

Today we will have our 2nd lecture on the book of Psalms. /The title of Psalm 6 is “The LORD listens to my pleas.” /It is a poem by David. /The headword says the Psalm is written according to the Sheminith. /A Sheminith is a poem that is written for the low pitch of string instruments.

/In the book of Psalms, there are several poems of David’s repentance. /Today’s chapter 6 is about repentance. /Psalms 32, 51, and 143 are also about repentance.

/Verses 1-4. Please read. /O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath. Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O LORD—how long? Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love.

/David is praying when he says, “O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, / nor discipline me in your wrath.” /What kind of wrath is God’s wrath? /What form of punishment are we most afraid of?

/Is it death? /Is it fainting due to disease? /The believer’s biggest fear is God taking his grace away from us. /When God takes his grace away, we should be afraid of it as we are afraid of death.

/Who is the most unfortunate believer /Who is punished by God? /The answer is the person who does not receive the grace of God. /When God punishes us, our bodies become weak. /David says his soul is greatly troubled. /David’s peace was replaced by anxiety.

/Verse 5. /For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?

/How can a person accept Jesus as Savior when he is dead? /How can a person in the grave give thanks to God? /Only people living in the world have the opportunity to repent. /It is a chance for me to turn back to God.

/However, the person who has missed the opportunity to be saved is an unfortunate person. /John 11:25 says, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.”

/In Hebrew, the word “Sheol” has multiple meanings. /It can mean the grave, /darkness, /a pit of fire, /and the state of being dead. /When Jonah was in the belly of the fish, he fell into the dark regions of the fish.

/Verse 6. /I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping.

/David moans in the repentance of his sin. /His tears were falling endlessly. /Every night, his tears flooded his bed. /His tears were so many that his bed could float away.

/Every night, he drenched his couch with weeping. / “I committed adultery with Uriah’s wife, /and I killed Uriah, my loyal subject.” /David committed these sins. /Because of these incidents, David prayed in repentance to God during his entire lifetime.

/Do we shed tears when we cry? /Many people do not moan in their sin. /When did we last cry? /When we pray, how much are we crying in prayer? /Of course, crying from your heart is important.

/God also told us to tear our hearts and not our clothes. /But if we sincerely moan before God, we will shed tears. /We need to become people who cry in our prayers.

/Verses 7-10. /My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes. Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping. The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer. All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled; they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.

/Believers can sigh and moan. /David moaned when he cried before God. /Because of sadness, David’s eyes were wasting away. /If we sin, God pressures us. /He presses us too.

/Also, our enemies rise up. /God’s punishment finds us. /God punishes those he loves. /Hebrews 12:5. /God punishes people he loves.

/If we refuse to be disciplined when we need discipline, we may become people whom God dislikes. /Many enemies will emerge against us. /Many people went against David. /Even his son tried to kill him.

/Great shame came upon David. /We cannot live before God in our sin. /We need to hate sin. /Whatever God hates, we too must hate.

/Now we will continue with Psalm 7. /The title of this chapter is “God is a righteous judge.” /God gets angry and he judges people. /This is a psalm of David. /In the headword, we can see that a Benjaminite called Cush went against David.

/Saul was a Benjaminite. /Many people spoke wrongly of David to King Saul. / “We must kill David because he has done wrong,” said the people. /David wrote this poem about the words of Cush, the Benjaminite.

/Verses 1-5. /O LORD my God, in you do I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers and deliver me, lest like a lion they tear my soul apart, rending it in pieces, with none to deliver. O LORD my God, if I have done this, if there is wrong in my hands, if I have repaid my friend with evil or plundered my enemy without cause, let the enemy pursue

my soul and overtake it, and let him trample my life to the ground and lay my glory in the dust. *Selah*

/Verse 1 says, “O LORD my God, in you do I take refuge.” /Taking refuge in God has two meanings. /First, it is trusting in God. /Also, it is living because of God. /This person trusts in God.

