

## Psalm 9 Devotions

### ☐ **Monday - Whole-Hearted Thankfulness.**

Psalm 9:1

God looks at the heart (1 Sam. 16:7), and so He knows when we are genuinely thankful, and when we are faking it. And since thankfulness is an essential ingredient of effective prayer (Psalm 100:4; Phil. 4:6; Col. 4:2), “I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart” (Psalm 9:1), that my prayer might be counted as fragrant incense before the Lord (Psalm 141:2; Rev. 5:8). Read 1 Thess. 5:16-18; Ephesians 5:20; Colossians 3:15, 17

### ☐ **Tuesday - Righteousness & Equity.**

Psalm 9:7-8

Judgment is safe in the hands of the Lord, who judges with perfect knowledge, because He knows all things (Psalm 139:1-4, 147:5), and sees all things (Psalm 33:13, 90:8). For the wicked, no evil deed will go unpunished (Rom. 2:5), and for the righteous, no good deed will go unrewarded (1 Cor. 3:11-15). David writes, “He will judge the world in righteousness; He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity” (Psalm 9:7-8). Jesus declares, “Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done” (Rev. 22:12). So then, let us live in light of that final day, that we may hear Him say, “Well done, good and faithful servant ... enter into the joy of your Master” (Matt. 25:21) Read 2 Corinthians 5:10

### ☐ **Wednesday - Stronghold for the Oppressed.**

Psalm 9:9

David writes, “The Lord also will be a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble” (Psalm 9:9). Christian, God has put a hedge of protection around you (Job 1:10, Psalm 5:12), so that no enemy can touch you (Isa. 54:17), apart from God’s divine purpose (2 Cor. 12:7-10), for your good (Rom. 8:28; Gen. 50:20; Psa. 119:67, 71, 75). Yes, “A mighty fortress is our God” (Martin Luther), who daily protects us from a myriad of seen and unseen spiritual, physical and emotional attacks of the enemy. Christian, hold up your shield of faith! (Ephesians 6:16). Read Jeremiah 20:11

### ☐ **Thursday - He Hears Your Cry.**

Psalm 9:12-13

Here was David’s firm confidence and it should be ours: “He does not forget the cry of the afflicted ... He sees my affliction” (Psalm 9:12-13). Dear child of God, the Lord has not forgotten you. “The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ears are open to their cry” (Psa. 34:15). So then, do not grow weary in laying your petition before the Lord; keep asking, keep seeking, keep knocking (Matt. 7:7-8). This is the prayer habit that distinguished the great men and women of the Bible. They were just ordinary people like you and me, but they persevered in prayer (James 5:17-18). This too was David’s habit in prayer, for he writes, “I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me and heard my cry” (Psa. 40:1). So then, what are those prayers that you have given up on, Christian? God could answer your prayer with the snap of His finger, but first He wants to develop in you and me unwavering faith in Him. Cry out to God today, and don’t stop crying out to Him until the answer comes. “Will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them?” (Luke 18:7). Read Luke 18:1-8

### ☐ **Friday - Sin is a Trap that Self-Ensnares.**

Psalm 9:15-16

“The nations have sunk down in the pit which they have made; in the net which they hid, their own foot has been caught ... In the work of his own hands the wicked is snared” (Psalm 9:15-16). “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap” (Gal. 6:7). Be careful friend, hidden inside the passing pleasures of sin is a hook. Flee what is evil and do good. Read Proverbs 1:8-19