

PSA28 - NOTES

Background:

1. Written by David.
2. Psalm 28 is a Prayer Psalm. It is a Lament Psalm.
3. When and under it was written, we do not know. Some suppose it was written at the conclusion of the troubles with Absalom (especially since vv. 8-9 fit a king who had been through a civil war). However, this cannot be proven.
4. The Psalm is about praying for help and thanking God when the prayer is answered. So, while he laments of his problems at the beginning, the Psalmist praises God for His help. He worships the Lord in his need and in God's help.
5. The key to the Psalm is in v. 6 - God hears and answers our prayers!
6. Key words in this Psalm: Lord (Yahweh) 5x; Heart 3x; Mountain (defense/strength) 3x; Work 3x;

VV. 1-5 - A Prayer of Trouble

1. vv. 1-2 - Please Help!
 1. **Antithetic Parallelism** = To You, O Lord, I call; My rock, do not be deaf to me,
 2. **Progressive Parallelism (Climactic)** = My rock, do not be deaf to me, For if You are silent to me, I will become like those who go down to the pit.
 3. **Synthetic Parallelism** = Hear the voice of my supplications when I cry to You for help, When I lift up my hands toward Your holy sanctuary.
2. vv. 3-5 - Defeat the Wicked!
 1. **Synonymous Parallelism** =
 1. Requite them according to their work and according to the evil of their practices;
 2. Requite them according to the deeds of their hands;
 3. Repay them their recompense.
 2. Notice the wicked may not regard the works of the Lord and the deeds of His hand, but He will repay them for their works and the deeds of their hands (vv. 4-5)

VV. 6-9 - A Prayer of Thanksgiving

1. v. 6 - Thank You for hearing me.
2. v. 7 - Thank you for helping me.
3. v. 8 - Thank you for strengthening me.
4. v. 9 - Thank you for saving me.

Notice:

1. What he calls the Lord: Rock, Strength. Shield, Saving Defense, Shepherd.
2. The "voice" - He speaks these prayers out loud - not just thinking them.