

PSALM 75 vs 1

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This is the 4th 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. And this is the fourth **Do not Destroy** Psalm. There are four **Do not Destroy** psalms, namely 57th, 58th, 59th, and 75th. In all of them there is a distinct declaration of the destruction of the wrong and the preservation of the right.



Divisions: This is a noble work for the Chief Musician; for the cry of the last Psalm is about to be heard, and the challenge of the foes of Israel taken up by God Himself. The people's song of gratitude and adoration begins the hymn (1); the Lord reveals Himself ruling the world in righteousness (2-5); then follows a warning voice to His enemies (6-8) and a closing song of utter defeat of the foe – Charles Spurgeon.

For the Chief musician, set to Al-tashheth.

A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

¹O God we give thanks; to You we give thanks: for Your Name is near, Your wonders to declare.

² You say: When I choose the set-time, I will judge rightly.

³ While the earth and all those who dwell on it melt: I firmly set up its pillars.

Selah, think about it: Another music interlude to ponder what was just said. When anarchy is abroad, and tyrants are in power, everything is unloosed, dissolution threatens all things, the solid mountains of government melt as wax; but even then the Lord upholds... and sustains the right. "I bear up its pillars." Hence, there is no real cause for fear. While the pillars stand, and stand they must for God upholds them, the house will brave out the storm. In the day of the Lord's appearing, a general melting will take place, but in that day our covenant God will be the sure support of our confidence. – Charles Spurgeon.

The lawless are spiritual fools. Learn to whom the glory of bearing up the world is due. God's providence is the true Atlas which supports and shoulders up the world. – Thomas Crane, 1808-1859.

⁴ I said to the fools, do not deal foolishly: and to the wicked, do not lift up your trumpet:

⁵ do not lift up your trumpet on high: do not speak with a stiff neck.

Think about it: If the wicked were not insane, they would even now hear in their conscience the still small voice asking them to cease from evil, and refrain their pride. For their pride there is a double rebuke. A word from God soon abases the lofty. Oh that all proud men would obey the word given them; for if they do not, He will take effective means to secure obedience, and then woe will come upon them, such as will break their horns and roll their glory in the mire forever. Rudeness before God is madness.

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Those who carry their heads high will find that they will be lifted yet higher, as Haman was upon the gallows which he had prepared for the righteous man. Silence, you silly boasters! Silence! Or God your Maker will answer you. – Charles Spurgeon.

⁶ For not from the east, not from the west, and not from the south comes exaltation;

⁷ but God is the Judge: He deposes one, and elevates another.

⁸ For there is a cup in the hand of the LORD, the wine is red; it is fully mixed; and He pours from this: surely all the wicked of the earth will drain and drink its dregs.

⁹ But I will declare forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

¹⁰ All the horns of the wicked will be cut off; but the horns of the righteous will be exalted.

Think about it: In the hand of the Lord is a cup; there is a cup that David thirsts for: the cup of salvation; but this cup there is “wine” in it: wine cheers the hearts. But alas this mixture spoils it all. It is brewed and made unpleasant: this changes the condition. It is mixed with the wrath of God, the malice of Satan, the anguish of the soul, the gall of sin, the tears of despair: it is the sanguine color of blood. And the Lord will “pour it out”; He will hold their mouths to it, and make them drink it: the rankest poison in the world, the gall of dragons and venom of asps. Let them taste it? No, they must “drink it off” to the very bottom, the sediments, dregs and all. And lest any drops should be left behind, they will suck them down to their confusion. The cup is bitter, and full of sorrow, so said Augustine. The godly often do taste the top, and feel the bitterness, but it is suddenly snatched from them; the fools will drink to the very grounds – Thomas Adams, 1583-1653.

“Here He exalts neglected worms, to scepter and a crown;
Anon the following page He turns, and treads the monarch down” – Isaac Watts; hymn writer, 1674-1748

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