

Judicial Progression

Psalms of David · Book I · Alphabet Psalms

"For the choir director, according to Muth Labben, a Psalm of David"

PICTURE WORD

Throne

IN ONE SENTENCE

*David thanks the LORD who reigns on his throne, judges the nations justly, and never forgets the afflicted.***Remember it:** Psalm Nine: thank the King on the throne who never forgets the poor.

MEMORY VERSE

Those who know Your name trust in You
 for You do not forsake those who seek You
 O Yahweh

Psalm 9:10 · the author's translation

HEBREW WORD

אודה

"I will give thanks" · verse 1

In the Psalms: 67 times, in 44 psalms

אודה, "I will give thanks," comes from a root meaning to praise, thank, or openly acknowledge. Thanks in Hebrew is public: David will "tell of all your marvelous works." Leah named her son Judah from this root, saying, "This time I will praise the LORD."

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- 1–2** David gives whole-hearted thanks and sings to the Most High.
- 3–6** God has judged the nations and upheld David's cause.
- 7–12** The LORD reigns, judges justly, and shelters the oppressed.
- 13–18** David asks mercy; the wicked are snared, the needy remembered.
- 19–20** He calls God to rise and remind nations they are men.

MY NOTES

**Listen.** Hear Psalm 9 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/9.**Cantillated.** Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Praise & Thanksgiving

Justice on the Wicked

The LORD Reigns

FILL IN THE BLANKS

David thanks the LORD who reigns on his _____, judges the _____ justly, and never forgets the _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What will the LORD be for the oppressed?

(A) A distant ruler

(C) A high tower

(B) A strict judge only

(D) A silent witness

2. Where are the nations caught?

(A) In the pit and net they made

(C) In the desert

(B) In a great flood

(D) In a fiery furnace

3. What is promised about the needy?

(A) They will become kings

(C) They will never suffer

(B) They shall not always be forgotten

(D) They will be rich soon

TALK IT OVER

1. How many times does David say "I will" in verses 1-2, and what does he promise?

2. What does verse 10 say about those who know God's name?

3. Who are the forgotten people around you that God has not forgotten?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 9 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say verse 10 by heart

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: throne · nations · afflicted · Check yourself: 1. C (v. 9) · 2. A (v. 15) · 3. B (v. 18)