

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: ABLE'S BLOOD SINGING

Main Text: Psalm 44:9-26

Sermon Description: After the 'Selah', Psalm 44 unfolds as a prophetic hymn for the persecuted church. This is a representative appeal prerecorded in the Psalms for God's afflicted people of all ages who share in the sufferings of Christ. The installment of this song in the Psalter is empirical evidence of the compassion of the Lord on those who endure anguish and torture for His namesake in this veil of tears. These words foretell and anticipate the conditions and context of the early church often dominated by imperial powers making war with Christ and, by extension, His body. Ps 44 answers the question: "What is the sound of Able's blood?" (Gen 4:8-10) We hear the cry reach our ears that moves us to consider the plight and plea of our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ even today.

Heading: ANALYZING THE ANGUISH OF PSALM 44...

1. DOCUMENTATION OF GRIEVANCES

- a. Catalogue of atrocities (9-16, 19)
- b. Lament reverse engineered (Deut 28:62-68)
- c. Perplexing incompatibility (17-18) (20-21) ...What is the category of this covenantal experience...?

2. PROLEPTIC REDEMPTIVE SUFFERING

- a. Atonement allusions (11,22) (Is 53:7)
- b. Prototypical persecution (22) (I Peter 2:19-25)
- c. The martyr's witness (Gen 4:8-10, Heb 11:1-4)

3. COREGENCY IN JUDGEMENT

- a. Shared authority (II Tim 2:8-13, Rev 20:4-6)
- b. Able's echo – title (23-26) (Rev 6:9-11)

Close: Third person application: According to modern UN statistics, the Christian church globally is far and away the most persecuted faction in the world today. In the middle east alone there are an estimated million or so displaced and otherwise affected Christians enduring affliction for the name of Christ. When the church is the casualty of the convergence of evil in this wicked world...Do we stand with them?

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme: Shadow of death	Theme: Deuteronomy covenant	Theme: Atonement allusions	Theme: Persecution in Christ	Theme: Martyr's witness	Theme: Rule and reign
Verses: Ps 44:9-19, 23:4	Verses: Deut 28:62-68	Verses: Ps 44:11,22, Is 53:7	Verses: I Pet 2:19-25	Verses: Gen 4:8-10, Heb 11:1-4	Verses: II Tim 2:8-13