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Dedicated to
Andy and Sylvia Rivers
who introduced me to
The Treasury of David

Preface

Charles Haddon (C.H.) Spurgeon took nearly twenty years to write his rich commentary on the Psalms, titled *The Treasury of David*. His biographer, W. Y. Fullerton, calls it his greatest work. The first volume was published in 1869 and the last in 1885. In his introduction to volume 1, Spurgeon wrote: “The delightful study of the Psalms has yielded me boundless profit and ever-growing pleasure; common gratitude constrains me to communicate to others a portion of the benefit, with the prayer that it may induce them to search further for themselves.” Spurgeon’s prayer has been answered. As a result of his labor, thousands have studied the Psalms with boundless profit and ever-growing pleasure for more than a hundred years. The length and cost of this great commentary have, however, kept it largely confined to the libraries of pastors and other students of theology. As a result, many have missed out on Spurgeon’s practical insights and life-changing observations on the Psalms. I have attempted to enlarge the circulation of this helpful material by making it easier to read and obtain.

Spurgeon’s Daily Treasures in the Psalms has been hidden in *The Treasury of David* for more than a century. I have only liberated these treasures by lifting them out of their exhaustive setting and placing them in this daily devotional form. Updating has been done carefully to keep from losing Spurgeon in the process. If you are enriched by spending a year in the Psalms with C. H. Spurgeon, consider your daily delight an answer to his prayers . . . and mine.

ROGER CAMPBELL

January 1

Multiplied Blessings

› *Today's Faith Builder:*

Blessed is the man

Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,

Nor stands in the path of sinners,

Nor sits in the seat of the scornful. (Psalm 1:1)

See how this book of Psalms opens with a benediction. The word translated “blessed” is plural (“blessednesses”). May this blessed benediction rest on us.

Here the blessed man is described both negatively (v. 1) and positively (v. 2). He is a man who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly. His footsteps are ordered by the Word of God, not by the advice of deceitful and wicked men.

And now note his positive character: His delight is in the law of the Lord. He takes a text and carries it with him all day long; and at night, when he cannot sleep, he meditates on it. When trouble comes, he comforts himself with the promises of the Bible.

“He shall be like a tree planted”: not a wild tree, but “a tree planted,” chosen, considered as property, cultivated and secured from the last terrible uprooting. He is planted by the rivers of water so that even if one river should fail, he has another. The rivers of pardon and the rivers of grace, the rivers of promise and the rivers of communion with Christ are never-failing sources of supply.

He brings forth fruit in his season. The man who delights in God's Word, being taught by it, brings forth patience in the time of suffering, faith in the day of trial, and holy joy in the hour of prosperity. Even the trials of a believer are part of God's plan by which He grows and brings forth abundant fruit.

Psalm 1

January 2

The Pleasant Yoke

› *Today's Faith Builder:*

He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;

The LORD shall hold them in derision. (Psalm 2:4)

We might call this psalm The Psalm of Messiah the Prince. Let us read it with the eye of faith, seeing the final triumph of our Lord Jesus Christ over all His enemies.

The psalm begins abruptly with an angry question; and well it may; it is no wonder that the sight of men in arms against their God should amaze the psalmist. We see the nations raging, roaring like the sea, tossed to and fro with restless waves, as the ocean in a storm. Where there is much rage there is generally some folly, and in this case there is plenty of it.

But what are they saying? What is the meaning of this commotion? "Let us break their bonds in pieces. Let us rid ourselves of all restraint. Let us be free to commit all manner of sin. Let us be our own gods."

However mad the resolution to revolt from God, it is one which people have pursued ever since Creation, and they continue to revolt to this very day. The glorious reign of Jesus in the latter day will not come until a terrible struggle takes place among the nations. The conflicts of the last days will illustrate both the world's love of sin and Jehovah's power to give the kingdom to His Son.

To a graceless neck the yoke of Christ is a burden, but to the saved sinner it is easy and light. We may judge ourselves by this: Do we love that yoke, or do we wish to cast it from us?

Psalm 2:1-6

January 3

God Reigns

› *Today's Faith Builder:*

I will declare the decree:

The LORD has said to Me,

“You are My Son,

Today I have begotten You.” (Psalm 2:7)

The first psalm was a contrast between the righteous man and the sinner; the second psalm is a contrast between the disobedient, ungodly world and the righteous Son of God. In the first psalm, we saw the wicked driven away like chaff; here we see them broken in pieces like a potter's vessel.

God's anointed is appointed and shall not be disappointed. Look back through all the ages of unbelief, hearken to the high and hard things which men have spoken against the Most High, listen to the rolling thunder of earth's volleys against the majesty of heaven, and then think that God is saying all the while, “Yet have I set My King on My holy hill of Zion. Yet Jesus reigns!”

God has reigned at the counsel and ravings of the wicked, and now Christ the Anointed Himself comes forward as the Risen Redeemer, “declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead” (Rom. 1:4).

Here is positive proof of the deity of our Immanuel, What a mercy to have a Divine Redeemer in whom to rest our confidence! Oh, how wise, how infinitely wise is obedience to Jesus, and how dreadful is the folly of those who continue to be His enemies!

Note the benediction with which the psalm closes: “Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.” The more we trust, the more fully shall we share in His blessing.

Psalm 2:7–12

January 4

Times of Trouble

› *Today's Faith Builder:*

But You, O LORD, are a shield for me,
My glory and the One who lifts up my head. (Psalm 3:3)

This is a psalm of David when he fled from Absalom, his son. You will remember the sad story of David's flight from his own palace, when in the dead of night he forded the brook Kedron and went with a few faithful followers to hide from the fury of his rebellious son.

Remember that David in this was a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. He too fled; He too passed over the brook Kedron when His own people were in rebellion against Him, and with a feeble band of followers He went to the Garden of Gethsemane. The poor brokenhearted father complains of the multitude of his enemies. The conspiracy was strong, for the number of people with Absalom increased continually while the troops of David constantly declined. Troubles always come in flocks. Sorrow has a large family. Let us recall the opponents of our Redeemer. The legions of our sins, the crowd of bodily pains, the host of spiritual sorrows, and all the allies of death and hell are themselves against the Son of Man. How precious to know that He has overcome all His foes!

David complains before his loving God of the worst weapon of his enemies. "Oh!" says David, "Many are they who say of me, 'There is no help for him in God.'"

It is the most bitter of all afflictions to fear that there is no help for us in God. And yet remember our blessed Savior had to endure this when He cried, "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?" Surely we should love Him who suffered this bitterest of trials for us.

Psalm 3:1-3