

Romans 8

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



SUMMER PSALMS

LEARNING THE SONGS OF JESUS

New City is spending time this summer exploring the Psalms – the songbook given by God to his people for worship, community, and a hopeful realism. This was modeled well in the life of Jesus. Though separated by language, culture, and generations, the Psalms are still the inspired and reliable guide to our own hearts and a constant help in honestly navigating the chaos of our world with God-honoring, Christ-centered, hope-filled resiliency

For the Sake of Your Covenant Love!

June 19, 2022 | Psalm 44 | Pastor Roger Williams

Covenant love anchors hope.

Psalm 44

To the choirmaster. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah.

¹O God, we have heard with our ears,
our fathers have told us,
what deeds you performed in their days,
in the days of old:
²you with your own hand drove out the nations,
but them you planted;
you afflicted the peoples,
but them you set free;
³for not by their own sword did they win the land,
nor did their own arm save them,
but your right hand and your arm,
and the light of your face,
for you delighted in them.
⁴You are my King, O God;
ordain salvation for Jac
⁵Through you we push down our foes;
through your name we tread down those who rise up against us.
⁶For not in my bow do I trust,
nor can my sword save me.
⁷But you have saved us from our foes
and have put to shame those who hate us.
⁸In God we have boasted continually,
and we will give thanks to your name forever. (*Sela*)

Hope rooted in the past

⁹But you have rejected us and disgraced us
and have not gone out with our armies.
¹⁰You have made us turn back from the foe,
and those who hate us have gotten spoil.
¹¹You have made us like sheep for slaughter

and have scattered us among the nations.
¹²You have sold your people for a trifle,
demanding no high price for them.
¹³You have made us the taunt of our neighbors,
the derision and scorn of those around us.
¹⁴You have made us a byword among the nations,
a laughingstock among the peoples.
¹⁵All day long my disgrace is before me,
and shame has covered my face
¹⁶at the sound of the taunter and reviler,
at the sight of the enemy and the avenger.

Hope in present haziness

¹⁷All this has come upon us,
though we have not forgotten you,
and we have not been false to your covenant.
¹⁸Our heart has not turned back,
nor have our steps departed from your way;
¹⁹yet you have broken us in the place of jackals
and covered us with the shadow of death.
²⁰If we had forgotten the name of our God
or spread out our hands to a foreign god,
²¹would not God discover this?
For he knows the secrets of the heart.
²²Yet for your sake we are killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.
²³Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?
Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!
²⁴Why do you hide your face?
Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?
²⁵For our soul is bowed down to the dust;
our belly clings to the ground.
²⁶Rise up; come to our help!
Redeem us for the sake of your covenant love!

Hope longing for the future