

**“Your Marvelous Works”**  
**Psalm 9**  
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In the ninth Psalm, David gives thanks to God and exclaims how He is worthy to be praise. In the first two verses of this Psalm, David says: ***“I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.”*** David gave thanks to God for the protection He provided for him and the righteous judgment He brought against his enemies. David said ***“I will tell of your marvelous works.”*** The Lord had clearly done great things for David despite him being imperfect, because he was a God fearing man who did his best to please God.

In verse nine and ten of the same Psalm, David goes on to say: ***“The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.”*** David gave us a great reminder today that we can turn to the Lord in our times of need. The same is said in first Peter chapter five and verse seven, ***“casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”*** Who do we turn to, or where do we turn in times of trouble and distress? Do we turn on the TV and listen to “Doctor Phil or Oprah,” or do we stop and consider that we could pray for the Father’s help. We can pray for understanding, patience, and guidance during these times. Do we remember the words also found in Matthew chapter eleven and verses twenty eight and twenty nine when Christ said, ***“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”*** Christ, Himself, told us to bring all our cares and burdens to Him. The Father asked for the same, and how did David respond? David responded and said, ***“I will praise you, O LORD, with my whole heart..”*** David was so thankful for the Father and all He had done for Him. We can be thankful to the Father and for Christ for all they have done for us. They take our burdens away, and they are there for us in our darkest hour. The Lord knows all our strengths and our weaknesses. Surely we can have the wisdom to trust and confide in Him.

David thanked the Father for all He had done for Him and praised Him for it (Psalm 9:1-2). When we call on the Father, through Christ, in prayer, we should be thankful. Let us always be mindful of who we confide in and who we run to in times of need. Who we trust and talk to the most tells God just exactly how important or unimportant He is to us in our daily lives. It also tells Him of our faithfulness to Him. If we run to the world in times of trouble, it tells Him we have little or no faith. If we run to Him in times of need, it tells Him that we know where our hope and security really lies.

So ask yourself, where does your confidence lay? When things are tough and our back is against the wall, do we reach for the world? Or, do we reach for Christ and rest assured in His strength? Notice again the words of David when he says ***“And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.”*** David said those who KNOW you will put their trust in you.

David then reminded us that the Lord forsakes no one! He is always there for us, unlike the world and the friends of it. The Father is always there for us. He never forsakes those who love Him; instead, He guards and protects them much like He did for David.

So the question is, do we love the Lord enough to really put our hope in Him as we see all the works He has done and His promises. We can know that we can fully trust in Him.