

## Psalms 028 Commentary

*A Psalm of David*

**Ps 28:1 "Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit."**

David is praying to God proclaiming himself to be nothing and God to be his rock of salvation. David prays for God to not be silent to him. David reasons with God from the standpoint that if you do not speak to me, then I will be no more than those who are not your chosen children, for they hear not your voice of lovingkindness. David proclaims that without the voice of God resounding in his heart and mind, he is as one that is going to eternal damnation.

Certainly, this ought to be the prayer of every child of God, once the new birth is made known to them and made to be effectual in their hearts, minds, and souls. For, we, like David, if we do not hear the voice of God speaking to us, then we are as nothing, because without Christ in us, the Holy Spirit, we are eternally lost and damned to the eternal lake of fire.

**2 "Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle."**

David is pleading for God to hear his prayers, when he prays, when he lifts his hands toward the holy oracle. What is the holy oracle? Well, holy means a sacred place. Oracle means the shrine or innermost part of the sanctuary, which would be the Most Holy Place of the tabernacle, which had the mercy seat within.

Therefore, David is praying to Jesus in a prophetic sense, with the mercy seat being a prophetic picture of Christ. This is as we pray today, we ask of God in the name of Jesus Christ, for it is through Jesus we have salvation, and through Jesus that our prayers are offered to God the Father, and we are given audience to God the Father.

**3 "Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts."**

David is praying to God to not associate him with the wicked (which means morally wrong or condemned.) David is praying not to be found associating with the workers of iniquity (which means those who practice vainly in self-works for salvation, those who practice idolatry, those who are sinful in any way.) David says let me not be as those who proclaim peace to their neighbors, but there are only evil intents in their hearts and minds. They are as Satan, totally deceitful.

These are today as we see in *Jude 1:17-19; 17 "But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; 18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. 19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit."* Here is a picture of the satanic movements in society today, which are purposefully trying to infiltrate the New Testament Church, and cause God's people individually to turn from God.

The lesson for us is what we are told in *2Co 6:14-18; 14 "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."*

Certainly, it is easy to see why David prayed this prayer, and even more so, why we should pray that God would keep us separated from walking in the way of the unrighteous. A lesson of why we are to love those with whom we have fellowship is seen in *Mt 22:39 "love thy neighbor as thyself."*

**4 "Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavors: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert. 5 Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up."**

David prays for God to render to them, the ungodly, according to their works, just as we see in **Re 20:12-15; 12 "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."** There is a great warning here that we do not want our names to be found in the "**books**" but rather in the "**Book of Life**."

**6 ¶ "Blessed be the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications."**

David has received assurance that God has heard his prayers, or has confidence of a good answer, wherefore, David now begins to heap praise, and proclaim blessedness, upon the name of the Lord.

The same should be true in our own lives. After all, we are instructed to pray with belief, seen in **Mr 11:22-26; 22 "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. 25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. 26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."** We are herein instructed to pray believing as if it is already accomplished by God. However, we are also warned, do not pray to God having offense in our hearts against anyone when we pray. Jesus Christ has prayed the perfect prayer for us already, to bring to us eternal life and eternal forgiveness of sins. Jesus did not harbor in his heart ought against any of God's people when he prayed and suffered for us, even though everything we did was against him before the new birth.

**7 "The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore, my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him."**

David tells us: my prayers were offered to God in faith, wherefore God has answered them. Therefore, I know the Lord is my strength and shield. God is my protector, which makes my heart rejoice in the Lord. This reassurance makes me rejoice and sing praise to the name of the God of my salvation. Surely, we can apply this same principle to our own lives as children of God.

**8 "The LORD is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed."**

We now find that David is not only praying for himself, but he is including all the anointed of the Lord, the chosen, saved by God's grace, people of God, in his prayer. Why? Because David knows that it is God's salvation manifested in their lives, and it is God alone that can save any of them. This is a picture of what we are told in **Jas 5:16 "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."** The righteous man who prayed the effectual fervent prayer is Jesus Christ, after whom we are to pattern our lives.

**9 "Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up forever."**

In closing, David prays to God to save all God's people, Israel, and while they remain upon the earth, to bless them in such a way that they are identified as the children of God. David ask God to feed them, we believe, not only naturally, but to fill them with the word of God.

Prophetically, David is praying to God to save his people eternally, which should also be our own prayer to God. Afterall, how can we love our neighbor as our self, if we do not pray for them to be delivered from eternal damnation, and saved to eternal life in Christ?

We know that "**The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.**" is the prayer of Jesus Christ to God the Father on our behalf. Therefore, we understand that if we pray a true prayer to God the Father, it is through the Holy Spirit power of Christ in us. May God take this model prayer of David, and make it effectual in our prayer lives, for ourselves and one another, we ask in the name of Jesus, the Christ, Amen!