



THE AWESOMENESS OF ALMIGHTY GOD – PSALM 57

- I. INTRODUCTION: DEVELOPING THE DEEP ROOTS OF DILIGENT DISCIPLINES (Heb. 11:6)
- A. Discipleship is a holy mandate from Christ (Mt. 28:18-20), with great rewards...
1. Enables stable _____ with God (Col. 2:6-7)
 2. Enlarges hearts daily with eternal and internal love (2 Cor. 5:14, 17)
 3. Enhances church _____ (Mt. 16:18; Acts 1:8)
 - a. By building strong soldiers for Christ (2 Tim. 2:2ff)
 - b. By building strong _____ (Eph. 5)
 - c. By building strong faithful families (Eph. 6:1-4)
 - d. By building a _____ base that's effectual, fruitful (Jas. 5:16)
 - e. By building vision for the lost world (Prov. 29:18)
 - i. So we _____ our mission... "Well done" ... (Mt. 25:21)
 - ii. So we have passion in serving (Ro. 12:11)
- B. Discipleship enflames churches to glorify God in all things (1 Cor. 10:31)
1. Time (Eph. 5:16)
 2. _____ (Lk. 12:48)
 3. Treasures...in Biblical stewardship delightfully pleasing God (Ps. 37:4-6)
- II. INSTRUCTION: PRAYER THAT DRAWS GOD INTO THE BATTLES OF LIFE (PS. 57)
- A. The holy privilege of calling upon a holy, loving God (v1-3)
1. Be _____...v1... a double cry bringing a double portion of mercy... (He. 4:16)
 - a. Prayer based on precious _____ (2 Pet. 1:1-4)
 - i. Is always answered, often exceedingly (Eph. 3:20)
 - ii. Is always providing _____ we need for life and godliness...
 - b. Mercy means God's covenantal promise of awe inspiring, loving help
 - i. O God...sinner calling on holy God...trusting Him (56:4, 10)
 - ii. David's long history of seeing God's love in _____ (Goliath)
 - a) His faithful hiding place (32:7; 119:114)
 - b) Soul satisfaction, _____ under His wings (17:8, 15)
 - c) Until calamities are over (5:3; 91:1)
 - i) Context..._____ from Saul
 - ii) Calling to be king...bulls-eye enlarged...
 - a. Saul is jealously hateful
 - b. Attempts to kill
 - c. David _____ in a cave for refuge



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2. Cries to His _____ faithful helpful God (v2)
 - a. “For me”...intimate hope (55:16-18)
 - b. Deep trials lead us to call on the Most High God
 - c. Although he’s in a cave, it could be a place of entrapment...
 - i. Needs to ___ to an Eternal Rock (Jas. 4:7-8)
 - ii. Ps. 61:2; 125:1
3. Help’s coming from heaven...v3...as God _____ takes care of His servants!
 - a. Selah...note David’s courageous confidence before God even answers!
 - i. Musical _____...
 - ii. APPLICATION...where we pause to rest, meditate
 - a) Knowing His mercy always fosters truth
 - b) As we _____ contentment (Phil. 4:11)
 - c) As we wait in hopeful trust (62:5)...cf. Job...
 - d) People living in sin are usually in a _____
 - i) Absalom not waiting for the kingdom throne
 - ii) Prodigal not _____ for inheritance
 - iii) Pharisees not waiting to see if Jesus was their Messiah...truth and time...
 - a. Refusing protection
 - b. Mt. 23 “O Jerusalem...”
 - b. God’s truth shows up in _____ time (Ecc. 3:11)
 - i. Philistines taking ark of covenant into their temple of Dagon
 - ii. I Sam. 5:2-7
 - iii. God _____ Himself to be Elohim Elyon...Supreme Almighty One
 - iv. Cf. Hezekiah (Isa. 37)
 - a) Sennachrib threatens...
 - b) Impossible odds
 - c) _____ prayer of utter dependency...
 - d) Angel wipes out 185,000 Assyrian soldiers!
 - e) Sennacherib’s 2 sons kill him at home...
 - f) LESSON...don’t mess with God’s glorious anointed man
 - i) God _____ trials to test our use of His weapons
 - ii) To enlarge our battlefield skills of prayer and the Word (Heb. 4:12, 16)
 - B. The holy privilege of God’s gracious daily protection (v4-6)
 1. Protection from the lions...v4...who target the _____ in heart (I Peter 5:8)
 - a. Satan’s emissaries...liars and murderers (Jn. 8:44)



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- b. Set on fire by hell...(56:5)
 - c. Tongues aflame with slander, _____, discord, and guile
 - i. Jas. 1:26; 3:5-6
 - ii. I Pe. 3:10
2. Protection due to _____ on the Problem Solver...v5
- a. O God...the exalted One
 - i. Who lives far above my problems
 - ii. Isa. 55:8-9
 - b. Prayer that glorifies His Name through _____ trust
 - i. As we boast in our weaknesses
 - ii. 2 Cor. 12:10ff...finding His grace to be quite sufficient!
3. God's enemies always reap what they sow, in _____ time...v6
- a. Gal. 6:7...cf. Daniel 6...in the lion's den...conspirators die, families too!
 - b. Selah..._____ here in His graces of eternal comfort and truth (2 Cor. 1)
 - c. Remember well the fate of Haman, Judas, Korah, etc.
- C. The holy praise of faithful hearts...v7-11
1. _____ hearts...v7...anchored deeply (Heb. 6:19)...outside of self...
- a. O God...a holy reference point!
 - b. Double faith eliminates _____ mindedness!!
 - i. Enabled by dual crucifixion
 - ii. Gal. 6:14
 - iii. Resulting in resurrection power (Phil. 3:10)
 - a) _____ of flowing praises (Mt. 12:34)
 - b) Ps. 108:1
2. Dual awakening...v8
- a. Heart and mind alive for His glory, freed from oppression of Saul
 - b. Eph. 5:14
 - c. _____...manna in the morning! (119:11)
3. Praise Thee O Lord...v9
- a. Spirit filled _____ always have new songs in them...
 - b. As God is always doing new things...2 Cor. 5:17
 - i. Rev. 21:5
 - ii. Heb. 12:24



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4. Thanks God for merciful truths that _____ lives and perspective...v10
 - a. Circumstances may not change...
 - b. But people who fear God change their _____ and actions (55:19)
5. O God...fifth time...v11
 - a. Long before God answers his prayer...
 - i. David is offering up sacrificial praises
 - ii. Heb. 13:15
 - b. As we consider His faithfulness (I Sam. 12:24)
 - i. By using our resources _____
 - ii. The Word and prayer (Heb. 4:12, 16)