

January 24, Psalms 9:1-10 ~ Make your commitment personal

*"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;  
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.  
I will be glad and exult in you;" vs - 1-2*

This Psalm starts out with David's declaration of his commitment to God to give thanks to God with his whole heart and to recount his wonderful deeds; but notice how he moves from talking about his commitment to God straight into a personal prayer to God. We should follow David's example of using the "I wills" declarations as transition into personal communication with God. Make a point to use the personal pronoun in your prayer time today.

What commitments that I have made must move into a personal communication with God?

*"I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.  
When my enemies turn back,  
they stumble and perish before your presence.  
For you have maintained my just cause;  
you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.  
You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish;  
you have blotted out their name forever and ever.  
The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins;  
their cities you rooted out;  
the very memory of them has perished." vs - 3-6*

*How am I depending on my own strength to try combat an enemy that is greater than me? What must I do instead?*

"But even the archangel Michael, when he disputed with the devil over the body of Moses, did not presume to bring a slanderous charge against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" ~ Jude 1:9

*“But the LORD sits enthroned forever;  
he has established his throne for justice,  
and he judges the world with righteousness;  
he judges the peoples with uprightness.  
The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.  
And those who know your name put their trust in you,  
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you”  
vs -7-10*

*What can we learn from the life of Mary Magdalene, and the way she/we take refuge in God, because she/we know his name? How does God use the worst chapters of our life as catalysts to cause us to know his name, and take refuge in him?*

*“And Jesus answered and said to them, “It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.” - Luke 5:31-32*