

Psalm 44 – Suffering with Christ

Do you think that things always work out well for those who are faithful to God and obedient to his commands?

1) Remembering what God has done (v1-3)

2) We are trusting (v4-8)

3) What is God doing? (v 9-16)

... God is accused of being an active force AGAINST them.

4) We were obeying you (v17-22)

They have been obedient to the covenant and these are accusing verses that demand an answer from God.

...v 19, God is crushing them.

...v 21, God knows everything.

5) What will you do God? (v23-26)

...we do see a conclusion

Firstly, God has proven his covenantal love for us as his people, even if it is not our immediate experience at the moment, so we are going to keep trusting him.

Secondly, the idea that the world is simplistic is dispelled.

For us today

1) Understand who it refers to

Psalm 44 refers to the faithful people of God crying out to God.

Old testament = whole nation of people

In the New Testament = the Christian church

2) Do not settle for simplistic answers

... Psalm makes abundantly clear, suffering as the people of God is not always a result of our sin being punished by God.

What scars do we have as a church because we follow Jesus?

3) This psalm in the NT**Romans 8**

... because we are involved in a spiritual battle.

Romans 8:18, urged to lift our eyes to what is ahead.

Romans 8:28 we are reminded that as God works in ways that we do not always enjoy,

4) In suffering, know salvation history (past, present, future)

... we have a confident hope and we have a future glory.

... therefore trust God's unfailing love and certain rescue in the midst of deep suffering like this.