

## LESSONS FROM PSALMS SEVENTY-FOUR

Scripture: Psalm 74:1-23

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### Introduction:

- A. This Psalm was written by Asaph sometime during a period of severe chastisement of Israel. The enemies of God's people had destroyed the beautiful temple, the local synagogues, and the people were in bondage.
  - B. The people seemed to have given up hope.
- I. LEARN THAT THE WHY SYNDROME SEEMS TO BE AS OLD AS MAN.
- A. Asaph looked at all the destruction and at the condition of the people and said, "Lord, why?" In fact, he asked God, "WHY?" three times.
  - B. I am quite sure the people who made up the first church at Jerusalem also asked God why when the persecution forced them to flee for their lives.
  - C. Also the true people of God during the dark ages.
  - D. Even now when trouble and heartache comes, God's people are heard to ask God WHY.
  - E. There will come a time in the tribulation when the saints of God shall again ask God why.
- II. LEARN THAT GOD IS ALWAYS IN CONTROL.
- A. God is never asleep; nor is He ever overpowered.
  - B. God is as much in control in the storms of life as He is when all is calm.
  - C. In the history of Israel, most of the storms were because of the sin of God's people.
  - D. The storms in Joseph's life came because of God's chosen way of dealing with Israel.
  - E. Would Jesus have been crucified if God had not permitted evil men to govern?
  - F. Would the first church ever have done God's will if evil men had not ruled?
  - G. We should remember that God uses evil men to fulfill His purpose...but He is always in control.
- III. LEARN HOW BEST TO SEEK GOD'S HELP.
- A. Lord, remember Lord, O Lord, deliver Lord, forget not... vs. 18,19
  - B. Lord, respect your covenant v. 20
  - C. Lord, give us the victory that your Name may be praised. v. 21
- IV. LEARN THAT GOD WILL IN HIS OWN GOOD TIME RISE UP AND DEFEND HIS HONOR.  
vs. 22,23