

## David Dealt with Calamities

By Dan Jenkins

The headings of the psalms are not inspired words from God but reflect the ancient concepts of what was occurring in the life of the psalmist when he penned that psalm. The heading of Psalm 57 describes the events happening in the life of David when he wrote the psalm — “When David fled from Saul into the cave.” Regardless of when it was written, it shows us how David dealt with the most dire situations in his life. How did David deal with Calamities?

David first looked at the most high God. In the midst of trials, God was one who “performs all things.” David’s God (and ours!) was not one who sat idly by when He saw His children suffering (verse 2). He is One who sends forth blessing of salvation from heaven and reproaches the enemies of those who threatened His children, attempting to swallow them up. He was the God who sends forth mercy and truth (v. 3).

David then looked around him and thought about his enemies. If the heading is accurate, King Saul had just returned from fighting with the Philistines and, upon learning where David had fled, took 3,000 soldiers to kill him (1 Sam. 24). David and his men had taken refuge in the recesses of a large cave when Saul approached the cave and went inside. David’s greatest enemy was before him with thousands of soldiers just outside the cave. Look at how David described them. They were the fiercest warriors among the sons of men. Their violent spirit was like coals of fire, their teeth were like spears and arrows and their tongues were like a sharp sword (v. 4). They had figuratively dug a pit into which David might fall and prepared a net to ensnare him (v. 6).

David then showed his reactions to God’s providence in the midst of ungodly men. “My heart is steadfast.” His heart was anchored and firmly fixed on God and His nature. None of the adversity moved him. Instead of trembling with fear, David’s heart was singing the praises of God. As each day dawned, the man after God’s own heart loudly proclaimed His glory (vs. 7-9).

The psalm closes with words contrasting God and those fierce beasts of David’s enemies. God was glorious, and His mercy and truth reached from David (in the recesses of that cave) unto the highest heavens. Read the events of what happened at the cave to see how God responded to all of this and delivered David.

Look again at the first verse. “In the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, until these calamities have passed by.” Our lives are so often stressful and surrounded by adversity. When you find yourself in these circumstances never give up. We serve an eternal merciful God and all “these calamities” will pass by. Remember He is with you in your darkest “cave.”

Please call John or email him at [jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com](mailto:jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com) with any prayer requests or announcements you may have for the congregation.

## Things you should know about!

Communion is available as you come in the building, please take only what is needed for today. Hold on to the emblems until the proper time.

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If you would like to contribute to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, you can give money to Jason or place in the offering plate... please be sure to mark it accordingly.

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## Happy Birthday!!!

Lena Durst 1/26      Amie Allen 2/4

Jessica Gaynor 2/6      McKayah Musselman 2/7

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*February 13th will be our next potluck.*

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### Serving today and next Sunday:

Sunday AM Rotation	January 23, 2022	January 30, 2022
Announcements	Jason Bang	Jason Bang
Song Leading	Sam Martin	John McGiffin
Opening Prayer	Jason Bang	Chris McGiffin
Lord's Supper Comments	Jerry Thompson	Curt Thompson
Scripture Reading	Curt Thompson	Owen Whittington
Sermon	Bryan Allen	Tom Muter
Closing Prayer	Duane Kemp	

**Bible Verse of the Week**

“I spread out my hands to You My soul longs for You like a thirsty land.” Psalm 143:6

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**Lord’s Supper Reflection –Why Did Jesus Die?**

*Jesus Died for so that we may be righteous*

“Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.” Romans 5:9-11

**Offering Meditation**

*Your Gift Takes Care of the Building Where We Worship*

“Then he gathered the priests and the Levites, and said to them, “Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather from all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that you do it quickly.” However the Levites did not do it quickly.”

**2 Chronicles 24:5**

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**Remember in Prayer:**

- \*Our Country & leaders
- \*Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- \*Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- \*Henry Morgan (Rena Morgan’s son) - has COVID, in the hospital on a ventilator
- \*Nicole (Tammy Seiber’s niece) - grieving the loss of her baby
- \*Justin King (Tammy Seiber’s nephew) - fell and has blood clots in his lungs.
- \*Michelle Gasper recovering from COVID
- \*Dustin & Sharon (friends of the McGiffins) are looking for a house to buy in the area
- \*Sharon Manning (Holly Martin’s aunt) - fell and broke her nose, has some bumps and bruises.

- \*Tim & Dianna Bang, Michelle Buckingham, Laura McGiffin, Phyllis Caldwell, and Sam & Holly Martin are all sick (or have been this past week).
- \*Nancy Wilson (friend of Stephanie Bang) - facing major health challenges
- \*Family and friends of Charlie Lane (friend of the Bang’s) and Randy Bishop (Patsy Muter’s cousin) grieving the loss of their passing.

**How can we be praying for YOU?**

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**Attendance and Contribution Record**

Sunday, January 16		Wednesday, January 19	
Bible Classes	25	Attendance	22
AM Attendance	28		
PM Attendance	27	Contribution	\$870.00

# Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



## January 23, 2022

Worship Times:

- Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am
- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

Minister, John McGiffin

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We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are visiting, you are our honored guests and we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card and let us get to know you.