

Evening Sermon Outline – August 2, 2020

“Wicked Words vs the Word” Psalm 64

I. Who do we want to hear our voice? God, other human beings -

1. A godly man goes to God first -

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. ¹ Hear my voice, O God, in my meditation; Psalm 64:1 A (NKJV)

A. We live in the age of computers, high speed internet, social media COMMUNICATION and we want to get the Word out –

¹⁵ And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15 (NKJV)

Yet, before we are heard by the world, be sure we are heard by God -

¹ Hear my voice, O God, in my meditation

B. David used the tools available to him to get his message out –

- *Psalm writing skill*
- *The chief musician*
- *We should use whatever talent or resources we have; to make the LORD know –*

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:6 (NKJV)

But prayer was first, it connects us with the power of God to persuade -

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Ephesians 6:10 (NKJV)

¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

¹⁹ and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. Ephesians 6:18–20 (NKJV)

II. We pray because we are in a battle -

Preserve my life from fear of the enemy. Psalm 64:1 B (NKJV)

1. God here is our Life Preserver -

¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual

hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV)

2. The word here translated “life” in the Hebrew is plural “lives.” The Hebrews thought this way, for instance David had many lives –

- A. *His life as king*
- B. *His life as a husband, as a father, as a family man*
- C. *His life as a songwriter; musician*
- D. *His life as a warrior*

He is asking God for protection in all these lives, which we might call aspects of life.

III. What David needed protection from –

1. Secret plots –

² Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked, Psalm 64:2 A (NKJV)

David was now king, there was no army coming after him but secret plotting ...

- A. *Plots to kill*
- B. *Plots to make a person look bad / destroy reputation*

2. Rebellion –

From the rebellion of the workers of iniquity, Psalm 64:2 B (NKJV)

- A. *Not only against David but because iniquity, against God*
- B. *If it is against God’s Law it is rebellion and iniquity, even if men make it “legal”*

3. Sword tongues –

³ Who sharpen their tongue like a sword, Psalm 64:3 A (NKJV)

A. The Word of God is such a sword –

¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account. Hebrews 4:12–13 (NKJV)

- B. *But these sharp swords are evil: lies, slander, false stories, fake news...*

4. *Arrow words -*

And bend *their bows to shoot* their arrows—
bitter words, ⁴ That they may shoot in secret at
the blameless; Suddenly they shoot at him and
do not fear. Psalm 64:3 B – 4 (NKJV)

A. *Arrows can also be deadly, so can words –*

²¹ Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
... Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV)

B. *Arrows are shot from a distance, from a
place of seeming safety –*

Suddenly they shoot at him and do not fear. Psalm
64:3 B – 4 (NKJV)

5. *In Psalm 52 the words of the wicked were
compared to a razor –*

² Your tongue devises destruction, Like a sharp
razor, working deceitfully. Psalm 52:2 (NKJV)

*A good shaving razor gets every little hair, the
razor of the wicked finds every little sin of a
righteous person and makes a big deal of it!*

IV. *How the wicked deceive
themselves, they do not see God -*

⁵ They encourage themselves *in* an evil matter;
They talk of laying snares secretly; They say,
“Who will see them?” ⁶ They devise iniquities:
“We have perfected a shrewd scheme.” Both the
inward thought and the heart of man are deep.
⁷ But God shall shoot at them *with* an arrow;
Suddenly they shall be wounded.

1. *Evil is what the wicked do, they encourage
themselves in it –*

They devise (search out) iniquities,” etc. It is a
sign that malice boils up to a great height in
men’s hearts, when they are so active to
find matter against their neighbors. Love
would rather not see or hear of others’
failings; or if it doth and must, busies itself
in healing and reforming them to the
utmost of its power.—John Milward

2. *They think they have hatched the perfect
evil plan, they think no one has seen. They
think no one knows their evil plan / Yet God
catches them in their own trap -*

⁸ So He will make them stumble over their own
tongue; All who see them shall flee away.

3. *God’s aim in this is that others will see and
fear, and not try the same thing -*

⁹ All men shall fear, And shall declare the work of
God; For they shall wisely consider His doing.

V. *The righteous (God’s people) rejoice -*

¹⁰ The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and trust
in Him. And all the upright in heart shall glory.
Psalm 64: 10 (NKJV)

1. *The righteous are those who are made
righteous by Christ –*

⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the
excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my
Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things,
and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ
⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own
righteousness, which is from the law, but that which
is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is
from God by faith; ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the
power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His
sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by
any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the
dead. Philippians 3:7–11 (NKJV)

2. *They rejoice in Him because He ultimately
wins for them –*

A. *All things working together for “good”
includes the plots of enemies -*

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for
good to those who love God, to those who are the
called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For whom He
foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to
the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn
among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He
predestined, these He also called; whom He called,
these He also justified; and whom He justified, these
He also glorified. ³¹ What then shall we say to these
things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?
³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered
Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also
freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring a charge
against God’s elect? *It is* God who justifies. ³⁴ Who *is*
he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and
furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right
hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.
³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or
famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

B. *The worst they can do is kill us, yet even in
that we are victorious -*

³⁶ As it is written: “*For Your sake we are killed all
day long; We are accounted as sheep for the
slaughter.*”³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than
conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am
persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor
principalities nor powers, nor things present nor
things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any
other created thing, shall be able to separate us from
the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8:28–39 (NKJV)

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