

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 - Day 18 of Lent

Open in Prayer:

Holy, Holy, Holy, are you, Lord Jesus! Let your Word move through our bodies today. May your Word stir within our heart and soul a creativity to worship you through song, through reflection, through study, and through silence. May our lives today be a jubilant melody for the world around us to hear, as we point them to you!

Read Psalm 69:1-12 (NIV)

Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in the miry depths, where there is no foothold. I have come into the deep waters; the floods engulf me. I am worn out calling for help; my throat is parched. My eyes fail, looking for my God. Those who hate me without reason outnumber the hairs of my head; many are my enemies without cause, those who seek to destroy me. I am forced to restore what I did not steal. You, God, know my folly; my guilt is not hidden from you. Lord, the LORD Almighty, may those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me; God of Israel, may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me. For I endure scorn for your sake, and shame covers my face. I am a foreigner to my own family, a stranger to my own mother's children; for zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me. When I weep and fast, I must endure scorn; when I put on sackcloth, people make sport of me. Those who sit at the gate mock me, and I am the song of the drunkards.

Answer the following Questions:

1. David seems to be overwhelmed. He is crying out in agony! He feels like he is drowning in his troubles, like he has been cast aside by family and friends. Have you ever felt that way? Explain.
2. How does it make you feel when your reputation is under attack? How do you usually respond when someone is going after your reputation because of something you have done? Do you cover up your failings? Do you succumb to the anxiety? Do you dive in and seek perfection going forward? How do you respond?
3. How does David respond? And what can we learn from David?
4. Jesus, years later, was called the son of David. He entered the temple and drove out the money-changers and merchants during Passover. This allows our reputation to be found in Him and Him alone! What does that mean for us?

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Heavenly Father, thank you for the power you display in our lives. Thank you for Jesus, who conquered sin and death on my account. Today, may I feel your equipping and joy because of the Holy Spirit working in and through me, as I go out and seek to share your grace and love with others. Amen.