

“I WILL GIVE THANKS”
(Psalm 9)

- I. Individual THANKSGIVING (Psalm 9:1-2)
 - A. His WILLFUL determination to be THANKFUL
 - 1. Takes your mind off your TROUBLES by focusing on God’s GREATNESS
 - 2. Deepens your TRUST in the Lord
 - B. His WILLFUL determination to be JOYFUL
 - 1. The SPONTANEOUS response to BLESSINGS
 - 2. The PURPOSEFUL response to DIFFICULTIES
 - C. His WILLFUL expression of PRAISE
 - 1. Because he LOVES the Lord unreservedly
 - 2. For His WONDERS
 - 3. Because He is the SOVEREIGN Covenant-Keeper
- II. Gratitude for God’s JUDGMENT on the WICKED (Psalm 9:3-6)
 - A. We need not WORRY, because God is both our JUDGE and our ADVOCATE
 - B. In DEFENSE of His people, God DESTROYS His enemies
 - 1. The RIGHTEOUS come to perpetual LIFE
 - 2. The WICKED come to perpetual DEATH
- III. Gratitude for CONFIDENCE in God’s Just RULE (Psalm 9:7-10)

- A. God's THRONE is ETERNAL
 - B. God's judgment is always TRUE
 - C. The Lord is a SAFE HAVEN
 - 1. When LIFE threatens to OVERWHELM us
 - 2. When God's WRATH promise DESTRUCTION
 - C. We TRUST Him because we know WHO HE IS
- IV. Corporate PRAISE and Individual PRAYER (Psalm 9:11-14)
- A. We must glorify God by SINGING His PRAISES and PROCLAIMING His DEEDS
 - B. Martyrs will be AVENGED and the oppressed will be DEFENDED
 - C. David will PRAISE God for His SALVATION
 - 1. For being delivered FROM the "gates of DEATH"
 - 2. For being delivered TO "the gates of ZION"
- V. Reprise on God's JUDGMENT of the WICKED (Psalm 9:15-18)
- A. God's justice is REVEALED when the wicked are undone by their OWN DEVICES
 - B. God's justice is IMPOSED when those who FORGET Him suffer ETERNAL punishment
 - C. The LORD will never FORGET the needy and afflicted
- VI. Reprise on CONFIDENCE in God's Just RULE (Psalm 9:19-20)
- A. May the wicked be TERRIFIED of the JUSTICE of God
 - B. May the nations know they are MERELY HUMAN