

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: TRIPLE THREAT

Main Text: Psalm 55

Sermon Description: Psalm 55 is a three part song, sung three times daily, encapsulating three indispensable elements of prayer in crisis. Spurgeon in expounding the theme of Psalm 55 as a warrior's imprecation – or call for judgement – is quoted as follows: “There is justice in the universe, love itself demands it, pity to rebels against God, as such, is no virtue – we pray for them as creatures, we abhor them as enemies of God. We need in these days far more to guard against the disguised iniquity which sympathizes with evil, and counts punishment to be cruelty, than against the harshness of a former age.” Songs/prayers like Psalm 55 – as Spurgeon rightly observes – are relevant so long as Genesis 3:15 and the great antithesis is a reality in history. There will remain enmity between the righteous and the seed of the serpent until the consummation of history. Psalm 55 provides fitting worship for the covenant bound warrior navigating the spiritual warfare of the inter-advent. (The time between the resurrection and the second coming of Christ)

Heading: THREE ELEMENTS OF PRAYERFUL WORSHIP IN CRISIS...

1. SUPPLICATION (Ps 55:1-7)

- a. Pattern for prayer (Dan 6)
- b. Poetic persistence (Mt 7:7-11)
- c. Pressing impetus (II Sam 15-18)

2. IMPRECATION (Ps 55:8-19)

- a. Flood (Gen 7,8)
- b. Babel (Gen 11)
- c. Judas (Luke 22)
- d. Korah (Num 16)

3. VIOLATION (Ps 55:20-23)

- a. Escalation (13-14, Ps 54)
- b. Broken covenant (20-22)
- c. Ultimate sanctions (19&23)

Close: The fear of the Lord demonstrated through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior is the foundation for all covenant keeping deliverance and salvation. From Babel to Babylon we see the fate of those who set themselves against the Lord and His anointed. Rev 19:1-5 concludes with this antithesis – may we be among those who have graciously received salvation and worship the Lord for His justice!

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Faith examples	Patience	Promise	Oath	Headship	High priest
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Heb 11:1-6	Heb 3:5-14	Gen 15:1-7	Gen 15:8-18	Rom 5:17-21	Lev 15:11-32

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Further Study' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: Matthew 22:41-45 ...David's Lord...