

Let the Afflicted Hear and Be Glad! (Psalm 34)

Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015

*You desire to know the art of living my friend? It is contained in one phrase:*

*Make use of suffering. - Henri Frederic Amiel*

*Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble. - Psalm 90:15*

Introduction: Though Psalm 90 was not written by David, most of the 75 psalms he did write come from days of affliction and years of trouble; some which were of his own doing and much that was thrust upon him. In all that he suffered, however, we see the common thread of a man whose compass was set on trusting God at all times.

Sermon Outline:

1. HEY! - David's call to Worship (vs. 1 - 7)
2. YOU! - David's challenge to his Hearers (vs. 8 - 14)
3. LOOK! - David's central teaching about the Lord (vs. 15 - 20)
4. DO! - David's counsel to trust in the Lord always (vs. 21 - 22)

*Though dark be my way, since He is my guide,*

*'Tis mine to obey, 'tis His to provide...*

*By prayer let me wrestle, and He will perform,*

*With Christ in the vessel I smile at the storm.*

*- John Newton*

Question for Reflection:

When you think of the 'afflictions' that you endured through 2015, what have you learned that can assist you to trust God with more abandon in 2016?