Fatal Miscalculations

Tony Mauck · Psalm 10

INTRODUCTION

- We do tons of calculating about this outcome or that outcome and the results of choices and decisions that we make.
- Fatal miscalculation. Stay away from the slippery edge.

1 A Sovereign Lord Who Will Accomplish All His Will

Psalm 10:16; Psalm 10:11; Psalm 10:13

- There is a sovereign God, a sovereign Lord who will accomplish all his will.
- The Lord is king forever and ever. You can't get around that. You better make sure you're calculating that.
- He foolishly concludes, he says to himself in verse 11, God has forgotten. He has hidden his face, he will never see it.
- The time of reckoning is coming. Don't think you're going to escape it because you're getting away with it now.
- It is a fatal miscalculation to think that what we do in private will not be shouted from the rooftops.

2 The Fatal Miscalculations of Those in Scripture

Esther 7:10; Revelation 12

- He got caught in his own wicked devices that he had planned for others.
- On paper, he was exactly right. Hezekiah had nothing. On paper. But beyond the sphere of what was seen.
- For the Lord had ordained to thwart the counsel of Ahithophel. Yeah, he was good. He was smart. He had all the right answers. But he was no match for the Lord.
- His cause comes to nothing. It always has.

3 A Warning to the Wealthy

Luke 16:9

- Don't think, don't calculate that your stuff is all you need.
- Sometimes riches make wings like eagles and fly away.
- Ultimately, you're not going to be here. And that bank account's going to belong to someone else.
- Better use material stuff wisely and knowing that you're going to give an answer to the sovereign God.

4 A Warning to the Defiant

Psalm 2

- A warning to the defiant, to those who shake their fist and say, I don't need God's limitations.
- God has set his king in Zion. You can go to the bank with that. You better calculate that.
- You better reverence the Son, lest you perish in the way.

5 A Warning to the Boastful

James 4:13–15; Ecclesiastes 9:10; Proverbs 10:7

- A warning to the boastful. Tomorrow is never a guarantee.
- You ought to say instead, if the Lord wills, we will do this or that. Why? Because God is sovereign and God knows things that you don't.
- So whatever your hands find to do it with your might.
- These stories tell us you better calculate God into the equation.

6 What Calculating God Into Your Plans Means

Psalm 119; Psalm 31:14–15

- When you calculate God into your plans, you will have Him as your help and your companion.
- The outcome of calculating God into your plans is enormously and infinitely valuable.
- You calculate God into your plans, you'll be very wise.
- My times are in his hand. There's no circumventing that. God masterminds all of his purposes. And you are foolish to fight against it.

THE CHALLENGE

But what will you do at the end of it? You need to think seriously about where you stand with the living God right here, right now.

MY NOTES