

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

6-11-17 Ken Carlton

Title: UNCOMMON GROUND

Main Text: Psalm 70

Sermon Description: Psalm 70 is a refrain from Psalm 40. A virtually verbatim echo of verses 13-17 of the prior song. Psalm 40 contains direct Messianic fulfillment as Hebrews 10 recognizes its foretelling of the incarnation. The messianic allusions extend to the rest of Psalm 40 and Ps 70 as well as we recognize the attitude of the unbeliever mirrored in its hatred of Jesus, not to mention His physical lineage (David) and spiritual lineage (all united to Him by faith). Ps 40 and 70 stand as counter-examples to the all-to-common tendency in our modern day of seeking common ground with the world and the enemies of Christ. While common ground of a certain type certainly exists (Original sin, Adam's federal headship, image of God, all are without excuse, all have suppressed the Law of God written on their conscience), these points of contact are not the popular emphasis, instead, we often seek to minimize our peculiarity in a world of self-worshipping unbelief. We do this through compromise, false ecumenism, and syncretism etc.. This is a tendency worth fighting against in every age. Edward Gibbon in "The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" said of the doomed state: "The various modes of worship, which prevailed in the Roman world were all considered by the people as equally true, by the philosophers as equally false; and by the magistrate as equally useful." Men sought then what they try to do now... to flatten out true distinctions and find consensus in the idolatry of their common experience seeking to transcend God. Little wonder the one religion Rome could not tolerate was the only power holding the pieces together when she imploded. Let us turn to Ps 70 to help us fight in our time.

Heading: ...MAPPING THE PRONOUNS OF PS 70, WE DISCOVER...

1. CHARACTERISTICS OF MESSIAH'S DETRACTORS (2-3)

- a. They seek my life b. They desire my hurt c. They say: "Aha, aha" (Mark 15:29-32)

2. CONSEQUENCES FOR MESSIAH'S DETRACTORS (2-3)

- a. Put to shame and confusion (II Sam 18:9-18) b. Brought to dishonor c. Turned back because of their shame

3. CHARACTERISTICS OF MESSIAH'S DEPENDENTS (4-5)

- a. Who seek you (Rom 3:11, Ps 27:7-8) b. Who love your salvation c. Poor and needy

4. CONSEQUENCES FOR MESSIAH'S DEPENDENTS (4-5)

- a. Rejoice & be glad in You b. Say evermore: "God is great" c. Swift help & deliverance

AIM: To sharpen our distinctions between the rebellious & the righteous in our understanding & appreciation that we may *take the Gospel seriously*...

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Overview	Detractor Characteristics	Detractor consequences	Dependent characteristics	Dependent consequences	of Christ
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Ps 70	70:1-3	70:1-3	70:4-5	70:4-5	Mrk 15:29-32

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: Mat 27:62-66 ...anti-Christ schemes at the crucifixion...