

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 76 TITLE: "No Competition"

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Psalm of Asaph. A Song.

- 1 In Judah **God is known**;
his name is great in Israel.
- 2 His **abode** has been established in Salem,
his **dwelling place** in Zion.
- 3 There he broke the flashing arrows,
the shield, the sword, and the weapons of war. **Selah**
- 4 **Glorious** are you, more **majestic**
than the mountains full of prey.
- 5 The **stouthearted** were **stripped** of their spoil;
they sank into sleep;
all the **men of war**
were **unable** to use their **hands**.
- 6 At your **rebuke**, O God of **Jacob**,
both rider and horse lay **stunned**.
- 7 But you, **you are to be feared!**
Who can stand before you
when once your **anger** is **roused**?
- 8 From the heavens you uttered **judgment**;
the earth **feared** and was **still**,
- 9 when **God arose** to establish **judgment**,
to save **all the humble** of the earth. **Selah**
- 10 Surely the **wrath of man shall praise you**;
the remnant of wrath you will put on like a belt.
- 11 **Make your vows** to **YHWH** your God and **perform them**;
let all around him **bring gifts**
to him who is to be **feared**,
- 12 who cuts off the spirit of **princes**,
who is to be feared by the **kings** of the earth.

CONCLUSION. So what?

- A. **Ever feel like God's Angry with you?** Mad at you? Disappointed. If you're in Christ, He's not. All of the anger of God landed on Christ on the Cross. He's got none left for you in your in Christ. **v.7. Who can stand when your anger is roused? Not even the Son of God.** Died under God's wrath/anger. God raised Him from dead. For you!
- B. **Do you KNOW GOD through Jesus? v.1.**
- C. **Have you been Humbled?** One day everyone will recognized Jesus as Lord/King. **Who He Truly is. Matthew 23:12** "Exalts self, humbled. Humbles themselves will be exalted in the last day." Those who turn to Him in repentance & faith now will be saved. All who do not, will when He returns in Glory. Turn to Him now and rejoice in your Savior!

Intro:

- **The Psalms are all about Jesus.** Point us to Him. Fulfilled in Him. Death. Victory. Justice. Mercy. Victory. Reign. We went to see Jesus. Every truth and promise are fulfilled in Him. **1 Cor.1:19-21*.**
- **Songs of Jesus.** Tim Keller. Read 150 Psalms every month last 15 years of his life. Jesus knew them intimately. Prayed them and sang them and chanted them regularly/daily. We want to Hear Jesus.
- **We want to be like Jesus.** We want to Pray like Jesus. Sing like Jesus. *Pray these prayers with Jesus, who still prays them with us and for us.*

Thesis: "God is Great. No Competition."

I. GOD IS GREAT

- 1a. God is known.** Judah. Faithful Tribe. Kingly/Royal. He's known, b/c He's made Himself known. **Grace.**
- 1b. Name Great.** Israel. Ppl. Church. Chosen. Loved.
- 2. Abode/Dwelling.** Salem/Zion. Jerusalem. Holy City. Mountain. Not anymore.
- **Jesus "dwelt"** "tabernacled" among us. **John 1:14.**
 - **Church is Temple.** We are. **Eph.3:20-21; 2:19-22*.**
 - **New Heaven/Earth.** His People. **Rev. 21:1-4*.**
- 3. He brought salvation.** To His people **there.** **Cross.**
- 4. Glory & Majesty to Him.** Abundant/Wonderful.
- ILLUSTRATION: **Funeral.** "Not for His glory."

APPLICATION: **Saved for the glory of God/Jesus!**

II. NO COMPETITION

- 5. Bold/Strong spoiled.** Plunder. Faint/Weak. Strong Warriors disabled. Hands won't work.
- ILLUSTRATION: **Lang Lang.** Piano Hands. \$10M.
- 6. Rider/Horse stunned.** Egypt. Red Sea. Strong armies. With a Word. No action. Just a rebuke.
- 7. God feared/honored/respected by all.** Boldest fall.
- ILLUSTRATION: **No Competition. Jewish Trash talk.**
- 8. At His Word.** Just/judgment. Earth fear/still. **Jesus.**
- 9. God did/will save all humble.** Now/not yet. Who?
- 10a. Wrath of man will praise.** Some are! ***Titus 3:3-7*; Eph. 2:1-5. "We were children of wrath."**
- 10b. Restrains remnant wrath.** Remaining enemies. Hell will not prevail against Jesus.
- 11. Vows/Commit/Pledge/Faith/Trust/Promise/Keep/Obey/Worship/Fulfill. Tribute/Gifts/Tithe/offer. YHWH.**
- 12. Princes/Kings of earth will bow down to Him.** King of kings. Lord of Lords. **Jesus! All. Now or later?**
- ILLUSTRATION: **King Charles coronation.** Religious ceremony. Pomp. Tradition. Reverence. **Priest. Does He really believe in Jesus? Bow down. One day He will. Guaranteed. All will.**

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1 Corinthians 1:19-21

19 For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

Ephesians 3:20-21

20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 2:19-22

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Revelation 21:1-4

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Titus 3:3-7

3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. 4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Ephesians 2:1-5

2 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—