

PSALM 74 vs 1

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This is the 3rd of 12 Psalms ascribed to Asaph, bearing this seer's name. In 2 Chronicles 29, Hezekiah ordered the Levites "to sing the words of David and of Asaph the seer" ... evidence the Spirit of God continues inspiring others to consider the ways of the Lord.

Divisions: The history of the persecuted church is edifying, as the faithful trust and wrestle with God in times of distress. The poet pleads the sorrows of the nation (1-11); whether it is a prophetic psalm intended for use in troubles foreseen, or written by a later Asaph (12-23); there is one singularity like Psalm 44, there is no mention of national or personal sin, no allusion to the Lord in punishment, no call for pardon or forgiveness. – Charles Spurgeon.



A Maskil of Asaph,

¹ O God, have You rejected us forever? why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?

² Remember Your assembly, You purchased of old; the rod of Your inheritance, which You redeemed; this mount Zion, where You dwelt.

³ Come inspect the unending ruins; all the damage the enemy did in the sanctuary.

⁴ Your enemies roared in the midst of Your assembly; they set up their flags for signs;

⁵ as if one lifted up an axe in a thick forest.

⁶ But now all its carved work is smashed; with axes and hammers.

⁷ They burned Your sanctuary to the ground; they defiled the dwelling place of Your Name.

⁸ They said in their heart, destroy them completely: they burned all the meeting places of God in the land.

⁹ Our signs we do not see: there is no prophet: and no one among us knows how long.

¹⁰ O God, how long will the enemy accuse? will the enemy curse Your name forever?

¹¹ Why withdraw Your hand, even your right hand? Take it from your bosom, destroy them. Think about it: should a sinner live forever, he would sin forever, like a crocodile always growing bigger and bigger until the day it dies; every sinner would if left alone be such a monster, growing worse and worse. God is never weary of His people to abhor them, even when His anger is turned against them, it is for a moment, and with a view to their eternal good. It is terrible when the anger of God smokes, but it is an infinite mercy that it does not break into a devouring flame – Charles Spurgeon.

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¹² For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the **earth**.

¹³ **You divided the sea by Your strength**: you broke the heads of **the dragons** in the waters.

¹⁴ You broke the heads **of the leviathan** in pieces, and gave to be meat to the people living in the wilderness.

¹⁵ **You broke open the fountain and the flood**: you dried up mighty rivers.

¹⁶ Yours is the day, Yours is the night also: You prepared the light and the sun.

¹⁷ You established all the borders of the **earth**: You made summer and winter.

¹⁸ Remember this: an enemy accused the LORD; fools blasphemed Your Name.

¹⁹ **Do not deliver the life of Your dove to the beast: nor ever forget the lives of Your afflicted.**

²⁰ **Consider the covenant**: for the dark places of the **earth** are full of dens of violence.

²¹ Do not let the oppressed return shamed: let the poor and needy praise Your name.

²² Get up O God, plead Your cause. Remember how the fools taunt You daily.

²³ **Forget not the voice of Your enemies: the noise of those who rise against You continually.**
Pause and think about it: He recalls many exploits of God and His great power watching over His people; many have noted the finding of Noah's Ark due to the earthquake in Turkey in 1970s; or the Magdalen papyri found in Magdalen College Oxford, verifying Matthew's early gospel, 1994; the proper locating of Mount Sinai in Arabia in early 1980s, the crossing of the children of Israel at the Nuweiba shoreline; the young earth scientists dispelling the Darwin hoax peddled 150 years finding DNA and blood samples of dinosaurs proving they are not millions of years old; and so many discoveries. We live in exciting times; be patient as our great God brings to a close, the time of the gentiles; which means: He is coming soon!

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