

## PRAYING PSALM 9

“The Lord is known by the judgment He executes... Meditate. Selah” Psalm 9:16)

This psalm is about the righteous and the wicked. It deals with the ongoing frustration the righteous experience with the wicked. Well into the psalm, David stops and says, “Selah.” It is a Hebrew word meaning “forever.” It is a way of telling us to pause and think about what was just said. We are to meditate on the fact that God is forever a righteous judge. David wanted the congregation to meditate on the fact that we are always to fear God, not men.

Here is the prayer: Before asking for anything, David worshipped God with his whole heart and sang praises to His name (1-2). Then he prayed about the wicked (3-4). He prayed for the wicked to perish at His presence. He asked God to judge the unrighteous by blotting out their names. He requested their memory to perish. Then David prayed for the righteous (11-14). He asked God to avenge them and show mercy to them. Finally, David prayed that the wicked would be cast into hell (15-20).

There has never been a more appropriate time than now to pray this prayer. When you see the outward expression of wickedness in our cities, our nation, our world, be reminded to pray this prayer. You can sleep in peace, knowing that the Judge of all the earth will do right in His time and in His way.