

LESSONS FROM PSALMS NINETY-FOUR

Scripture: Psalm 94:1-23

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Introduction:

- A. This Psalm gives no hint of what human author our God used to pen its inspiring words; but it is God's Word to His people in any generation.
 - B. There are some most helpful lessons for us.
- I. LEARN THAT IT IS NOT WRONG TO PLEAD WITH GOD TO JUDGE THE WICKED. vs. 1-7
- A. This recognizes God as the One to whom all vengeance belongs. v.1
 - B. Talking with God about the wicked and their wicked deeds reveals our acceptance of their responsibility to God. vs. 5-7
 - C. It is natural and right to ask God, "How long?"
 - D. We can urge God to rise up and judge the wicked. v.2
- II. LEARN THAT IT IS BEASTLY TO THINK THAT GOD DOES NOT KNOW WHAT GOES ON IN THE LIVES OF MEN. vs. 8-11
- A. To be beastly or brutish is to act without the exercise of reason.
 - 1. Daniel 4:24-37
 - 2. Psalm 73:22 "I was as a beast before Thee."
 - B. To act in such way is to show oneself to be a fool—one devoid of wisdom. v.8 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."
 - C. Wisdom teaches that the Creator knows all about His creation—His creatures. vs. 9-11
- III. LEARN WHAT IS THE BASIS OF REAL HAPPINESS. vs. 12-15
- A. Whom does the Psalmist say is blessed or happy? v. 12
 - 1. The one who has been taught God's Law.
 - 2. The one whom God corrects.
 - 3. The most miserable children are those who have no rules and no correction. They may appear to be happy, but they feel insecure and cry out for someone to take control of their lives.
 - 4. Adults are no different. When God chastens us, we feel safer...therefore, happier.
 - B. The correction of His people proves God is in control of the circumstances of life.
- IV. LEARN THAT THERE IS COMFORT IN REMEMBERING HOW GOD HAS HELPED US IN THE PAST. vs. 16-19, 22
- A. When new problems arise and challenge our faith, where will we turn for help? v.16
 - 1. Who will rise up for me against evil doers?
 - 2. Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?
 - B. Remember who helped you through your last time of trouble. vs. 17,18
 - C. Let our thoughts be on what our God has done for us all our lives...and we will find comfort in present times of trouble. v.19
 - D. The Lord is my defense...He is my Rock...my Refuge. v.22
- V. LEARN THAT OUR RIGHTEOUS GOD CAN HAVE NO FELLOWSHIP WITH THOSE ENTHRONED IN WICKEDNESS. vs. 20,21
- A. The wicked enthrone themselves and use law to practice iniquity.
 - 1. More and more we hear of those in high places taking advantage of position to practice evil.
 - 2. This is true in religion as well as business.

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B. The wicked gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous and condemn INNOCENT blood. In our land the high courts, the president, and much of the congress have gathered together to condemn INNOCENT blood...the blood of the unborn.

C. Will God have fellowship with such? No! He cannot.

VI. LEARN THAT OUR GOD IN HIS OWN GOOD TIME WILL DEAL WITH WICKED LEADERS. v.23

A. He will bring upon them their own iniquity's. vs. 8-11

B. He shall cut them off in their own wickedness. v.23

C. Yes! The Lord our God shall cut them off.