

Sermon Title: Psalms: From the Heart, Part IX 11.16.2025

Theme: Obedience and clarity, and the timeless battle between good and evil. Live-streaming and sermon notes are at trinitycg.org.

Weekly Question: What is clear to you?

Sermon Points:

1. Obedience and clarity. Obedience today brings clarity tomorrow. Don't overdrive your headlights: If you drive too fast, even with your high beams on, you will not have time to react to what is on the road ahead. If you are not obedient today, you will not see the challenges tomorrow very clearly. You won't have time to react appropriately. **Psalm 9:1-20.** As writers note, Psalms 9 and 10 go together, as seen in their form and language. Both of these Psalms deal with the timeless struggle between the righteous and the wicked, with Psalm 9 addressing the wicked outside of Israel and Psalm 10 addressing the wicked within the nation.

2. The conflict between good and evil. This battle is an ongoing battle. We must not despair and lose hope. Followers of Christ must be firmly rooted in Scripture and the clear understanding that our God is sovereign and will vindicate the Gospel with Satan's ultimate defeat by Jesus the Messiah. **Psalm 9:1-2** begins as we should, with praise. **Psalm 9:3-6** show the power of the presence of the Lord. What has He done, what is He doing, and what will He do in your life?

3. The sovereignty of God. As writers note, **Psalm 9:7-20** remind us of the sovereignty of God, who judges the wicked and protects His people. We would fear men less if we feared God more, and we would tremble less before our enemies if we trusted our Savior more. If you know God, you will trust Him, but you must trust Christ to truly know Him. And, if you trust and know Him then you will be compelled to testify about Him. All of this stirs within us a heart of praise (vs. 11-12) and an attitude of prayer (vs. 13-14). Of course, we are reminded in vs. 15-16 that the sin of the wicked will judge them. What a terrible thing to be condemned for all eternity. We must share the greatest news of all time, which is the news of Jesus Christ. For we know that justice God's way will be accomplished in the final analysis (vs. 17-18). Verses 19-20 show us that God always judges and prevails, thus reminding us that we are mere men. If you are facing trouble, read verses 9 and 13-14. If you are struggling with the apparent success of evil, verses 5-6, 8, and 15-17 will be like a balm of soothing ointment for your soul. The presence of the Lord brings us peace, even in times of trouble, and it brings panic to the wicked, even in the midst of their comfort. The church He established must be a refuge of righteousness. Let us be devoted to kindness just as the world is committed to cruelty. The focus should not be what you are doing that people will remember. Life is for the living. Heaven is for those with eternal life. Your deeds, even the best ones, will be forgotten over time and across the generations. The focus of our life must be what we are doing today that is worth remembering in eternity. **Daniel 6.**

Reflection: Lord, give me the courage and stamina to remain in the good fight for what's right.