MY DEFENCE IS OF GOD

**DATE: 8/14/2011 am**

**TEXT: Psalm 7:10**

**INTRODUCTION**

The title of our message this morning, comes from **v.10**

***“My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart”***

David tells us -

He will not defend himself

He will not ask others to defend him

He rests his case in God’s hands

He leaves it entirely up to the Lord

This **7th Psalm** was written during David’s flight from Saul’s wrath

We find the background for this Psalm in **I Samuel 24 & 26**

The Bible tells us that Saul had enlisted 3000 chosen soldiers to find David and put him to death

David declared that he had done no wrong to King Saul

Someone had lied to the king about David

We have all done wrong,

But maybe there was a time you remember that you were falsely accused

Or blamed for something that you did not do

We probable thought that our name would never be cleared

This is what David is dealing with in our text

This is why he came to the place of saying –

**“My Defence is of God”**

This is *“The Psalm to the Slandered Saint”*

**~~~Let’s Pray~~~**

**I. RESTING IN THE LORD**

Notice in the first half of **v.1** that David says he is trusting in God

***“O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust:”***

He also asks the Lord to deliver him from those that persecute him

***“save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:”***

Notice the order, first the Trust / Faith, then the request

It so important that we don’t base our faith on our results

We have the tendency to put the cart before the horse

**A. The ‘Problems’ We Will Face**

One of the Problems is that there is always going to be Problems

It is almost impossible to live and not have problems with people

There is so much misunderstanding that takes place

But the real problem that we have *is not* in our relationships with people

Our real problem is in our *unwillingness* to trust God

The real struggle, though it may appear to be a “people struggle”

Is the struggle that we have with trusting the Lord

**The ‘Problems’ We Will Face**

**B. The ‘Peace’ We Can Have**

Most of us fret and fume and worry about how we have been wronged or treated

When what we truly need to do is put our faith in the Lord and leave our defence with Him

Then and only then will we be able to rest in our minds and in our hearts

**Hebrews 13:6 – *“So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me”***

**Psalm 56:4 – *“In God I will praise His word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me”***

**Psalm 121:2 – *“My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth”***

David did not say –

*“I’m going to match tit for tat with Saul and his men”*

He said – ***“My defence is of God”***

He put the matter in God’s hands!

**Exodus 14:14 – *“The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace”***

The fact that we do not hold our peace,

But try to justify ourselves is evidence that we are not trusting God to fight for us

We tell on ourselves, when we try to defend ourselves

**Isaiah 26:3 – *“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee”***

The mind is the real battleground

**Hebrews 12:3 – *“For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds”***

Paul wrote to the church at Corinth and said that we are to –

***“… bring(ing) into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ”***

This is where the real struggle takes place

You get some idea or thought that distracts you from trusting the Lord

Something that pulls you away from the direction you should be going

We must bring our thoughts into Obedience to Christ

(The Word of God)

**RESTING IN THE LORD**

**II. REAPING WHAT WE SOW**

Turn with me to **Galatians 6:7-9** Let’s read

Not only do we all sow, we all also reap

We not only reap what we sow, we reap more than we sow

And we also always reap later then we’ve sown

Today I plant things in my life that will be reaped in some tomorrow

To really believe that people are going to reap what they have sown is an expression of faith in God

And it ought to be a deterrent

**A.** Let’s look at **v. 8** -

***“The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me”***

I want to look at 2 words here –

The words ***“righteousness”*** and ***“integrity”***

**1. *“righteousness” -***

**Isaiah 54:17 – *“No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord”***

Our righteousness is of the Lord!

Jesus Christ is our righteousness

**I Corinthians 1:30 – *“But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:”***

**Romans 10:4 – *“For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth”***

**2. *“integrity” –***

When David said – ***“Judge me”*** in **v.8**, he is talking about his integrity (inner strength)

No one can take integrity from you

To lose it, you must give it up

Integrity is walking before God in honesty, fearing the Lord, living an upright life and being trustworthy

David is declaring –

 **II Timothy 1:12b – *“for I know Whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day”***

The Lord deals with His Children about what they are sowing

Because He knows they are going to reap what they sow

You cannot live any way you please and get by with it

**B.** David says in **v.9 –**

***“Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just”***

In other words, what the wicked are doing will finally come to an end

But the just will be established

The wicked are going one way; the just are going the other

***“For the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins”***

Many people think they can live any way they please without consequences

This is just not so

Let’s read **vs. 11-16** together

Notice what the wicked are going to have to deal with at the hands of a Holy God

They will reap what they sow

Maybe not in this life, but for sure in the after – life

This principle is true for all of us

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**REAPING WHAT WE SOW**

**III. REJOICING IN THE LORD**

Davidis still being sought after

And in the midst of it he rejoices

Saying in **v.17 –**

***“I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness: and will sing praise to the Name of the LORD most high”***

Why?

It can’t be because of what the Lord has done

In **v.6** David asked God to rise and take action

Because God hadn’t done anything yet

David rejoices because of Who God is!

David said -

*“Because of Who God is, I know what He is going to do”*

***That***, my friends, is living by Faith!!!

If we are going to live the Christian Life the Bible speak of

We must live a life that learns to praise God for Who He is

Not for what He can do

Knowing that He is going to do right even though the answer has not yet arrived

Let’s praise God for Who He is, knowing that He will hear and answer our prayers

**CONCLUSION**

**RESTING IN THE LORD**

**REAPING WHAT WE SOW**

**REJOICING IN THE LORD**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Let’s stand to pray

**INVITATION**