

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.

MESSIANIC PSALMS

Psalm 69

INTRODUCTION

What is your favorite thirst quencher?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION.

Read Psalm 69:1-12

Note: Being in deep water is figurative language for extreme pain and physical duress.

1. How does the psalmist express David physical distress? Vv 1-3 His emotional distress? Vv 4-12
2. Why do people hate him? Vs 4; Jn 15:25
3. Who knows his true guilt or innocence? Vs 5; Ps 44:21
4. Why is it particularly hurtful if your own family turns away from you? Vs 8; Jn 7:5; Mk 3:21

Read Psalm 69:13-18

5. Who does he turn to in the midst of his pain?
6. –On what basis does he make his appeal? Vs 13

Read Psalm 69:19-28

7. What did they offer him to quench his thirst? Vs 21; Jn 19:28-30 Why didn't Jesus drink it, even though He knew it would ease His pain?

Note: Gall was a pain-killing narcotic that was bitter in taste. Wine vinegar was considered a cheap wine and did little to slack one's thirst. Its bitterness may be symbolic of the overall bitterness of the experience.

8. What does David want to happen to the people that are against him? Vv 22-28

Note: Vs 28 - The "book of life" in the Old Testament referred to God's divine list of the righteous who enjoy the blessing of life. In the New Testament it refers to those that receive eternal life. Phil 4:3; Rev 3:5; 20:12

Read Psalm 69:29-36

9. Verse 29 seems to be a turning point in this psalm. Why?
10. What will please God more than sacrifices? Vs 31

APPLICATION

Are you more like David, cursing your accusers; or like Jesus, asking for their forgiveness? Lk 23:34; Mt 5:44 How can you be sure that you have tasted the living water? John 4:14; 7:38