Evening Sermon Outline – June 9, 2019
"Needing & Pleading" Psalm 28

None of us wants to be thought of as needy, but we all are …

I. David signs his name to the FACT of his NEED -

1. Psalm 28 is titled **A Psalm of David.**

David was the second King of Israel. Apart from Christ, He was known as the greatest king of Israel. David is called in Scripture a man after God's own heart –

22 And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, *'I have found David* the *son* of Jesse, *a man after My* own *heart,* who will do all My will.*' Acts 13:22*

2. Yet, David cries to God, he sings in a way that shows his great NEED, he needs God to hear and answer his prayer -

1 To You I will cry, O LORD my Rock: Do not be silent to me, Lest, if You *are* silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. 2 Hear the voice of my supplications When I cry to You, When I lift up my hands toward Your holy sanctuary.

A. What is seen here again is a passionate prayer, called a cry –

1 To You I will cry…

B. Here the cry is to the LORD, the name of God, David's Rock, "Rock" hear = security, fortress, place of safety –

"A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;"
Martin Luther

2. David's fear was God's silence –

Do not be silent to me, Lest, if You *are* silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

If God was not with David, David felt he would be no different than those who were heading to Hell! If we will not to God now plead, how quickly down to Hell we will speed! The law of depravity is a lot like gravity, it always pulls us down, down down!

12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 1 Corinthians 10:12

II. David feared being judged with the wicked -

2 Do not take me away with the wicked And with the workers of iniquity,… Psalm 28:3 A

1. The one thing sadly we have in common with the wicked, sin –

10 As it is written: *"There is none righteous, no, not one;* 11 *There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God*. Romans 3:10-11

2. The difference between the godly and the wicked is God-given SORROW for sin –

3 Blessed *are* those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4

A. Jesus is talking about mourning over sin!
B. What he is taking about is an extreme mourning!
C. This "mourning" is EXTREME MOURNING!

III. As he is mourning, praying, crying, David outlines the characteristics of the wicked –

1. Their employment is iniquity -

3… And with the workers of iniquity, Psalm 28:3 b

Iniquity is their employment, their job;

2. They speak "peace" when they have "evil" in their hearts –

4 Who speak peace to their neighbors, But evil *is* in their hearts.

Eventually even Israel's prophets would descend into this sin –

14 They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, Saying, 'Peace, peace!' When *there is* no peace. Jeremiah 6:14

3. Such people are surely worthy of punishment -

5 Give them according to their deeds, And according to the wickedness of their endeavors; Give them according to the work of their hands; Render to them what they deserve. 5 Because they do not regard the works of the LORD, Nor the operation of His hands, He shall destroy them And not build them up.

Would David fear being with such people? If so why?

IV. David receives his answer to prayer and blesses the LORD -

6 Blessed *be* the LORD, Because He has heard the voice of my supplications!

Has God ever answered your prayer(s)? How should we thank and praise God for answered prayer?

1. David called God His own -

7 The LORD *is* my strength and my shield; Psalm 28:7 A

A. Goliath had strength and a shield bearer –

4 And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span.

six cubits and a span. That is, nine feet, nine inches.
Reformation Study Bible, Editor R.C. Sproul

Goliath's strength was seen in His physical size!

B. *David's Strength was in the Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise -*

5 He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he *was* armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat *was* five thousand shekels of bronze. 6 And *he had* bronze armor on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders. 7 Now the staff of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead *weighed* six hundred shekels; and a shield-bearer went before him. 8 Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to line up for battle? *Am* I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. 9 If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." 10 And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together." 11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid. 1 Samuel 17:4-11

C. David's Shield was the Invisible God!

2.David trusted God –

My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Psalm 28:7 A

Trust, true faith is needed for answered prayer –

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. James 1:5-7

3.David rejoiced –

Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, Psalm 28:7 B

A. We are to rejoice in the LORD always –

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Philippians 4:4

22 Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded *them* to be beaten with rods. 23 And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw *them* into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. 27 And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. 28 But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." 29 Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

B. If we rejoice in the LORD when He allows trials, we should definitely rejoice, and PRAY more, when He smiles – upon us with answered prayer!

**And with my song I will praise Him. 8 The LORD *is* their strength,
And He *is* the saving refuge of His anointed. 9 Save Your people,
And bless Your inheritance; Shepherd them also, And bear them up forever.**

Note, answered prayer for ourselves should be followed by praying for others -

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