

Help Wanted

Psalm 60

Introduction

1. Who hasn't seen this headline before? It is as common as the morning newspaper.
2. Many times we don't receive God's help because we are too stubborn or independent.
3. This Psalm gives us a pattern for receiving God's help.

I. Appeal Of God's People (vv. 1-5)

- A. A beginning step in receiving God's help.
- B. It is not really possible to imagine ourselves being completely without God's help.
 1. Matthew 5:45
 2. Acts 17:25
 3. James 1:17
- C. Life is miserable without God.
 1. Proverbs 13:15
 2. Luke 15:11-32
- D. God gives protection and peace.
 1. Exodus 15:2
 2. Matthew 11:28-30

II. Appraisal Of God's Power (vv. 6-8)

- A. God is recognized as the all-powerful One.
 1. "I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth." These words have reference to the conquering and dividing of the Promised Land (see Joshua 21:45).
 2. "Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine - That is, My dominion or authority is extended over these regions - Gilead, Manasseh, Ephraim, and Judah. The idea here is substantially the same as in the former verse, that his dominion extended over the country on both sides of the Jordan; or that in the direction of east and west" (Barnes).
- B. "The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1).

III. Assurance Of God's Participation (vv. 9-12)

- A. God is recognized as their only solace.
- B. "Vain is the help of man."
 1. Often people will say, "Let me help you." This is said with regard to problems, church growth, etc.
 2. Jeremiah 10:23 needs to be front and center.

- C. "Through God we shall do valiantly."
 1. Ephesians 3:21
 2. Psalm 61:2

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Help	Wanted	Appeal	Appraisal
Participation	Rain	Peace	Shechem
Manasseh	Judah	Earth	Vain
Jeremiah	God	Valiantly	Stubborn
Pattern	Miserable	Divide	Solace