

Problem to Praise

The third requirement is...

III: A New _____: v5-6

Now did David go from problem to praise? Did his situational problem change? Did God kill Saul? Did David's allies come to the rescue? David's perspective changed because he had ...

A. an _____ faith in God

B. _____ to joy from God

C. _____ to praise God

When your faith is anchored in Jesus Christ, and your joy emanates from all that you have in Jesus Christ, that's when you too will be able to say *God, you have not just been good to me but you've dealt bountifully with me!*

David took his problem to praise by ...

- understanding that God's primary work wasn't to simply fix his problem ... but rather ... it was to fix him ... spiritually
- and David ... was unrelenting in His prayer ...
- and by way of new perspective that God had dealt bountifully with Him David went from his problem to praise.

Were are you this morning? Are you the place where David started—focusing on your situational problem? Or are you in the place where David finished—praising God in spite of you situation and problem?



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Ps. 13

Throughout the Book of Psalms (including Psalm 13) we find a basic pattern which typically begins with the psalmist (much of the time it is David) who is struggling with a continual problem in his life—he is then moved to prayer and brings his problem before God and he tells God again of his problem; he asks God ... *God, when are going to do something about it ...* and then we find the psalm ending with praise for God even when the problem seemingly persists. In other words, the psalmist goes from problem to praise WITHOUT God's immediate intervention of fixing the problem.

This morning we will take a closer look at how David was able to praise God even in those times when God seemingly was unresponsive to his problems.

Notice 3 requirements...

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The first requirement to go from problem to praise is...

I: Understanding God's _____ Work

God's primary work is not to just fix people's problems but rather it is use a person's situational problem to fix a spiritual problem.

David's situational problem was Saul wanting to kill him. And he felt like ...

A. God had _____ him

How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord?

B. God had _____ him

...how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

This resulted in David being ...

C. _____

How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?"

We can go from problem to praise when we remember that God hasn't forgotten us; He hasn't forsaken us; but His primary work isn't to just fix the uncomfortable or difficult situation that you are in but rather it is to find opportunity in our difficult situation to work fix a spiritual problem that we may have.

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The second requirement is...

II: Unrelenting _____

The question becomes, what kind of spiritual problems does God seek to fix? That depends on the person. However, one of the greatest spiritual problems that most Christians struggle with at times ... if not all the time is ...

A. the _____ of prayer: v3-4

David's problem did what God intended for it to do— it drove him to unrelenting prayer. God loves us too much to let us live independent of Him and sometimes the sole intent of our situational problem is to teach us to pray.

Additionally, our problems are designed to fix the spiritual problem of...

B. _____ - _____

Notice the One to whom David prays to ... he says, ***"Consider and hear me, O LORD my God."***

When David says *O Lord my God*, he is acknowledging *Jehovah, my Elohim* ... the covenant-keeping God; the Almighty God of promise and power.

Do we understand the emphasis that God puts on prayer? And the question is ... if Jesus, Who is God in the flesh, prayed to the Father without ceasing ... why don't we?
