



The following is the summary of the Sunday sermon that is sent to the body at Steadfast in an email called "The Weekly"

Psalm 75

No Surprise Endings

Knowing how things end, affects things. Thankfully because what God has said to us in His Word, we know how things are going to end. Everyone will stand before God and He will destroy the wicked while exalting the righteous. Knowing this, how should this affect the way we live today?

According to Psalm 75, knowing how things are going to end should lead us to praise God and declare His wondrous works to others. In verse 1, the psalmist calls us to praise Him for "Your name is near", our God is present, He is near and fully understands everything. Seeing that His works are wondrous leads us to praise Him and declare these wondrous works to others.

In verses 2-3, the Lord responds to the praises of His people. He reminds us that He has selected an appointed time for judgement and that He will judge fairly. As He is sovereign over all and holding all things together, we are encouraged to patiently endure in these difficult times.

In verses 4-8, God turns his attention to the wicked who go about arrogantly boasting. God warns the wicked that they must acknowledge and submit to Him. He goes on to say that deliverance does not come from anywhere on earth, but from God alone who is the Judge. He will exalt those who are humble before Him, and He will humble those who are proud. The cup is used as an image of judgment that the wicked must drink. They have mocked and denied the Almighty, they have chosen their ways over His ways. In Matthew 26:38-42 we understand that Jesus Christ willingly drank the cup for us, those who refuse to trust Him will drink the cut of judgement down to its dregs.

In verses 9-10 Asaph made a personal decision as noted when he said "as for me". He committed to declaring the wondrous works of God forever and singing praises to the God of Jacob! May we follow Asaph's example as we are reminded that in the end God will humble the wicked and exalt the righteous.

Knowing that in the end everyone will stand before God, who is the Judge, how should this affect the way we live today? It should lead us to praise God and proclaim His wondrous works!

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