

Cell Notes 11 July 2010

Psalm 92

Psalms good for memorisation and meditation (bite sized... gets inside you)

Verses 1-3 A typical Psalm beginning – priority of praise (*it really is good!*)
Good for you body, soul, family, relationships, community, town...nation.
Why have St. T's services grown? People are encountering God in worship.
We've made this our priority (one of the three ideas I came with!)
Some encounters are life changing – invitations to 'do life' differently.

Middle bit How to read 'enemies' in the Psalms.
Not about wanting people who harm you to die (we're in a new covenant!)
But we're in a war zone (touches health, families, work, circumstances etc.)
'Enemies' are the demonic powers which are fuelling this warfare.
Suddenly these verses become encouraging prayers we can pray!

Verses 12-15 Fruitfulness (even in old age!) again – the promise we carry.
Bible often likens us to trees (palm, cedar, oak, vine etc.)
We flourish in the House of God (spending time with Him)
Where are you roots? In the River of God? (Psalm 1:3, Jeremiah 17:7-8,
Ezekiel 47:12, Revelation 22:2).
Roots determine fruits (Matthew 7:15-20)
If you are rooted in worship, Presence, encounter etc. you can't help having
good fruit. (Your roots will show!)

Discussion Questions

- 1) Why is it *so good* to praise the Lord and make music to Him?
- 2) How do you understand 'encounters with God'? How are these 'invitations to do life differently'?
- 3) What is the relationship between 'roots' and 'fruits'? What does it mean to be rooted in the House/River of God?