

Psalm 9 A Psalm of David

¹ LORD Jesus,

“I thank and praise You with every ounce of my being, and I want to tell the whole world about all of the wonderful things You have done both in creation and in Your dealings with men.”

² Hey folks, I am glad to know Jesus Christ, the Messiah,¹ as my personal Savior from sin, because knowing Him and telling others about Him are both thrilling experiences. Since He is the LORD of lords and God of gods I will sing praises to His name. He is absolutely the greatest, and there is no question about that. No other being, mortal or immortal, comes even close to His greatness.

³ LORD, You have kept my just cause in sight, and from Your throne You have judged my case and found me innocent. I can see it all in my mind's eye - one day in the future You actually will stop my enemies in their tracks. When You face them in combat they will turn and run away only to stumble, fall, and be destroyed right before Your very eyes. ⁴ I can believe You will do this because You have given me both the desire and the ability to live in a just, fair, and equitable manner all these years. You know I'm telling the truth because You sit on Your throne monitoring all that is done on the earth. You are the best One for the task because You govern perfectly, and You administer exactly the right blessings or punishment each person should receive as a result of his actions and motives. You're the right One for the task because You give people what is most appropriate for their deeds in order to bring honor and glory to Your holy name. ⁵ Since You know the end from the beginning, You see the demise of every individual and nation who disobeys You as though it had already happened. In Your eyes You have already destroyed the wicked and their reputation so that they will be completely blotted out forever. ⁶ In Your foreknowledge You have already brought them to an abrupt end in ruins for all time, and You have completely destroyed their cities so that even the slightest recollection of them has vanished from the face of the earth forever.

⁷ Wicked people and their works will fade away, but the LORD will remain as God and King forever. He has firmly established His throne and dominion, and because He is a pure and just judge, jury, and executioner of divine justice He governs the people of the world righteously. To that end He is a pure and just deliverer of that justice. ⁸ Based upon this truth, He will examine the world and its peoples to see if any of them are good, right, and lawful. He will not be partial to anyone but will judge each individual on the same basis and with the same scrutiny as everyone else. He will then make determinations that are right and good in every way. ⁹ In addition, He will be a sure source of safety and security for all those who are being crushed by the weight of oppression. Even when things get really hard to bear He will be there for them if they will simply trust Him. ¹⁰ LORD Jesus, those who understand and appreciate all that You have done for them will put their trust in You. They will trust You because You have never forsaken those who depended upon You for help and safety in the past.

¹¹ Folks, the LORD Jesus Christ dwells in the hearts of all those who have trusted Him as their personal Savior from sin, so sing songs of praise to His wonderful name. Tell everyone about all the wonderful things He has done. ¹² For The LORD requires the blood of those who kill without justification as retribution for their sin, but He remembers those who have cried out to Him for help. He knows they are hurting and being oppressed when they cry out to Him, so He is glad to come to their aid.

¹³ LORD have pity upon me and show special favor toward me. Take note of the oppression I am forced to endure at the hands of those who hate me, and rescue me from the clutches of death and the grave. ¹⁴ When You do, I will be able to continue standing in the gates of Jerusalem telling everyone about the wonderful way You delivered me.

¹⁵ Those nations who have rejected You have dug a pit into which they will fall and be ruined, and the trap they set for others will catch them by the foot and hold them firmly. ¹⁶ The LORD has spoken, and everyone saw His working when He punished those nations for their sins. He executed judgments by allowing those wicked men and women to be caught and destroyed by the same trap they set for others. The principle of sow and reap works that way.

Now all of you, stop what you are going, and take a few minutes to ponder the truths I just shared with you. ¹⁷ Be assured that those nations who forget God will die and go to the grave. It is the natural result of their sin.

¹⁸ Those who are poor and needy will not always appear to be abandoned by their God, and those who are burdened with all sorts of hurts and heartaches will not go on forever seeing their hopes dashed to pieces. ¹⁹ LORD Jesus, come down from Your place in heaven, and see to it that wicked men don't succeed in attaining mastery over good men. Stand up, and judge the nations for their sins. ²⁰ LORD, put the fear of God into them so that they will see and recognize that You are God and that they are nothing but weak, mortal men.

Now all of you, stop what you are going, and take a few minutes to ponder the truths I just shared with you. Recognize that sin doesn't pay, but trust in God brings a good end.

¹ In John 14:6, Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me." Therefore, the name "LORD Jesus" or "Jesus Christ, the Messiah" has been used.