



1. Don't get your Security from anything but God v6-10

- Some problems are self-inflicted – but not obvious sin
- v6 “When *I* felt secure *I* said ‘*I* will never be shaken”
- Easy circumstances breed careless Christianity
- v7 – Realisation: All had come from God
- Pride and forgetfulness conspire – we think we can do it ourselves
- So God steps back and things start to go wrong – we get ratty or despair
- “God by hiding his face shows us what we wouldn't see in the broad light of prosperity” – Calvin. More blessing requires more care!
- What makes you feel secure/able to cope? Abilities, practice, finances, upbringing, self-belief?

Response

- Turn to God v8 ○ Admit v6-7 ○ Ask for mercy v9-10

2. For the Christian there is always a sunrise v4-5

- The truth David discovers – 3 aspects
 - a) The Proportion of Sorrow**
 - Sorrow is fleeting – joy will last
 - Instead “we beat the metal of sorrow thin, covering a lot of space”
 - Guard against dwelling on sorrow – wait for the morning light
 - b) The Conversion of Sorrow**
 - v5 Sorrow pictured as an overnight guest who transforms into Joy
 - All comes from the hand of a loving Father – He will use it for good
 - 2 Cor 4:17 “For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that *far* outweighs them all.”
 - c) The Reason for Certainty**
 - Jesus is the ultimate speaker of v5 – He assures us
 - There is a sunrise because Jesus took our unending darkness on the cross
 - Dawn has to come – it is a purchased mercy. See also Habakkuk 2:3
 - For the Christian the darkest hour is always followed by dawn
 - For the non-Christian the darkest hour is always forever

3. Delight in God's Salvation v1-3, 11-12

- David starts and finishes with joy - You need to trust Jesus to find this joy
- David challenges us to “Lovingly brood over our deliverance”
- This will give us reasons to be joyful & strengthen our confidence in God
- Use David's words, filling in your own circumstances
- Recognise the contrasts and use them to deepen your praise and wonder
- Marvel at what it cost Jesus to take your ‘sackcloth and clothe you with joy’

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Sabbath 7th June 09

Notices

- Sun 7th Thanksgiving time of Praise @ Mark & Judith's 8pm
- 8th to 10th Synod meets at Cloughmills
- Wed 10th Mission Rally @ Synod for everyone - Ballyweaney Presbyterian Church
The Cross and Mission - Ted Donnelly
Details on Poster
- Fri 12th Summer Outreach Prayer night - Beside Open Door bookshop 8 – 10pm.
- Sab 14th Monthly Evening Service in Milford 8pm
- Sab 21st Baptism Megan Mcllwaine
- Sab 28th Church Lunch

Short-term Service comes to Milford

Jonny McCollum, who led last year's GO team, has applied to come to Milford & Letterkenny on Short term service. This is a scheme funded by the Mission Committee to give young people a chance to serve and to develop and test their gifts. He will be coming in September for a year.

Messenger Magazine

Could those who do, or wish to, receive the Messenger magazine for 2009 please confirm to Anne,- subscription is £8 stg (€9)

Romania 2009 Project

Goods requests: Blankets, Clothing, Crockery & Cutlery, Bric-a-brac, Small household stuff. Goods need to be in Ballyclare for 27th June - Speak to Christine Tait.

Senior Camp - Sat 4th July - Sat 11th July

Day visitors are welcome but must register upon arrival by contacting Robert or Lynn Robb or Lynda Bell. Day visitors will be charged for any meals they receive and if they want to stay overnight they must first of all get the permission of the camp committee and pay the daily accommodation fee of £12.00 (this fee does not include meals).

Sunday 14th - Psalms for a broken World - Psalm 102

Opening Psalm: 74:7-11

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