

Knee Deep

The Good News is Justice | Week 21

Reflection Questions

There are a collection of Psalms known as Imprecatory Psalms. Filled with anger or anguish, they call out to God to punish, curse, or judge their enemies. We'll use Psalm 137 as an example.

Psalm 137

1. Read carefully. Given what happened to Israel at the hands of Babylon, why might they be calling out to God in this way? Describe a time you've wanted God to do something akin to this?
2. What is the equivalent of your "foreign land" and babies dashed against the rocks?
3. Discuss a bit how a Psalm like this can function in your worship and prayer life. What is the benefit? What is the danger? Could you see yourself praying something like this?
4. How do you balance mercy and justice? And what is the difference between justice and revenge?
5. How do you navigate between acclimation and defiance in times of pressure or persecution?

Memorize Psalm 1:1-6

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. ² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. ⁴ Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. ⁶ **For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Week 21 Reading Plan

Mon: Revelation 21-22

Tues: Ps 81

Wed: Ps 82

Thur: Ps 83

Fri: Ps 84

Extra read or memorization: Ps 119 waw

Action Step

Each weekday, carve a prayer time with God. Use a Psalm from Sunday or the reading plan to guide you.