/We need to trust in God. /When we do, God will hold tightly onto us. /He will rescue us. /The verse says, “Like a lion they tear my soul apart.”

/1 Peter 5:8 says, “Be sober-minded; be watchful.” /The devil prowls around like a roaring lion. /The devil tries to swallow God’s chosen people whenever he can. /The devil cannot send us to hell. /However, he can damage us severely.

/David says this in verses 3-5. /If there is wrong in my hands, I should definitely be punished. /I should be punished if I have repaid my friend with evil. /If I have stolen from someone, /I should be punished. /However, David did not commit any of these sins. /He lived in faith. /David was in an unfair circumstance, /but he endured through it.

/In the Bible, there are close to zero records of David complaining or being resentful. /Saul was the king that David served. /He was also his father-in-law. /David was Israel’s general. /He contributed to Israel by killing Goliath.

/Even still, Saul attempted to kill David. /For ten years, Saul followed David and tried to kill him. /He made a special force in order to kill David. /But David did not blame God or resent him. /He did not resent King Saul. /He only prayed to God and pleaded to him.

/Verses 6-10. /Arise, O LORD, in your anger; lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies; awake for me; you have appointed a judgment. Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered about you; over it return on high. The LORD judges the peoples; judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness and according to the integrity that is in me. Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and may you establish the righteous— you who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God! My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart.

/David says in his prayer, “Arise, O LORD, in your anger.” /He is praying that God would protect him from the fury of his enemies. /We can only be protected when God shields us from our enemies. /We can only live when God protects us.

/Verse 8 says, “Judge me, O LORD... according to the integrity that is in me.” /David’s integrity says a lot about David’s faith. /There is nothing I have done against my conscience. /According to my conscience, I have done nothing wrong to that person. /Therefore, David is praying to God, asking for his help.

/Verse 9 says, “You who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God!” /God tests our minds and hearts. /God observes /our secret plans, /and hidden, evil intentions.

/Verse 10 says that God is our shield. There is no one who can save me but God. /If God does not help me, nobody can. /Shouldn't we pray this prayer to God?

/Verse 11. /God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.

/God is a judge. /He feels indignation every day. /God judges people for their sins. /He judges daily. /He feels indignation daily. /Without resting, God continues to rebuke sin.

/Verses 12-13. /If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow; he has prepared for him his deadly weapons, making his arrows fiery shafts.

/If someone does not repent, God whets his sword. /He has pulled on the string of his arrow and is aiming his target. /We have the opportunity to repent. /Before the opportunity passes, we need to repent.

/There are opportunities for grace, but there are also opportunities to repent. /God is whetting his sword. /We cannot know how frightening this is. /Evil people give birth to evil, /but God punishes the wicked.

/Verses 14-16. /Behold, the wicked man conceives evil and is pregnant with mischief and gives birth to lies. He makes a pit, digging it out, and falls into the hole that he has made. His mischief returns upon his own head, and on his own skull his violence descends.

/James 1:15 says, / "Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, /and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death." /The wicked man conceives evil, /and he gives birth to lies. /Wicked men dig holes for other people to fall in, /but he himself falls into the hole he has made.

/It says, "His mischief returns upon his own head, /and on his own skull his violence descends." /If someone does evil, God will judge that person.

/Verse 17. /I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

/God most certainly shows his grace to the believer who goes forward trusting in God. / We will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High. /We must be believers who give thanks to God and praise his name.

/We will continue with Psalm 8. /The title of the chapter is "The most majestic name in all the earth."

/Verses 1-2. Please read. /O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

/The LORD our God's name is the most majestic name. /The LORD's glory is above the heavens. /He is a God of power and wisdom. /In the sky, there are countless stars and the sun and moon.

/The stars of the night praise the name of God. /The night sky is much like an ocean. /The beautiful stars sing praises of God's name. /The babies and infants too praise God.

/Infants and babies are referring to lowly people. /It is referring to us. /They are not special people, but they praise God. /Through us lowly people, God stills the enemy.

