

Sunday, July 14, 2019
Light for the Darkest Night

The book of Psalms was the prayer book of Israel and the early Church. Jesus quoted it more than any other OT book and said that the Psalms speak of him. When we don't know how to pray with our understanding, we can pray the Psalms, but we must learn to read them through the eyes of Jesus.

Text: Psalm 88:1-18.

1. Point 1: This is the darkest, saddest Psalm in all of the Bible.
2. Point 2: It's about three different people—which one are you?
3. Point 3: What turns the darkness into light?

Conclusion: Humans without Christ perish, but for those who put their trust in him, his resurrection is the guaranty of our own resurrection and ultimate victory, no matter what circumstances we may face. God does work wonders for the dead and the departed do rise up to praise him! Repent and believe the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Discussion questions:

1. Why is the tone of Psalm 88 so sad and hopeless?
2. Are Christians ever tempted to feel sad and hopeless? If so, does that necessarily mean that we are bad Christians?
3. What makes the situation of a child of God fundamentally different from that of the psalmist?