Psalm 44

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INTRODUCTION

- And you'll note that Psalm, verse 22 of Psalm 44, is quoted in Romans chapter 8 and verse 36.
- It seems that in Psalm 44 we have the people speaking, but we also have an individual, perhaps the king, perhaps David speaking.

1 God Gave the Victories in the Past

Psalm 44:1–8

- But the Psalmist rightfully ascribes those victories to God.
- For I will not trust in my bow, nor will my sword save me.
- A psalm of assurance, because our God has acted in the past, and we have assurance that our God will continue to act.

2 The Defeats Are Also Ascribed to God

Psalm 44:9–16; Deuteronomy 28:16–68

- You make us a reproach to our neighbors, a scoffing and a derision to those around us.
- Now in verses 9 through 17, all of these tragedies, all of these defeats, they too are ascribed to God.
- You have sold us. You have not gone out with our armies. We are defeated because of you.
- Now, typically in anyone who studied the Old Testament, we would associate defeat with unfaithfulness.

3 For Your Sake We Are Killed All Day Long

Psalm 44:17–22; Psalm 44:23–26

- All this has come upon us, but we have not forgotten you. And we have not dealt falsely with your covenant.
- But for your sake, we are killed all day long. We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.
- The psalmist is saying, we are killed because it's your will.
- It's a perplexing psalm. And it's a psalm that does not come back with a concrete answer.
- We are praying, God, do this for the sake of your own loving kindness.

4 Why Do Good People Suffer So Much?

Romans 8:16–17; Romans 8:28–30; Romans 8:35–36

- It is a psalm that deals with the question that besets us every day why do good people suffer so much.
- It is in our own mind that we have given this idea that if I am faithful to God, then God is going to make sure everything works out okay.
- We are heirs of Christ. And we will be glorified with him, but we must also suffer with him.

- He is not simply saying, It is because of our allegiance to Christ that this is happening. He is also saying, God, you have allowed it.

5 The World Is in Rebellion Against God

Psalm 2:2; Romans 8:33–34

- The nations are raging against the Lord and his anointed one.
- And so God's people are going to suffer because the world has turned itself against God.
- God is in control, yes. But the world is in rebellion.
- And his people have suffered, and his people will suffer as a result of that.

6 God Wants Us Stronger in Faith: I Am Convinced

Romans 8:37–39

- And perhaps the answer is because God wants us to be stronger in faith than we are now.
- It's not a blind faith. It's a faith that's convinced because of who he knows God to be and how God has acted in times past.
- I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We can come back with Paul and say, I am convinced that none of these things, none of these things can possibly separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.**

MY NOTES