/Matthew 11:25 says that /God has hidden these things from the wise and understanding. /1 Corinthians 1:27 says that /God chose the foolish and the weak of the world. /Through the foolish, he shames the wise and powerful.

/God stands against the enemy and the avenger. /We must not make enemies with each other. /Vengeance should be left to God.

/Verses 3-4. /When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

/The heavens are God's beautiful works. /Every sun, moon, and star has its own orbit. /John 1:1 says that God created everything through the Word. /What about us people?

/James 4:14 says /we are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. /Isaiah 40:6 says that we are like grass.

/Verse 4 asks, "What is man that you are mindful of him?" /We are all sinners. /God has mercifully given us his unconditional love. /We need to live by faith as we are touched by his love.

/Verses 5-8. /Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

/Humans are made a little lower than the heavenly beings. /In the original text, "heavenly beings" can be referred to "God." /This has two meanings. /Jesus Christ, who is God, came down to our midst.

/Jesus put down all his glory and authority, and he came to this earth in the form of a human being. /Hebrews 2:5. /It speaks of Jesus coming down to earth as a man and dying on the cross. /Our Lord learned obedience through suffering.

/Second, Christ came to earth to be glorified. /Jesus Christ was lower than angels, /but he gained glory and nobility. /Jesus fulfilled his calling, which gave God great joy. /Jesus completed God's work of salvation.

/God made Jesus glorious. /God gave humans the authority to rule all of creation. /He allowed man to rule over all creatures. /He also gave us the authority to rule the birds of the air and the fish of the sea.

/Who can properly rule all of creation? /The people whom God has discovered and the people who understand God can properly rule over creation. /Believers of Christ must become politicians and great leaders. /They must do this because they can be good at ruling over people.

/Romans 8:22 says /the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth. /1 Corinthians 3:21 says /all things are yours. / "Reign and rule." /It says, "Conquer." /We have to conquer the world with our faith.

/Verse 9. /O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

/The most beautiful name belongs to God. /We cannot trade God for anything in the universe. /Whenever we call on God's name, we have to remember one thing. / "God is worthy of all glory and praise."

/We will continue with Psalm 9. /The title of this chapter is "Trust in God who is Righteous." /Because God is righteous, /he judges righteously. /This Psalm is recorded by David.

/In the headword, it says Muth-labben. /It is a title of a song that means "The death of a person named Ben." /It is a psalm of praise about the death of David's enemy. /Some people believe that the song was written after David defeated the Philistines or the Ammonites.

/Verses 1-2. /I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

/The verse says, "I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. / "I will be glad in the LORD and exult in him." / "I will praise your name, O Most High." /God defeated the enemy, /and he beat everyone who stood against David.

/In Acts 4:20, /Jesus's disciples are speaking. /They say, "For we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." /They are proclaiming the love of God. /They are acting as witnesses to their experience with God's grace.

/Verses 3-4. /When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before your presence. For you have maintained my just cause; you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.

/God knocks down all the enemies. /What happened to the three hundred warriors of Gideon? /God does not require many people. /He needs people of faith. /Is a church with many gatherers a large church?

/A church with faith is a large church. /The pastor must have faith. /The pastor must be a man of prayer. /Then, the believers of the church will have faith, and they will become believers who pray.

/The verse says, “They stumble and perish before your presence.” /David did not cause them to stumble. /The Psalm says, “You have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.” /What is God’s righteousness? /It is doing as the Bible says.

/It means to do things in line with the word of God. /This is God’s righteousness, and it is his judgment. /God will judge no matter what. /Revelation 18:1.

/Verses 5-6. /You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish; you have blotted out their name forever and ever. The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins; their cities you rooted out; the very memory of them has perished.

/God blots out the names of the wicked. /The enemies are defeated, and they disappear completely. /All their cities become ruins. /The memory of our enemies is gone from our heads.

