

Mt. Lebanon Church

Prayerful Protection, Pray to God in time of trouble – Bible Study

Psalm 43

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of Gods word.

Psalm 43: „...Oh, send me your light and your truth....

As Christians, we know the difficulty of dealing with unjust worldliness, that not only is it wrong, but, it is covered up with deception.

When we feel like we have been treated unjustly, we must do the right thing, and cry out to God. He alone is the throne of any kind of vindication.

Paul in **Romans 12: 17 – 19** says: Repay no one with evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible. As much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath, for it is written, vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.

When Paul was writing this letter to the church at Rome, talking with them about the confusion that they were dealing with from deceptiveness and worldliness, he used the word of God, he quoted from: **Deuteronomy 32:35**. This goes to show us when we cry out to God, he is going to speak to us through his word. We might not like what he has to say, and we should not interpret the word ourselves to fit what we want to do, but, we should allow the Holy Spirit to lead us into the joy and comfort of the Lord through his response.

We see in Psalm 43, the one that wrote the Psalm, reacted just as we probably would have. Wondering why God, did not respond according to their own thinking, especially when, as their thinking went, the answer was obvious, vindication. God, always has something different, something spiritual, something rewarding, something of salvation in mind. Our obvious is not his: grace, mercy, truthfulness, wisdom, knowledge and understanding. That should give us a lot to think about and work on in our life.

As in the Psalm, we realize we need Gods light and truth. And we just, do not need his light and truth, but we need to submit to it as well. The truth of Gods word becomes our guide to our communication with him. When we have open communication with God, we know he is there in a special way, we know that others are there as well, praying, seeking Gods truth, we know that this is how we focus completely on him.

The cross, given as a sacrifice for our sins, is our way to the alter. The way that brings us for atonement, for thankfulness, for praise, honor and glory in fellowship with him.

To end with, as in the Psalm, we have the hope of Gods redemption. The hope of Gods redemption, is the hope of eternal life for all who will except. We did not surrender to our feelings of depression and discouragement, which brings about thoughts of vindication. Instead, through prayer and meditation in Gods word with the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we challenged these feelings and emotions, we brought them to God, and through his strength are we able to cast them aside and put our hope in God.

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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