

Julai 1, 2018

Kazi Ya Kuangalia

Zaburi 130

Injili inathibitisha kwamba kilio kutoka kwa kina ni sauti ambazo Yehova anahusika kwa pekee. Mungu huyu anaweza kupendeza, inapatikana-maoni mazuri juu ya Mungu na kuhusu msemaji. Zaidi ya hayo, Bwana anasikiliza na kuhamasishwa na mwombaji. Mshikamano mpya umefungwa wakati wa kuzungumza kati ya Bwana na "mdogo," mshikamano mpya kati ya kiti cha enzi na kina (W. Brueggemann, 1984).

Tunapoteseka, tunavutia washauri kama pesa huvutia wezi. Sisi ni mafuriko kwanza kwa huruma na kisha kwa ushauri, na wakati hatujui haraka haraka tunachukuliwa kama kesi isiyo na matumaini. Lakini hakuna chochote kile tunachohitaji. Tunahitaji tumaini. Tunahitaji kujua kwamba sisi ni kuhusiana na Mungu. Tunahitaji kujua kwamba mateso ni sehemu ya maana ya kuwa mwanadamu na si kitu cha mgeni. Tunahitaji kujua ambapo sisi ni wapi na Mungu ni wapi. Tunahitaji mtaalamu wa jicho badala, kuliko mchoraji. Mchoraji anatupeleka-kwa msaada wa brashi yake na palette-picha ya ulimwengu kama anavyoona; ophthalmologist inatuwezesha kuona dunia kama ilivyo kweli. Tunasaidiwa kujifunza ujuzi wa kusubiri na matumaini ambayo Mungu amepewa nafasi ya kufanya kazi ya wokovu wetu na kuimarisha imani yetu wakati tunapoweka makini juu ya njia zake za neema na ufufuo (E. Peterson, 1980).

Ni Bwana Mwenyewe, sio tu kukimbia kutoka adhabu, ambayo mwandishi anatamani. Hii ni zaidi ya wistfulness au matumaini. Katika safu za wazi, mtunga-zaburi anazungumzia ahadi ya kushikamana na, na kwa kuwaonyesha walinzi anachochagua kama mfano wake matumaini ambayo hayatashindwa. Usiku unaweza kuonekana kutokuwa na mwisho, lakini asubuhi ni ya uhakika na muda wake umeamua (D. Kidner, 1973).

Next week: Zaburi 123

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The Job of Watching

Psalm 130

The gospel affirms that the cries from the depth are the voices which Yahweh is peculiarly attuned. This God is palpable, available—a staggering comment both about God and about the speaker. Moreover, the Lord is attentive to and moved by the beggar. A new solidarity is forged in the moment of speaking between the Lord and “the least,” a new binding between the throne and the depths (W. Brueggemann, 1984).

When we suffer, we attract counselors like money attracts thieves. We are flooded first with sympathy and then with advice, and when we don't come around quickly we are abandoned as a hopeless case. But none of that is what we need. We need hope. We need to know that we are in relation to God. We need to know that suffering is part of what it means to be human and not something alien. We need to know where we are and where God is. We need an eye specialist rather, than a painter. A painter conveys to us—with the aid of his brush and palette—a picture of the world as he sees it; an ophthalmologist enables us to see the world as it really is. We are helped to learn the skills of waiting and hoping by which God is given room to work out our salvation and develop our faith while we fix our attention on His ways of grace and resurrection (E. Peterson, 1980).

It is the Lord Himself, not simply escape from punishment, that the writer longs for. This is more than wistfulness or optimism. In plain terms, the psalmist speaks of a promise to cling to, and in picturing the watchmen he chooses as his simile a hope that will not fail. Night may seem endless, but morning is certain and its time determined (D. Kidner, 1973).

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MASOMO YA MAANDIKO YA WIKI HII:

Leo: *Zaburi 31 (Mungu anakuambia nini?)*

Jumatatu: *Luka 14:25-33*

Jumanne: *Mathayo 12: 46-50*

Jumatano: *Matendo 7: 54-60*

Alhamisi: *2 Wakorintho 4:7-18*

Ijumaa: *2 Wakorintho 13:5-10*

Jumamosi: *Yohana 21: 15-23*

Bwana Yesu Kristo, umetuonyesha maana ya kuwa mtumishi. Tunakuomba sasa kwa neema na nguvu zako kwa kufuata kwa uaminifu katika nyayo za utumishi. Tunasali kwa Jina na Roho wa Yesu, Mwokozi wetu; Amina.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

Today: *Psalm 31 (What is God saying to you?)*

Monday: *Luke 14:25-33*

Tuesday: *Matthew 12:46-50*

Wednesday: *Acts 7:54-60*

Thursday: *2 Corinthians 4:7-18*

Friday: *2 Corinthians 13:5-10*

Saturday: *John 21:15-23*

Lord Jesus Christ, You have shown us what it means to be a servant. We ask now for Your grace and strength to faithfully follow in the footsteps of servanthood. We pray in the Name and Spirit of Jesus, our Savior; Amen.