/Verses 7-10. /But the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness. The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

/God’s throne is an eternal throne. /He judges the world from his throne. /He judges the world with righteousness. /He is a fair judge. /How does God judge us, his believers?

/God does not send us to hell when he judges us. /He judges us with righteousness. /What happens to non-believers? /They are judged with righteousness and justice. /God sends non-believers to hell when he judges them.

/God is a stronghold for the oppressed. /He is a stronghold in times of trouble. /The one who knows the name of the LORD trusts in God. /Believers of Jesus Christ trust in God in their lives. /What happens when the believer trusts in the world?

/Are any of you trusting in money or people? /If you are, how can God be happy with you? /The verse says, “For you, O LORD have not forsaken those who seek you.” /They are people who trust in God.

/Isaiah 40 says they are people who hope in God. /God gives them new strength. /We need to be people whom God strengthens.

/Verses 11-12. /Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds! For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

/The verse says, “The LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!” /Zion refers to the holy world. /Thus, it is talking about the spiritual realm. /We need to look to God and sing praises to him. /He is the God who saves. /He is a God who avenges blood.

/God listens to the prayers of the afflicted. /1 Samuel 1:15 says that /Hannah poured out her soul before the LORD. /She was lamenting in her heart. /What do we lament about?

/Do we lament over poverty? /Do we lament over sickness? /What kind of lamentation is God happy about? /We need to lament over our sins. /We need to become people who lament because of our sins.

/Verses 13-14. /Be gracious to me, O LORD! See my affliction from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gates of death, that I may recount all your praises, that in the gates of the daughter of Zion I may rejoice in your salvation.

/God lifts us up from the gates of death. /Psalm 23:4 says /there are believers who walk through the valley of the shadow of death. /They are passing through times of hardships and suffering. /They are passing through the wilderness.

/At these times, God is with us. /His rod and his staff protect us. /The LORD has his rod and his staff. /He uses his rod to lift us out when we fall into a pit. /God’s helping hand reaches down for us.

/What is the staff used for? /It is used to strike us when we sin. /It guides us to the proper path. /God lifts us at the gates of death. /He knows when people who hate us are causing us affliction.

/We can only prosper when God helps us. /We will say, “I will preach of God’s salvation.” / “I will be joyful because of God’s salvation.”

/Verses 15-16. /The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught. The LORD has made himself known; he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. *Higgaion. Selah*

/Psalm 7:15 says this. /He makes a pit and falls into the hole he has made. /He gets trapped in his own net. /God's judgment will surely take place. /Salvation will surely be given to those who trust in God.

/Verses 17-18. /The wicked shall return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God. For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

/The wicked will enter Sheol. /Sheol is the grave. /It also can mean hell. /This means that the wicked will perish. /They are the objects of God's judgment. /People who forget God will receive his judgment.

/Today, there are many people who ignore the LORD, his church, and his believers. /There are many who persecute the church and believers. /They are the forgotten people of God. /The verse says, "For the needy shall not always be forgotten."

/They are people whose spirits are poor. /They are people who yearn for God. /Spiritually, they earnestly yearn for God. /We need to become people who are hungry for the word of God. /We need to yearn for God.

/What do we need the most? /People love money. /Who in this world hates money? /For what should believers live? /There are people who love fame and glory. /These people even abandon their families.

/What the believer needs most is God's grace. /First, we need the grace of God's word. /The word of truth is grace. /What other grace is there? /God's grace of salvation is upon us.

/God gives it to us unconditionally. /He does not demand payment, but he offers it to us for free. /God does not forget the needy, but he gives to them mercifully. /The hopes of the afflicted are not destroyed or ignored. /We need to become people who pray to God.

/Verses 19-20. /Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail; let the nations be judged before you! Put them in fear, O LORD! Let the nations know that they are but men! *Selah*

/We are merely human. /This is a prayer asking that we realize that we are feeble human beings. /We too need to discover our weak nature and be humble in the presence of God.

/This ends the 2nd lecture on the book of Psalms. /Thank you.