

LESSONS FROM PSALMS SEVENTY-SIX

Scripture: Psalm 76:1-12

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Introduction:

- A. It is generally agreed that this Psalm is a companion to Psalm 75...set in the same time...the time of the Assyrian invasion when Jerusalem was saved by God's own intervention. The time when 185,000 went to sleep and did not wake up.
 - B. It is also agreed that it looks forward in prophecy to the defeat of the Antichrist forces just outside the walls of the same city—Jerusalem.
- I. LEARN THAT OUR GOD MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN. vs. 1,2
- A. God has revealed Himself to all men everywhere. Romans 1:17-20
 - B. This text speaks of a certain people in a certain place
 - 1. God is known to His people—Judah and Israel.
 - 2. He is known in Salem and Zion...
 - a. Salem is shortened form of Jerusalem.
 - b. Zion is one of the hills on which Jerusalem was built.
 - C. God is known in a special way in Jerusalem.
 - 1. In the past by His glory displayed in the Temple.
 - 2. In the future when Jesus shall ascend His Father David's throne and rule over this earth for 1000 years. Luke 1:32,33 and Rev. 19:16, 20:4-6
- II. LEARN BY WHAT MEANS OUR GOD MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN. vs. 3-6,12
- A. In all times He has made Himself known in creation. Rom. 1:17-20
 - B. In special times He has made Himself known in some physical expression of Himself. Adam, Abraham, Moses,
 - C. In Jerusalem He makes Himself known in battle.
 - 1. In the past...vs. 5,6
 - 2. In the future...v.12 (shall cut off...)
- III. LEARN THAT OUR GOD WILL BE RESPECTED. vs. 7-10
- A. God may be denied and ignored by the man He created.
 - B. But in God's good time, He will be recognized and respected by all people.
 - 1. In Old Testament times, nations and people ignored God; BUT in His time they respected Him. Egypt — Israel — Assyria — prophets of Baal
 - 2. In New Testament times the same was true. Scribes and Pharisees claimed to honor God, but in deeds they denied Him.
 - 3. When God rises up in judgment, all will recognize and respect Him. "...every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess...". Isa. 45:22-23; Rom. 14:11; Ph.2:1
- IV. LEARN WHAT GOD EXPECTS OF HIS PEOPLE. v.11
- A. He expects us to make vows..promises..resolutions concerning our service to Him.
 - B. He expects us to pay our vows ...keep our vows.
 - C. He expects us to bring presents to Him.
 - 1. First, ourselves. Rom. 12:1,2
 - 2. Tithes and offerings
 - 3. Fruit of our labors. Psa. 126:6 "He that goeth forth and reapeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."