

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: SOBER VICTORY

Main Text: Psalm 60

Sermon Description: Psalm 60 opens with the longest title of the Psalter and provides us with insightful and surprising historical background information. It seems clear from this paragraph that Psalm 60 was written as the anthem to commemorate the summarily victorious warfare campaigns of Israel’s greatest general: David. Given this context, we find this warrior's song dramatically unique. It is not the self-exalting impulse of festal parades or the nationalistic patriotism of a great empire that is featured here. It is nothing like the brash promises, boast, bluffs, or accounts of any of the neighboring kings and conquests we find in the archeological record. Instead – it is the sober, humble, and even alarming words of caution to the people of a favored nation as well as praise to God. Psalm 60 instructs godly leaders on how to memorialize victories. What ought the spirit of a 4th of July or independence day celebration contain as a people acknowledges the sovereignty of God and their utter dependence on Him? This Psalm provides valuable instruction and a model for sober celebration.

Heading: THE MESSAGE FROM 3 VOICES IN PS 60....

1. PEOPLE (1-5)

- a. Title lesson (II Chrn 18:1-4)
- b. Totter vs. banner (2,4)
- c. Stagger vs. deliver (3,5)

2. GOD (6-8)

- a. Promise (Gen 12:6-7, Ex 12:37)
- b. Possession
- c. Purpose
- d. Perdition (Gen 19:37, Num 20:14-21)

3. KING (9-12)

- a. No plan 'b'
- b. Vanity
- c. Valiantly (Gen 3:15, Mat 26:39)

Close: Who can tread down our greatest foes? Who's heel is fit to crush the serpent's head?

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Background	Commemoration	History	God's power	Salvation	Cup/tread
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
II Chrn 18:1-14	Ps 60:1-5	Gen 12:6-7, Ex 12:37	Ps 60:6-8	Ps 60:9-12	Gen 3:15, Mt 26:39

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NEXT WEEK: Mt 25:1-13 ...Parable of the Virgins...