**Psalm 44**

*Come to Our Help. To the choirmaster. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah.*

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us,

what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:

2 you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted;

you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free;

3 for not by their own sword did they win the land, nor did their own arm save them,

but your right hand and your arm, and the light of your face, for you delighted in them.

4 You are my King, O God; ordain salvation for Jacob!

5 Through you we push down our foes; through your name we tread down those who rise up against us.

6 For not in my bow do I trust, nor can my sword save me.

7 But you have saved us from our foes and have put to shame those who hate us.

8 In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to your name forever. *Selah*

9 But you have rejected us and disgraced us and have not gone out with our armies.

10 You have made us turn back from the foe, and those who hate us have gotten spoil.

11 You have made us like sheep for slaughter and have scattered us among the nations.

12 You have sold your people for a trifle, demanding no high price for them.

13 You have made us the taunt of our neighbors, the derision and scorn of those around us.

14 You have made us a byword among the nations, a laughingstock among the peoples.

15 All day long my disgrace is before me, and shame has covered my face

16 at the sound of the taunter and reviler, at the sight of the enemy and the avenger.

17 All this has come upon us, though we have not forgotten you, and we have not been false to your covenant.

18 Our heart has not turned back, nor have our steps departed from your way;

19 yet you have broken us in the place of jackals and covered us with the shadow of death.

20 If we had forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to a foreign god,

21 would not God discover this? For he knows the secrets of the heart.

22 Yet for your sake we are killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.

23 Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!

24 Why do you hide your face? Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?

25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly clings to the ground.

26 Rise up; come to our help! Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love.

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Pastor Mitch Sermon – Psalm 44 – Honest Prayers

Jesus said the religious leaders of his day put up a false front of piety:

They loved to pray in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so as to be seen by the people.

They give long prayer with many words to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ others.

*Mark 7: 6 - He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; as it is written: "'These people honor me with their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but their hearts are far from me.”*

God would rather you yell at him and express your hurt and anger than to put up a false front and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ everything is OK.

Psalm 44 – How can we pray when we feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or let down by God?

Ps. 44:1-3 – They remember when God had performed great deeds for their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What are 1-2 of the impressive great deeds from the Old Testament you learned about?

Ps. 44:4-8 – They affirm their trust in God’s leadership and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*44:6 For not in my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ do I trust, nor can my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ save me.*

If you rewrote this verse for modern times – what might you put in the blanks?

Psalm 44:9-16 – Underline the key words that show why they feel God had let them down:

Psalm 44:17-22 - “All this had come upon us, though we had not…”

• Not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you Not been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• Not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ back Not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from your way

*John 16:33 - “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the world.”*

Ps. 44:23-26 – Pleads to God for three basic things:

Awake! – That God would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ himself and see their situation.

Rise up! – That God would take action and come to their \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Redeem us! – That God would set them \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from their enemies.

*Have you ever felt disappointed by God, and how did you respond to it?*

*Do you struggle to bring your honest feelings to God in prayer?*

Fill-in-the-blank Answers:

* Public
* Impress
* Hypocrites
* Lips
* Pretend
* Disappointed
* Fathers/ancestors

What are 1-2 of the impressive great deeds from the Old Testament you learned about?

Moses & the 10 Plagues David & Goliath Parting of the Red Sea etc.

* Protection
* Bow
* Sword

Psalm 44:9-16 – Underline the key words that show why they feel God had let them down:

Rejected us Disgraced us Abandoned our armies

Gave us to be slaughtered Sold us out Taunted --- laughingstock

* Forgotten
* False
* Turned
* Departed
* Overcome
* Arouse
* Aid/help
* free