God is greater! Peter walked above his troubled waters by walking on the WORD. Habakkuk trembled because he knew people would not receive, but his level of faith was raised.

Hab 1:2—*O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save!*

* 1. **HELP ME…**

Psalm 109:26*—Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to thy mercy:*

Most look at God’s mercy and grace like Jonah. Toward wickedness and evil and God having mercy because of our sin. But God came to Jacob and showed his truth to Jacob, but his mercy to Abraham.

Mic 7:20 Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

David had some insight of a nature change.

You can lose not only your testimony but your life.

Psalm 35:7 (Psalm 69:4) “Without Cause” Falsely accused. But at no time are we justified in thinking God has done us wrong!

1. **Jesus was being persecuted**

If were to follow Christ, we must learn how to suffer.

John 15:18-25 v.19 ... *therefore the world hateth you*. V.25 *They hated me without a cause.* (Ps 69:26; 2Ch 28:1-9)

Christ hurts over every empty seat in the church. God’s heart suffers. God’s nature is to be merciful and loving and kind and they HATED HIM. The more you know Him, the more they will hate you.

John 15:24—*If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.*

Lord, If you showed them all these great works and if you hadn’t done it they wouldn’t have had this sin. Why did you show yourself? (carnal, childish question) God is so merciful and gracious to show himself for the sake of the few that WILL receive.

1. “they persecute him whom thou hast smitten “
   1. He bore to tears in prayer the pain, ridicule and persecution that we deserved
      1. As believers we will face persecution
      2. As believers we can rejoice in suffering for His name sake
   2. He bore to death the sin and the shame in judgment what we deserved
      1. As Believers through faith in His death there is a death to sin
      2. As Believers through faith in His resurrection there is an end to being ashamed, condemned, conquered. Rom.1:16; 8:1, 31-39
2. “they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded”
   1. Being in agony He prayed more earnestly
      1. As unbelievers men’s rage reaches heaven
      2. As our Saviour He suffered and died in our place
      3. God can make even our enemies to be at peace with us

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Col 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

1Pe 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

2Ch 28:9 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded: and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because the LORD God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage that reacheth up unto heaven.

1. Judah was being persecuted
2. Judah offended God

If there is no beam in our own eye? Why, then, are we so censorious concerning the mote in our brother's eye?

When people imitate the heathen in their practices, they may expect the heathen to become instruments of their punishment, and executioners of divine vengeance upon them for their sins.

Ps 69:8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.

John 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

Ps 69:9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

John 2:17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

Ro 15:3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

Ps 69:25 Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.

Acts 1:20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.

Ps 69:12 They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards.

Ps 69:20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none.

Mt 27:29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

Ps 69:22 ¶ Let their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap.

Ps 69:23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.

Ro 11:9 And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them:

Ps 69:21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Mt 27:34 They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.