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**BIBLE STUDY**

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**“HELP ME, O LORD MY GOD: O SAVE ME ACCORDING TO THY MERCY:”**

**Psalms 109:14-31**

***Psalms 109:14 "Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out."***

In the previous lesson we had been studying about David desiring the just punishments for these evil people. We had said that God really did not need suggestions from David. This above is just a statement of what really happens. God does not forget the sins that are not under the blood of the Lamb.

***Psalms 109:15 "Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth."***

This is a wish of David's that this family will not be able to continue. This is saying, don't let them have children and grandchildren to carry on their evil deeds.

***Psalms 109:16 "Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart."***

It seems that this evil person showed no mercy for others and does not deserve any mercy to be shown to him. This man was so evil that he even got pleasure in doing terrible things to those who could not help themselves.

***Psalms 109:17 "As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him."***

David is saying, let him reap what he has sown. David is just asking justice for this man. We have discussed so many times, that what comes from our mouth is what we really are, because it comes from the heart. Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh. This man is evil to the core. His inner most being is full of cursing. Let the words of his mouth speak out against himself. What he speaks on others, let it be in his life.

***Psalms 109:18 "As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones."***

Cursing once in a while is bad, but it seems, this evil person here curses all the time. The fact that it clothes him like a garment means that every word he utters includes cursing. He is surrounded by it. This man is so evil that even his bones and bowels are full, as well. A person who loves and worships God will have rivers of living waters flowing from their inner most being. This, evil, cursing, man has death coming from his inner most being.

***Psalms 109:19 "Let it be unto him as the garment [which] covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually."***

The believers in the LORD are clothed in the robe of righteousness. This evil man is clothed in sin. He is even tied down with it. He is wrapped in it as a girdle. Thank goodness, his sin is out for all to see.

***Psalms 109:20 "[Let] this [be] the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, and of them that speak evil against my soul."***

We see a summation here by David of all the sin in this evil person. Again, David is saying to God, You take vengeance on him for me. As we said earlier, it is a very dangerous thing to speak against the servant of God. The servant will not take vengeance, but God will take vengeance in behalf of his servant.

***Psalms 109:21 "But do thou for me, O GOD the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy [is] good, deliver thou me."***

David has finally gotten his eyes off this evil person and is asking for God's help. God will deliver His own. Notice in the verse above, that David is not asking favors in his own name. He asks favors in the {thy name's sake}. Have mercy upon me and lift me above all of this, is the cry of David.

***Psalms 109:22 "For I [am] poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me."***

Now we all know that David was not poor as to having material things. He is speaking of the things of the spirit here. David was just about to die of a broken heart, and that is what he is asking for help with. Many of us know what it is to have a wounded spirit. Usually guilt causes us to have a broken spirit. The first step to forgiveness is having a broken heart for what we have done. Forgiveness is soon in coming when this is our condition.

***Psalms 109:23 "I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust."***

The long persecution that David had encountered had left him tossed to and fro. At this point, David felt as if all hope of getting back where he wanted to be was fading fast away.

***Psalms 109:24 "My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness."***

This means that the prayers David had been sending heavenward are very serious prayers. Fasting shows you mean business with God. It seems that David had fasted for an extended length of time. His strength was gone. He had actually lost a great deal of weight from this extended fast.

***Psalms 109:25 "I became also a reproach unto them: [when] they looked upon me they shaked their heads."***

It appears that they had been ridiculing David for his fasting and prayer. They had been reminding him that all this fasting and prayer was not getting an answer. Since they did not believe in God themselves, they thought what David was doing was foolish.

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

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Notice, that David calls Him {my God}. David is not asking for justice for himself, but mercy. Great is the mercy of the LORD to those who love Him.

***Psalms 109:27 "That they may know that this [is] thy hand; [that] thou, LORD, hast done it."***

David wants this answer to his prayer to be evident to these unbelievers, so they will know that God is a God of forgiveness. He not only wants the prayer answered, but for there to be no doubt in any one's mind who answered the prayer. Secret miracles are great, but those that are evident to the unsaved world can bring many to salvation.

***Psalms 109:28 "Let them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoice."***

David is saying here, let them go ahead and curse him, as long as God blesses him. David does not even want the blessing of this evil one. He wants God's blessings. When the prayer is answered and David is rejoicing, then these evil ones will be ashamed of themselves.

***Psalms 109:29 "Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle."***

For those of unbelief to see a miracle is very confusing. This would, also, bring shame to them, as well, because they had said God did not exist. If He did not exist, how did He answer this prayer? They are now consumed with confusion and have no idea what to believe. They have been proved wrong, now what do they do?

***Psalms 109:30 "I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude."***

David will not keep silent about this. He will open his mouth wide and praise the LORD to all who will listen.

***Romans 10:10 "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."***

It is not good to be a silent Christian. We must praise out loud the mighty works of God.

***Psalms 109:31 "For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save [him] from those that condemn his soul."***

Spiritual blessings come through the right side. God upholds those who are His. He helps the poor and pleads the case of the condemned that believe in Him. Jesus is our advocate with the Father.

**QUESTIONS**

1. Let the iniquity of his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be remembered with the LORD.

2. David is saying, cut off the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of them from the earth.

3. Why did David not want these evil ones to have children and grandchildren?

4. Who had this evil man not shown mercy to?

5. The evil man loved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Where does cursing originate?

7. Out of the abundance of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the mouth speaketh.

8. What was this evil man clothed with?

9. In contrast to this evil one, what do believers have flowing from their inner being?
10. This \_\_\_\_\_ man is clothed in sin.
11. What is a summation of David's feelings toward this evil one?

12. It is a very dangerous thing to speak evil of whom?
13. The favors that David is asking, is in whose name?
14. In verse 22, David says he is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
15. Is this speaking of material things?
16. What usually causes a broken spirit?
17. David said he was tossed up and down as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
18. What had caused David's knees to be weak?
19. How long had he fasted?
20. When they looked on David, what did they do?
21. Why did they believe what David was doing was foolish?
22. Save me according to \_\_\_ mercy.
23. The effectual \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ of a righteous man availeth much.
24. What does David want in addition to the answer of his prayer?

25. Miracles that are evident to the world can bring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

26. David says, let them go ahead and curse me, but you God, do what?

27. In verse 29, David says let his adversaries be clothed with what?

28. Quote Romans chapter 10 verse 10.
29. He shall stand at the right hand of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.