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PSALM 44

You asked, "Who is this who conceals my counsel with ignorance?"

Surely I spoke about things I did not understand,

things too wondrous for me to know.

You said, "Listen now, and I will speak.

When I question you, you will inform me."

I had heard reports about you,
but now my eyes have seen you.

Job 42:3-5



1) GOD'S PAST DELIVERANCE (1-8)

For the choir director. A Maskil of the sons of Korah.

¹God, we have heard with our ears —
our ancestors have told us —
the work you accomplished in their days,
in days long ago:

²In order to plant them,
you displaced the nations by your hand;
in order to settle them,
you brought disaster on the peoples.

³For they did not take the land by their sword -
their arm did not bring them victory —
but by **your right hand**, **your arm**,
and the **light of your face**,
because you were favorable toward them.

⁴You **are** my King, my God,
who **ordains** victories for Jacob.

⁵Through you **we** drive back our foes;
through your name **we** trample our enemies.

⁶For **I** do not trust in **my** bow,
and **my** sword does not bring me **victory**.

⁷**But** you give us **victory** over our foes
and let those who hate us be disgraced.

⁸We boast in God all day long;
we will praise your name forever.

Selah

Ancient Documents Confirm 'Selah' Best Translated 'Extended Guitar Solo'

SCRIPTURE · Sep 9, 2016 · BabylonBee.com





1) GOD'S PAST DELIVERANCE (1-8)

2) GOD'S PRESENT DESERTION
(9-16)



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⁹But you have **rejected** and **humiliated** us;
you do not march out with our armies.

¹⁰You make us **retreat** from the foe,
and those who hate us
have taken **plunder** for themselves.

¹¹You hand us over to be eaten like sheep
and **scatter** us among the nations.

¹²You sell your people for nothing;
you make no profit from selling them.

The hardest questions to answer are the existential ones concerned with pain and suffering. They're the hardest questions for any worldview to answer. If you haven't got a worldview that has something to say to those in pain or suffering, you haven't got a worldview that's worthy of the name.

I've noticed over the years that the aggression of the new atheists has faded away. Questions tend to come more on issues of meaning and ethics and morality: *What is a human being? What does my life mean? Can I really have a purpose?*

¹³You make us an object of reproach to our neighbors,
a source of mockery and ridicule to those around us.

¹⁴You make us a joke among the nations,
a laughingstock among the peoples.

¹⁵My disgrace is before me all day long,
and shame has covered my face,


¹⁶because of the taunts of the scorner and reviler,
because of the enemy and avenger.



1) GOD'S PAST DELIVERANCE (1-8)

2) GOD'S PRESENT DESERTION
(9-16)

3) GOD'S FUTURE RESCUE (17-26)



**17 All this has happened to us,
but we have not forgotten you
or betrayed your covenant.**

**18 Our hearts have not turned back;
our steps have not strayed from your path.**

**19 But you have crushed us in a haunt of jackals
and have covered us with deepest darkness.**

²⁰If we had forgotten the name of our God
and spread out our hands to a foreign god,

²¹wouldn't God have found this out,
since he knows the secrets of the heart?

²²Because of you we are being put to death all
day long;

we are counted as sheep to be slaughtered.

²³Wake up, Lord! Why are you sleeping?

Get up! Don't reject us forever!

²⁴Why do you hide

and forget our affliction and oppression?

²⁵For we have sunk down to the dust;

our bodies cling to the ground.

²⁶Rise up! Help us!

Redeem us because of your faithful love.

“It implies the revolutionary thought that suffering may be a **battle-scar** rather than a punishment; the price of loyalty in a world which is at war with God. If this is so, a **reverse** as well as a **victory** may be a **sign of fellowship** with him, not of alienation.”

Derek Kidner

³¹What, then, are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He did not even spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. How will he not also with him grant us everything? ³³Who can bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies. ³⁴Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is the one who died, but even more, has been raised; he also is at the right hand of God and intercedes for us. ³⁵Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

Romans 8:31-39

³⁶As it is written:

Because of you

we are being put to death all day long;

we are counted as sheep to be slaughtered.

Romans 8:31-39

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than
conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I
am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor
angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things
to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth,
nor any other created thing will be able to
separate us from the love of God that is in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

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