

Internet Breakthrough

Psalm 66:12-20

Sermon Outline

A. A Heart Felt Cry (Vs. 16-17):

1. Come; walked together – We are commanded to all change direction, commit to a godly lifestyle and walk responsibly before God.
2. Hear – When we turn toward God, we are commanded to provide our undivided attention so that we fully understand and gain a true knowledge of Him.
3. Fear – Those who recognize the power and authority of God have come to a complete understanding of Him. They reverence Him respect His holy nature.
 - a) Gen. 20:11 – Fear of God – A conventional phrase equivalent to “true religion.” “Fear” in this phrase has the sense of reverential trust in God that includes commitment to His revealed will (Word).
4. God – David uses God here to highlight why we should reverence Him. God, meaning He is Creator and sovereign over everything, and the entire Godhead is engaged in all that He does.
5. What He has done, act – David is committed to completely proclaim, to all those who come, that God obligated Himself to faithfully execute His creative ability to labor and toil in David’s behalf.
6. My soul – nephesh – God’s work for David powerfully impacted David’s day to day life so that it was preserved and blessed.
7. I cried to Him – Because God fights for David, he loudly calls to Him with the expectation that God would hear him and clearly understand the specific message David is seeking to communicate.
 - a) A store of praise being conceived as *under the tongue*, whence a portion might be taken on all occasions. The sense is, ‘scarcely had I *cried* unto Him when, by delivering me, He gave me abundant reason to *extol* Him’ (Ps. 34:6).^[1]

8. With my mouth – With my mouth is describing David's disposition towards God.

a) In saying that he cried to God with his *mouth* and *tongue*, these terms are denoting, as we have seen in a previous part of the psalm, the fervor and earnestness with which he prayed. Had he not prayed from the heart, he would have been rejected, but he makes mention of the *tongue* also, in token of the ardor of his supplications. Some absurdly imagine, that because the expression *under the tongue* is used, the meaning is *with the heart*.^[2]

9. Extol – David's cry to God caused God to publicly be exalted for who God is by His very nature and as a result of how God has powerfully served him.

B. The Lord Answers (Vs. 18-19):

1. I regard wickedness; See – To regard means that David has a complete understanding. He clearly sees he is strategically planning to be deceptive as in the case of Bathsheba.

a) He told them that God responded to his prayer (I cried out to Him) and God delivered him. However, it would not have happened if he had clung to sin (cf. Prov. 28:9; Isa. 59:2). But God *did* listen and answer his prayer. The point is clear: God's people, when in need, should purify their hearts and pray to Him. Then He will answer and not withhold His loyal love, and other believers may praise and exalt Him.^[3]

2. Heart – The deceptive plans are a part of his innermost feelings. They are so powerful that they can move him to act wickedly.

a) The psalmist asserts that if he had been living an unrepentant, sinful life—or desired sin—then God would not have heard him (Prov 28:9). However, because he was innocent, God heard his cries and delivered him (see Psa 17:3–7).^[4]

3. Lord (Adonai not Yahweh) will not hear - The Lord who sincerely desires a relationship with us and has the power, might and authority to bless us to overcome all obstacles will not provide us His undivided attention. He would demonstrate no desire to put in the time or energy to come to a full understanding of what our needs are (John 15:7).

4. Certainly God has heard – For sure God who is sovereign and supreme over everything has provided His undivided attention and has a clear, comprehensive understanding of all that David desires.

5. He has given heed; Attention –The Lord has already completely come to a full consciousness with a willingness to do what David desires.

6. Voice; Proclamation – Instead of just saying God heard his prayer David said “the voice” meaning the noise of his loud, boisterous cry by which he prayed.
7. Prayer – The prayer here means that David’s prayer was set to music in a formal worship service.

C. His Lovingkindness is Everlasting (Vs 20):

1. Blessed be God – God is going to be in a state of prosperity experiencing all the goodwill He desires so that He is praised.
2. Turn away; Depart – God has never turned aside, cut off or cast away the loud, boisterous request of David.
3. Prayer – God gave His complete, undivided attention to the prayer David shaped into worshipful, reverent music before Him.
4. Nor His lovingkindness – God’s loyal, steadfast, generous kindness was also extended faithfully so that He consistently fulfilled His covenantal love to David.
 - a) *Unfailing love* – The Hebrew for this phrase denotes befriending. Appeal to God’s “(unfailing) love, kindness, mercy” is frequent in the Old Testament since it summarizes all that the Lord covenanted to show to Israel (Dt. 7:9,12) as well as to David and his dynasty (89:24,28,33; 2Sa. 7:15; Isa. 55:3).

^[1] Fausset, A. R. (n.d.). *A Commentary, Critical, Experimental, and Practical, on the Old and New Testaments: Job–Isaiah* (Vol. III, p. 237). London; Glasgow: William Collins, Sons, & Company, Limited.

^[2] Calvin, J., & Anderson, J. (2010). *Commentary on the Book of Psalms* (Vol. 2, p. 477). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

^[3] Ross, A. P. (1985). *Psalms*. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 1, p. 842). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

^[4] Barry, J. D., Mangum, D., Brown, D. R., Heiser, M. S., Custis, M., Ritzema, E., ... Bomar, D. (2012, 2016). *Faithlife Study Bible* (Ps 66:18). Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.