

WEEK OF PRAYER & FASTING: Day 3

Castleton Community Church | Psalms of Wisdom

Song: "10,000 REASONS"

PRAYER #1: PSALM 1

Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
²but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

³He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Suggested Prayer Points:

- Praise that blessedness is not deserved, it is a gift of God - v. 1 (Eph. 2:8-9)
- That we would delight in God's Word and that we would be doers of His Word - v.2 (James 1:22)
- That we would yield fruit for Christ drawing others to Him - v. 3 (Luke 10:2)
- That we would keep on the path of the righteous and not turn back - v.6 (Prov. 2:20; Gal. 4:9)

Song: "BUILD MY LIFE"

PRAYER #2: PSALM 49

⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me,
⁶ those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches?
⁷ Truly no man can ransom another,
or give to God the price of his life,
⁸ for the ransom of their life is costly
and can never suffice,
⁹ that he should live on forever
and never see the pit.
¹⁰ For he sees that even the wise die;
the fool and the stupid alike must perish
and leave their wealth to others.
¹¹ Their graves are their homes forever,
their dwelling places to all generations,
though they called lands by their own names.
¹² Man in his pomp will not remain;
he is like the beasts that perish.
¹³ This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;
yet after them people approve of their boasts. *Selah*
¹⁴ Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;
death shall be their shepherd,
and the upright shall rule over them in the morning.
Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell.
¹⁵ But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,
for he will receive me. *Selah*
¹⁶ Be not afraid when a man becomes rich,
when the glory of his house increases.
¹⁷ For when he dies he will carry nothing away;
his glory will not go down after him.
¹⁸ For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed
—and though you get praise when you do well for yourself—
¹⁹ his soul will go to the generation of his fathers,
who will never again see light.

Suggested Prayer Points:

- Steadfast faith in Christ amid the evil days that are upon us - v. 5 (1 Cor. 15:58)
- Thank God for Christ who redeemed us for Himself - vv. 7-9 (1 Peter 2:9)
- That we would not trust in health & wealth that are subject to decay - vv. 10-17 (1 Tim. 6:17)
- That we would seek the praise of God and not man - v. 18 (John 3:30; 1 Peter 4:11)

Song: "BE THOU MY VISION"

PRAYER #3: PSALM 73

- ¹ Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.
- ² But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,
my steps had nearly slipped.
- ³ For I was envious of the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- ¹³ All in vain have I kept my heart clean
and washed my hands in innocence.
- ¹⁴ For all the day long I have been stricken
and rebuked every morning.
- ¹⁵ If I had said, "I will speak thus,"
I would have betrayed the generation of your children.
- ¹⁶ But when I thought how to understand this,
it seemed to me a wearisome task,
- ¹⁷ until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I discerned their end.
- ²¹ When my soul was embittered,
when I was pricked in heart,
- ²² I was brutish and ignorant;
I was like a beast toward you.
- ²³ Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.
- ²⁴ You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.
- ²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
- ²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
- ²⁷ For behold, those who are far from you shall perish;
you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.
- ²⁸ But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

Suggested Prayer points:

- Repent of envy, self-pity and negative emotions that provoke us to anger and jealousy - vv. 2-3 (1 John 2:15-17)
- For regaining a proper perspective and rediscovery of the joy of the Lord that we have in Christ Jesus - v. 17 (1 John 3:1; Eph. 1:7-9)
- That we would not harbor bitterness against one another - v. 21-22 (Heb. 12:14-16)
- Remember those within our church family in precarious health; that God would be their strength - v. 26 (Phil. 4:12-13; James 5:13-15)

Song: "ANCIENT OF DAYS"

PRAYER #4: PSALM 127

¹ Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.
² It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.
³ Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.
⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.
⁵ Blessed is the man
who fills his quiver with them!
He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate

Suggested Prayer points:

- That we would build our house on the solid rock of Jesus Christ - v. 1a (Matt. 7:24-25, Eph. 2:19-21)
- That the Lord would watch over our city and its leaders - v. 1b (Romans 13:1-3)
- That we would be anxious for nothing, but prayerful in everything - v. 2 (Matt. 6:34; Phil. 4:6)
- For God's blessing on our children - vv. 3-5 (Matt. 19:14; Eph. 6:1,4)

Song: "CORNERSTONE"