

The Failure of Man's Help

Psalms 108:12 – Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

Intro: Trouble is something we will all face. Sometimes the trouble is for testing, other times trouble is for chastisement; however God is the one who directs our path. Here is an effective prayer during our time of trouble.

1. A very common experience

A. Bodily trouble (Job 7:3-6)

B. Family trouble

i. because of death (Abraham and Sarah Ex. 23:2)

ii. because of spouses (Eph. 5:21-33)

iii. because of rebellious children (David and Absalom 2 Sam. 15: 1-14, the prodigal Lk. 15:11)

C. Church trouble

(The Ark in the hands of the enemy, the house of God in ruins, God's cause in adversity Lam. 3:42-54)

D. Heart trouble

2. A very certain resource

A. The resource itself is God.

i. God can deliver us from trouble

ii. God can sustain us in time of trouble

iii. God can make our trouble a blessing

B. How the resource is available: Through prayer (give us help from trouble)

Ps 37:39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

i. The length of the prayer

ii. The need of the prayer (trouble)

iii. The faith of the prayer

vi.. The surrender in the prayer (didn't dictate to God how to answer the prayer, prayed HELP)

3. A very evident truth (Vain is the help of man). Man can give counsel, but they cannot.

A. They cannot control our circumstances, but God can (Dan. 4:34-35)

B. They cannot drive back our enemies, either worldly or spiritually, but God can

C. They cannot turn our afflictions into blessings, but God can (Rom. 5:3-5)

D. They cannot deliver us from our troubles

- i. Jacob meeting with Esau
- ii. Daniel in the lion's den
- iii. The Hebrews in the fiery furnace
- iv. John on Patmos

In trouble we call on others and they should adopt our trouble. Those that will not pray during trouble are miserable.

Be thankful for the help God gives us. Praise Him for His deliverance. Worship him in prayer for His help.