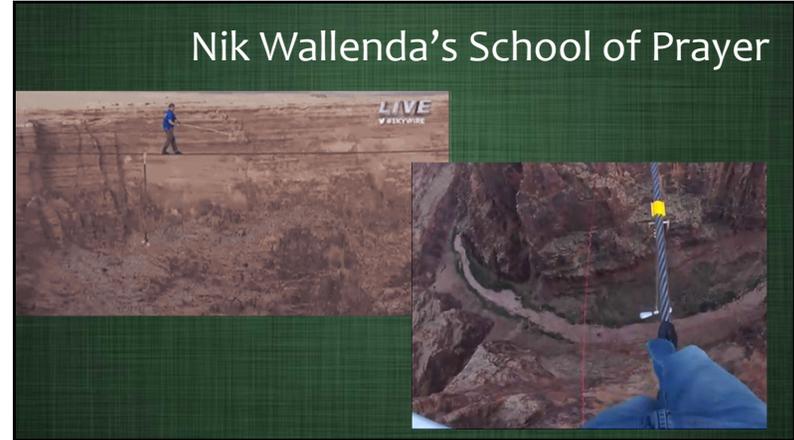




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psalm 9 warning:
themes we don't like

1. enemies (and asking God to kill/punish/do away with them)
2. judgment—particularly God as judge



Psalm 9

1 I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
2 I will be glad and rejoice in you;
I will sing the praises of your name,
O Most High.



Davis, Zoe,
& Emma Kate



Psalm 9

1 I will GIVE THANKS to you, Lord, with all my heart;
I will TELL OF ALL YOUR WONDERFUL DEEDS.
2 I will BE GLAD AND REJOICE IN YOU;
I will sing the praises of your name,
O Most High.



Psalm 9

3 My enemies turn back;
they stumble and perish before you.
4 For you have upheld my right and my cause,
sitting enthroned as the righteous judge.
5 You have rebuked the nations and
destroyed the wicked;
you have blotted out their name for
ever and ever.



Psalm 9

6 Endless ruin has overtaken my enemies,
you have uprooted their cities;
even the memory of them has perished.
7 The Lord reigns forever;
he has established his throne for
judgment.
8 He rules the world in righteousness
and judges the peoples with equity.



Psalm 9

9 The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
10 Those who know your name trust in you,
for you, Lord, have never forsaken those
who seek you.
11 Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in
Zion;
proclaim among the nations what he
has done.



Psalm 9

12 For he who avenges blood remembers;
he does not ignore the cries of the afflicted.



GOD: KING & JUDGE

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GOD: KING & JUDGE

KING:

1. political power over jurisdiction (King of Israel, King of Babylon, King of Queens)
GOD: king over nations & earth (v. 5 & 8)

Our options:

- Bow before him
- Attempt insurrection against him



GOD: KING & JUDGE

King:

1. political power over certain jurisdiction (King of Israel, King of Babylon, King of Queens)
GOD: king over nations & world (v. 5 & 8)
2. military power & authority



GOD: KING & JUDGE

JUDGE: authority to decide disputes; declare legality of laws, enforce current laws (Supreme Court, Judge Judy)

GOD: power to judge individuals, nations based on the true law



“David inquired of the Lord”

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they stumble and perish before **you**.

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Psalm 9



the “problem” with inquiring of the
Lord in conflict:
*you might end up being the one
who needs to change*



Psalm 9:9

The Lord is a refuge for the
oppressed, a stronghold in
times of trouble.



psalm 9

13 Lord, see how my enemies persecute me!
Have mercy and lift me up from the
gates of death,
14that I may declare your praises
in the gates of Daughter Zion, ar
there rejoice in your salvation.



psalm 9

15 The nations have fallen into the pit they have
dug;
their feet are caught in the net they have
hidden.
16 The Lord is known by his acts of justice;
the wicked are ensnared by the work of
their hands.
17 The wicked go down to the realm of the
dead,
all the nations that forget God.



evil collapses in on itself

15 The nations have fallen into the pit they have dug;
their feet are caught in the net they have hidden. ... the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands.

evil contributes to its own demise



“Having disarmed the powers and principalities he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.” -Col. 2:15

praying psalm 9

- praise: thanksgiving TO God, telling ABOUT God, rejoicing IN God
- “you’re the perfect king & judge: bow everything (or a real specific thing) before you”
- “... trust you, especially in conflicts”
- “... you’re my stronghold & trust; obey you, not my own instincts”
- “... ultimately my hope is in Jesus who allowed evil to self-destruct in his own body & conquered it”