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Tuesday Bible Study – Psalm 48

Song “New Jerusalem” by Vertical Worship

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Psalm 48 – Tools – KJV Bible, Strong’s Concordance, Complete Jewish Bible, Biblestudytools.com, Gotquestions.org, Robertatkins.net, Compellingtruth.org, Enduringword.com, uopeople.edu

Read Psalm 48

Vs. 1-3 This psalm is about bragging how great God is.

***Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised
In the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.***

***Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth,
Is mount Zion, on the sides of the north,
The city of the great King.***

God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

Vs. 4-8 How the kings were troubled and feared the city of the great King.

***For, lo, the kings were assembled,
They passed by together.***

***They saw it, and so they marveled;
They were troubled, and hasted away.***

***Fear took hold upon them there,
And pain, as of a woman in travail.***

***Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish
With an east wind.***

***As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts,
In the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Selah***

Vs. 9-11 Gets Personal.

***We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God,
In the midst of thy temple.***

***According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of
The earth: Thy right hand is full of righteousness.***

***Let mount Zion rejoice,
Let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.***

Vs. 12-14 Tell everyone.

***Walk about Zion, and go round about her:
Tell the towers thereof.***

***Mark ye well her palaces;
That ye may tell it to generation following.***

***For this God is our God for ever and ever:
He will be our guide even unto death.***

What caught my attention in Psalm 48 was the name Korah, the mountains mentioned in the Bible, and the Jewish excitement about their God; yet they missed His coming, even when He was right in front of them.

A Little History

There are three Korah's are mentioned in the Bible. The beginning of Psalm 48 mentions this phrase, "A song and psalm *for the sons of Korah". These sons of Korah wrote Psalm 42, 44-49, 84, 85, 87, and 88.

The word "sons" in the Bible can be a biological son or a distant relative.

Example: Daniel 5 calls Belshazzar the son of Nebuchadnezzar, but Belshazzar was really Nebuchadnezzars' grandson.

First, *Genesis 36:5* The son of Esau and Aholibama, the grandson of Abraham. That's about all we know about him.

Second, *1 Chronicles 2:34* Korah was a son of Hebron. That's about all we know about him.

Third, ***Numbers 16:1-4, 29-35*** This is the Korah I think about when I hear the name Korah in the Bible.

NUMBERS 16:1-4

1 Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the son of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men: 2 and they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous us in the congregation, men of renown: 3 and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the Lord? 4 And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face: and he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, even to morrow the Lord will shew who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will cause him to come near unto him.

Two Take Aways

Don't find yourself associated with those who are against God or those God has appointed to leadership.

Family history does not have to determine your future.

Examples: Exodus 20:4, 2Kings 16:1-4 (Ahaz and Hezekiah), 2 Kings 21:19-24 (Amon and Josiah)

Exodus 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5 thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; 6 and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

There are some significant mountains in the Bible:

Mt. Ararat – *Genesis 8:4* The ark rested.

Mt. Moriah – *Genesis 22:2* Abraham was to offer Isaac as a sacrifice.

Mt. Sinai* – *Exodus 20* The 10 Commandments were given.

Mt. Gerizim – *Deuteronomy 11:29* Moses sets a blessing and a curse.

Mt. Nebo – *Deuteronomy 32:49* Moses saw the promise land.

Mt. Zion* – *2 Samuel 5:1-10* This refers to Jerusalem.

Mt. Carmel – *1 Kings 18: 16-46* Elijah is challenged by the prophets of Baal.

Mt. Tabor – *Matthew 17:1-9* The mount of transfiguration.

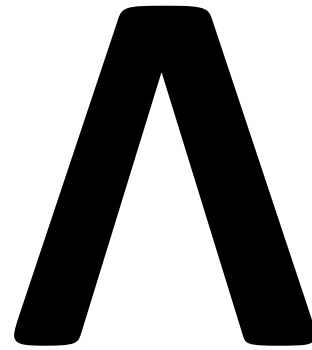
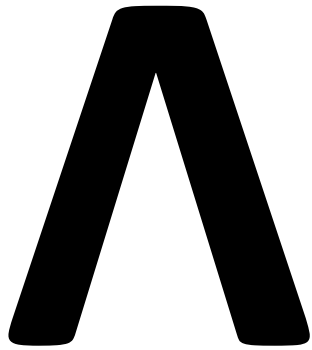
Mt. of Olives – *Luke 22:39* Jesus prayed before His crucifixion.

Mt. Calvary* – *Luke 23:33* Jesus was crucified.

According to my study the two most important mountains in the Jewish religion are Mt. Sinai and Mt. Zion (aka Jerusalem “temporal”, the city of God, the city of David, the holy city “eternal”, and the New Jerusalem “eternal”).

In the past, they see Moses and Mt. Sinai. In the future, they see Mt. Zion; the New Jerusalem, God’s presence on the earth.

The mountain they missed is Mt. Calvary. (un-share: now using the white board)



Mt. Sinai

Exodus 19 + 20

Moses, you talk to God.

Don't come near the mountain.

Isaiah 6:9,10

They hear but don't understand.

They see but don't perceive.

What they missed.

Mark 3:1-6 Jesus looked on them with anger, being grieved for their hard hearts.

Luke 13:34,35 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem.

Luke 17:20,21 The kingdom is within you.

John 12:38-40 He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart.

Take Away

Sometimes we can be so infatuated, excited, and over joyed with the goal, we miss the importance of the present.

If we miss the importance of the present, we can miss the goal.

Mt. Calvary

Romans 11:7-11

Their fall, our salvation. New Jerusalem

Mt. Zion

Isaiah 65 +66

