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“Praying the Psalms” (3)

“Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.” (Psalm 34:5)

The Shame Solution

Psalm 25:1-3 – ¹ “To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. ² O my God, in you I trust; **let me not be put to shame**; let not my enemies exult over me. ³ Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.”

Psalm 25:20 – “Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.”

Psalm 31:1 – “In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!”

Psalm 31:17 – “O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol.”

Hebrews 4:16 – “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Strategic Shaming

Jeremiah 6:15 – “‘Were they ashamed when they committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed; they did not know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time that I punish them, they shall be overthrown,’ says the LORD.”

2 Thessalonians 3:14 – “If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed.”

Psalm 83:16-18 – ¹⁶ “Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek your name, O LORD. ¹⁷ Let them be put to shame and dismayed forever; let them perish in disgrace, ¹⁸ that they may know that you alone, whose name is the LORD, are the Most High over all the earth.”

Breaking the Shackles of Shame:

(1) Know Your Status

Romans 8:1 – “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:17 – “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

(2) Come Boldly to God

Micah 7:7-10 – ⁷ “But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. ⁸ Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me. ⁹ I will bear the indignation of the LORD because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon his vindication. ¹⁰ Then my enemy will see, and shame will cover her who said to me, ‘Where is the LORD your God?’ My eyes will look upon her; now she will be trampled down like the mire of the streets.”

(3) Resist Shame

Philippians 1:20 – “As it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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