

Psalm 108

Morning Prayer Wednesday Week 4

The first part of Psalm 108 is taken from Psalm 57:7-11, and the second part from Psalm 60:5-12. This gives us an idea how psalms were 'up-dated'. In this case we see how faithful the authors were to their sources. Psalm 108 seems to belong to the Persian period when Judah, along with her neighbours, was part of a Persian province ('satrapy'). Praying this psalm as Christians we might reflect upon the Church as the especially loved (verse 6) Spouse of Christ, redeemed by his love. The title reads: 'A Song. A Psalm* of David.'

Part One. A hymn of praise of God (= Psalm 57:7-11)

See Psalm 57:7-11 for a commentary

¹**My heart* is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and make melody.
Awake, my soul!**

²**Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn.**

³**I will give thanks to you, YHWH*, among the peoples,**

Psalm 57:9 has 'Lord' ('ādōnāy), not YHWH

and I will make melody to you among the nations.

⁴**For your kindness* is as high as the heavens,
your faithfulness extends to the clouds.**

⁵**Rise up, O God, above the heavens.
Let your glory fill the earth.**

Part Two. A supplication (= Psalm 60:5-12)

See Psalm 60:5-12 for a commentary and a map

⁶**Give victory* with your right hand,
that those whom you love may be rescued. Answer us!**

⁷**God has spoken in his sanctuary [or 'by his holiness']:**

**'In triumph I will divide up Shechem,
and portion out the Vale of Succoth.**

⁸**Gilead is mine, Manasseh is mine;
Ephraim is my helmet; Judah my commander's staff.**

⁹**Moab is my washbasin; on Edom I plant my shoe;
Against me, Philistia, hurl forth a war cry if you dare!**

¹⁰**Who will bring me to the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom?**

¹¹**Have you not rejected us, O God?**

O God, you do not go out with our armies.

¹²**O grant us help against the foe, for human help* is worthless.**

¹³**With God we shall do valiantly;
it is he who will tread down our foes.**