

Lecture 6- Biblical Overview of Worship (IV): Judah, Psalms, & Prophets

Sing, O Daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing." "The sorrows for the appointed feasts I will remove from you; they are a burden and a reproach to you. At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you; I will rescue the lame and gather those who have been scattered. I will give them praise and honor in every land where they were put to shame. At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortune before your very eyes," says the LORD. Zephaniah 3:14-20

Key Concepts

- Heartless worship and idolatry

Lecture Objectives

- Examine the place of the Psalms in worship

Preliminary Questions

- What are the possible hindrances to reintroducing the Psalms to worship in your church?
- If the Psalms are Israel's primary hymnbook, what else can we learn from them about the way in which God desires to be worshipped?

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Introduction

Discussion of worship contextualization

- I. Example of Jehoshaphat in 2 Chronicles 20:1-30
- II. Worship reformation and restoration under Hezekiah
 - A. Restoration of temple worship (2 Chr. 29:29-36)
 - B. Restoration of the Passover (2 Chr. 30:1-27)
- III. Israel's Primary Hymnbook: The Psalter
 - A. Centrality of music and prayer in life and worship (Psalm 98)
 - B. Comprehensive praise and singing (Psalms 149-150)
- IV. Worship and the Prophets: Exile and Return
 - A. Idolatry and heartless worship (Isaiah 29:13)
 - The concern is for both right worship and heartfelt worship
 - B. Captivity
 1. Character of exilic worship: Psalm 137:1-6
 2. Growth of synagogues
 - C. Return from captivity (Ezra 2:41, 65)
 - D. Anticipation of the new covenant (Zephaniah 3:14-20)
- IV. Summary of OT Worship as it Relates to Worship Today