



SHERWOOD

BAPTIST CHURCH

HOPE FILLED PRAYER

Psalm 41

Big Truth: Hope is found in God through prayerful dependence for His glory alone.

David's Outline...

- 1) The blessing of mercy (vv. 1-3)
- 2) Authentic prayer (vv. 4-10)
- 3) God dependence (vv. 11-12)
- 4) Doxology (v. 13)

Hope Filled Prayers...

- 1) View God _____ (vv. 1-3)
- 2) _____ outpouring of the heart (vv. 4-10)
- 3) _____ dependent on God (vv. 11-12)
- 4) _____ to praise (v. 13)

Questions for reflection:

- Where is my hope?
- Are my prayers authentic?
- Who needs this hope?

“The Psalms are the mirror of the soul.” – John Calvin

“Little of the Word with little prayer is death to the spiritual life. Much of the Word with little prayer gives a sickly life. Much prayer with little of the Word gives emotional life. But a full measure of both the Word and prayer each day gives a healthy and powerful life.” – Andrew Murray

“Theology is the study of God and it's very important; doxology is an expression of praise to God. So, the point here is that all theology should ultimately lead to doxology. If theology doesn't lead to doxology, then we've actually missed the point of theology. So if you have theology without doxology, you just have dead, cold orthodoxy; which is horrible, right? On the other side, we have people who say, 'Ugh! Forget theology; I just wanna praise!' Right? But, if we have doxology without theology, we actually have idolatry! Because it's just a random expression of praise; but it's not actually informed by the Truth of who God is. So, God is concerned with both! He's concerned with an accurate understanding of Him; and that accurate understanding of Him, leading to a response of praise, adoration and worship towards Him.” – Shai Linne

Scripture References

Psalm 41; Romans 15:4; 2 Samuel 15; Deuteronomy 10:19; 15:9; 30:15-20; Job 41:11; Matthew 5:7; Romans 8:1; 1 John 1:9; Psalm 32:3; 66:18; 2 Samuel 16:5-8; 15:12; Ecclesiastes 5:2; 2 Samuel 19:21-23; John 15:5; Psalm 72:19; 89:52; 106:48; 150:6



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