

Evening Sermon Outline – December 10, 2017

“Deliverance from the Liar” Psalm 120

I. The psalmist’s mission, state and remedy –

<A Song of Ascents.> In my distress I cried to the LORD, And He heard me.

1. *At appears the Psalmist is on his way to Jerusalem, on Pilgrimage, this is why the Psalm is called a Psalm of Ascents*

<A Song of Ascents.>

- A. *C.H. Spurgeon, counts the Psalmist here to be David, the occasion, his bringing the Ark to Jerusalem. The Liar in that case would be Doeg the Edomite, the one who lied to Saul about him!*
- B. *I believe the Psalm is unclear about who the human author is because the DIVINE AUTHOR has a good reason for it being unclear ...*
- C. *One reason would be the application to ALL-of-US, as Old Israelites made their journey to an earthly Jerusalem; we who are New Testament seek a Heavenly Jerusalem –*

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Colossians 3:1-3 NKJ)

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, (Philippians 3:20 NKJ)

2. *David’s distress, if Doeg is the liar here, was his being hunted by Saul*
3. *Our distress would be, our being hunted by Satan, the father of lies, and hated by an ungodly world –*

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Peter 5:8 NKJ)

"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. (John 15:18 NKJ)

4. *Both our and the Psalmist’s remedy in such circumstances is*

PRAYER -

In my distress I cried to the LORD, And He heard me. (Psalm 120:1 NKJ)

II. Deliverance from LIES -

² Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips *and* from a deceitful tongue. (Psalm 120:2 NKJ)

There are two-kinds of DELIVERENCE we need from LIES:

1. *Deliverance from slander against ourselves –*
 - A. *Doeg was definitely a slanderer, he not only slandered David, who was faithful to Saul, even though Saul wanted to kill him, but he also slandered and killed the Priests of the LORD, all to gain favor with King Saul –*

Then answered Doeg the Edomite, who was set over the servants of Saul, and said, "I saw the son of Jesse going to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. ¹⁰ "And he inquired of the LORD for him, gave him provisions, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine." ¹¹ So the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests who were in Nob. And they all came to the king. ¹² And Saul said, "Hear now, son of Ahitub!" And he answered, "Here I am, my lord." ¹³ Then Saul said to him, "Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, in that you have given him bread and a sword, and have inquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as it is this day?" ¹⁴ So Ahimelech answered the king and said, "And who among all your servants *is* as faithful as David, who is the king's son-in-law, who goes at your bidding, and is honorable in your house? ¹⁵ "Did I then begin to inquire of God for him? Far be it from me! Let not the king impute anything to his servant, *or* to any in the house of my father. For your servant knew nothing of all this, little or much." ¹⁶ And the king said, "You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you and all your father's house!" ¹⁷ Then the king said to the guards who stood about him, "Turn and kill the priests of the LORD, because their hand also *is* with David, and because they knew when he fled and did not tell it to me." But the servants of the king would not lift their hands to strike the priests of the LORD. ¹⁸ And the king said to Doeg, "You turn and kill the priests!" So Doeg the Edomite turned and struck the priests, and killed on that day eighty-five men who wore a linen ephod. ¹⁹ Also Nob, the city of the priests, he struck with the edge of the

sword, both men and women, children and nursing infants, oxen and donkeys and sheep-- with the edge of the sword. (1 Samuel. 22:9-19 NKJ)

Notice how lies, lead to MURDER; this is the way of the father of lies –
- "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. (John 8:44 NKJ)

2. We NEED also deliverance from LIES we believe, fall into or even use ourselves –
 - A. One such lie was one Peter once believed, he believed Jesus NEED not go to the cross –

From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. ²² Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" ²³ But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." ²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. (Matthew 16:21-24 NKJ)

- B. David, the man after God's own heart, fell to lying / deception when he had Uriah placed at the front lines, murdered, in order to cover up his sin with Bathsheba ...

III. The judgment of liars –

³ What shall be given to you, or what shall be done to you, You false tongue? ⁴ Sharp arrows of the warrior, With coals of the broom tree! (Psalm 120:3-4 NKJ)

"Swift, sure, and sharp shall be the judgment Their words were as arrows, and so shall their punishment be." C.H. Spurgeon

Verse 4.—"Coals of juniper." (Broom tree) The fire of the *rothem* burns for a very long time covered with its ashes; like malignant slander. But the secret malignity becomes its own terrible punishment.—William Kay.

Where we live –

⁵ Woe is me, that I dwell in Meshech, *That* I dwell among the tents of Kedar! ⁶ My soul has dwelt too long With one who hates peace. ⁷ I am for peace; But when I speak, they are for war. (Psalm 120:5-7 NKJ)

So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts." (Isaiah 6:5 NKJ)

Verse 5.—"Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, that I dwell in the tents of Kedar!" Mesech was a son of Japheth; and the name here signifies his descendants, ..., who occupied that wild mountain region which lies between the Caspian Sea and the Black Sea. Kedar, again, was a son of Ishmael; and the name here signifies his descendants, the wandering tribes, whose "hand is against every man, and every man's hand against them." There is no geographical connection between those two nations: the former being upon the north of Palestine, and the latter upon the south. The connection is a moral one. They are mentioned together, because they were fierce and warlike barbarians. ...—N. McMichael.

Today, we still dwell in such a place –

1. Paul describes all the unregenerate -
"Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ Destruction and misery are in their ways; ¹⁷ And the way of peace they have not known." (Romans 3:15-17 NKJ)
2. Jesus describes our world, but also His victory -
"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33 NKJ)

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