

## Sing A Psalm of Hope - Psalm 69

I don't know if you saw it or not, iHeart Radio hosted a "Living Room Concert" earlier this week. It was a conglomeration of popular music artists singing their hit songs from their living rooms. It was one way they were trying to revive the spirits and morale of so many Americans stuck at home. The comment was made that by doing this they hoped to bring a little joy and comfort to people in these trying times. Martin Luther also saw great value in Church music, writing, *"I have no use for cranks who despise music, because it is a gift of God. Music drives away the Devil and makes people joyful; they forget thereby all wrath, unchastity, arrogance, and the like. Next after theology, I give to music the highest place and the greatest honor."* And *"Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."*

Over these next 3 days, we will be singing for our daily devotions. We will be taking a look at some of the Psalms (hymns) of the Bible and finding the Hope, Faith, and Glory that they share with God's people. During these stressful times for our nation, it is good for us today to sing a Psalm of Hope.

Psalm 69 was written by King David. Contained in this psalm is the prayer of a godly king. A king who had many troubles. The more King David tried to do right, the more enemies he seemed to make. The more King David looked at himself, the more he saw his sins which drove him deeper and deeper into despair. The more King David wanted to trust in the Lord, the more the Devil kept coming after him with doubt, guilt, and unworthiness. Psalm 69 is David's prayer song. It is song for deliverance from enemies, deliverance from sin, and deliverance from this world to heaven's eternity.

As we read Psalm 69, we cannot help but see ourselves in these words. Every day we awake our sins are ever before us. Our guilt torments us, our failures burden us, and our offenses against God only bring fear as we stand in judgment before God's Holy Law. The Devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh give us no relief but torment us every day wanting only to drive us into despair and to see no hope.

But sing a Psalm of Hope. In this psalm, we also see pictures of Christ our Savior. He came to pick up our sins and carry them to a cross. With the giving of his perfect life, he would defeat all enemies. With the shedding of his blood, he would pay for all sins. With his resurrection from the dead, he would bring the victory of forgiveness and eternal life. Jesus came to bring the hope and certainty of salvation. Jesus is our hope; only by faith in him do we stand before God as his children.

There are so many things going on in our world today that perhaps we do not feel like singing, or at least singing any songs of joy. But in Christ, sing your song of hope knowing of your Savior's deliverance. He has delivered us from our sins. He will deliver us from the hardships of this world. He will deliver us from this world to heaven's eternity.

**Read Psalm 69 as today's Scripture lesson.**

Blessings to you and your families,  
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