23.08.13 Honesty is the Best Policy Psalm 137 Notes

INTRODUCTION

This morning, in Psalm 137, we want to evaluate:

**Are imprecatory prayers for me, and what can they accomplish?**

1. **An imprecatory prayer is a plea for to be done, and for the righteous to be vindicated.**
2. **An outpouring of on the part of Israelite exiles is recorded in Psalm 137.**

of their suffering verses 1 – 3

to remain loyal verses 4 – 6

to God for revenge verses 7 – 9

BIG IDEA: Imprecatory prayers are a way to be  with God and initiate a process of spiritual healing through God’s grace and mercy.

1. **How can this Psalm help us to** **tragic, unfair, even violent offenses against us?**
2. **Remember that we have something that the Israelites in exile did not have –**

As followers of Jesus, we are ministers of

2 Corinthians 5:18

The cross is a call to move through pain and anger to  and the light of salvation.

1. **Through the of the we deal with the tragic, unfair, even vicious offenses we’ve experienced.**

Be  with God.

Leave  and vindication in the hands of .

Romans 12:19; Ephesians 4:26; Proverbs 3:5 - 6

your  in the .

Isaiah 40:31; Matthew 14

for them. Matthew 5:44; James 5:16

CONCLUSION