

# Psalms 75-77 – 13 April 2025

## “Our Faithful Sovereign Warrior God”

### Introduction

- \*This is 2<sup>nd</sup> of 6 messages in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Book of Psalms
- \*Psalms - the Israeli Hymnbook or Book of Praises
- \*I pray you gain wisdom thru the Psalms, but more importantly that you're able to worship thru them
- \*Asaph wrote 12 Psalms (50 & 73-83)
- \*Our 3 Psalms today all direct us to praise & thank the Lord
- \*Psalms have a very effective way of changing our attitude and mindset as we meditate of what's true
- \*Today let's look at 3 things to thank God for that have a way of truly affecting us mentally for the good**

# **#1: For His sovereign solutions which establishes whom He wills (Psm 75)**

Intro – ‘Altaschith’ – set to the tune of *Do Not Destroy*

Probably a popular song of the day

All 4 Psms w/ this (57-59 & here) have declarations of destruction on the wicked

Read Psm 75:1

1. This song of thanks was meant to be enjoyed together and sung together
2. They enjoyed God’s presence and help

Read Vs 2-3

1. Now we have Asaph speaking on God’s behalf
2. God has a set time already made to judge and make things straight again
3. He knows how to dissolve & how to harden

Read Vs 4-5

1. God always warns in words before warning w/ consequences
  - a. We’ve always been a word-based religion
  - b. From Adam to Revelation, the call has always been to heed His Word – takes faith

## Read Vs 6-7

1. We don't advance in life b/c of any other reason than that God allows it
2. Our standing, our promotion, our exaltation is all under the control of God Almighty
3. We rise and fall at His will
  - a. Who are we to think we deserve to advance
  - b. But praise God He's placed His love on us  
(Read Lam 3:22)

## Read Vs 8-9

1. This is the case thru the entire Bible
  - a. Unbelievers are under the wrath of God & will drink of it when they die
  - b. Yet believers, w/ their wrath removed at the cross, rejoice b/c God judges righteously
2. No better place to see this than in the end times
  - a. During the Trib, unbelievers drink God's wrath (Read Rev 14:9-10)
  - b. While believers celebrate (Read Rev 19:2)

## Read Vs 10

1. Arrogantly seeking promotion is a fast way down
  - a. But humility makes us usable to the Lord
2. For those of us that wrath was removed at the cross, are you ready for your strength to rise up?

## **#2: For His warrior will which saves the humble (Psm 76)**

### Read Psm 76:1-3

1. Salem is the ancient name of Jerusalem
  - a. Pilgrims named Salem, MA after this verse
2. This could be recounting when David took Jerusalem from the Jebusites
3. This is a favorite for times of spiritual warfare

### Read Vs 4-6

1. *Stout-hearted* – have you heard of bull-headed, well this is bull-hearted
2. When the stiff-necked & bull-hearted runs into the Lord, there is no strength in them to stand

## Read Vs 7-9

1. God uses His fearsome power to save the humble
2. Thus we have that blessed promise of the Lord in Matt 5:5 that ‘the meek shall inherit the earth’

## Read Vs 10-12

1. Read Psm 2:1-4
2. *The wrath of man shall praise You*
  - a. Caesar, in pride, called for a taxation yet God turned it to have Jesus born in Bethlehem
    - i. That’s the pride of man praising God
  - b. Haman, in wrath, called for a gallows to be built & God turned it to be used on him
    - i. That’s the wrath of man praising God
3. God works all things together for good
4. All levels of praise are to be given to God
  - a. The wicked with their wrath
  - b. The involuntary make vows & keep them
  - c. The voluntary are to bring gifts
5. All will fall into service to the one true King

### #3: For His potent promises which heal depression (Psm 77)

Read Psm 77:1-3

1. Crying out in despair isn't futile moaning
2. I like what FB Meyer says, "it is well to give expression to grief, but do not lock it in your breast"
3. We would do well to recognize that he brought his depression to the Lord – the only place to go

Read Vs 4-6

1. Trouble sleeping... speaking... a constant thinking or stewing on the situation
2. Thinking "of the days of old" can be a trap
  - a. Thinking of past 'glory days' as better, robs us of thinking of what God wants to do today
  - b. Read Phil 3:13-14 – In light of our hope for tomorrow, live for today!

Read Vs 7-9

1. Overall the question asked is, "how long will this condition of weariness & searching continue?"

2. Has God forgotten His promise to be gracious & loving? No
3. What adjusts in this Psalm isn't the amount of love & grace from God, but our ability to see that it's still there at more than sufficient levels
  - a. Read II Cor 12:7-10 – God always provides enough love and grace to see us through
  - b. The more we keep ourselves humble, the less we'll need humbled by happenings
  - c. However, being used of the Lord will naturally come with difficult circumstances

Read Vs 10-12

1. Asaph begins to turn w/ acknowledgement that his grief is a feeling, but his beliefs speak different
2. If the feelings of your flesh are different that the beliefs of your spirit, then strengthen the true thoughts of your mind – (Repeat)
  - a. Remember the truth of all that God has done

Read Vs 13-15

1. He begins renewing his mind w/ thoughts of how God fulfilled His promise to them as a nation

2. Apply this to our family – How has God met His promises to help your family?

Read Vs 16-20

1. Referring to the crossing of the Red Sea under Moses, Asaph remembers the greatest of things the Lord has done for his nation
2. The unspoken words are, “is this not the same God as we’re serving today?” Yes He is

## Conclusion

Are you experiencing the help of our faithful sovereign warrior God?

1. **His sovereign solutions establish whom He wills** – every blessing we have is b/c the Lord has brought it to us
2. **His warrior will saves the humble** – that’s how God chooses to use His power & authority
3. **His potent promises heal depression** – to believe God, is to know that good is coming!