

- 1 We give **thanks** to you, O God;
we give **thanks**, for your name is near.
We **recount** your **wondrous deeds**.
- 2 "**At the set time that I appoint**
I will judge with equity.
- 3 When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants,
it is I who keep steady its pillars. *Selah*
- 4 I say to the **boastful**, '***Do not boast,***
and to the **wicked**, '***Do not lift up your horn;***
- 5 ***do not lift up your horn*** on high,
or ***speak with haughty neck.***"
- 6 For not from the east or from the west
and ***not from the wilderness comes lifting up,***
- 7 but ***it is God*** who ***executes judgment,***
putting down one and lifting up another.
- 8 For ***in the hand of the Lord there is a cup***
with ***foaming*** wine, ***well mixed,***
and ***he pours*** out from it,
and ***all the wicked of the earth***
shall drain it down to the dregs.
- 9 But ***I will declare*** it forever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
- 10 All the ***horns*** of ***the wicked I will cut off,*** but
the ***horns*** of ***the righteous shall be lifted up.***

Intro: 75. Half-Way through. Same themes as Psalm 1. The Wicked and the Righteous. The LORD's People and LORD's Enemies. Judgment/Perishing vs. Living/Standing/Prospering. **2 Types of people in the Bible and 2 Paths. Which one are you? And which one are you on?** *Eternal souls with a destination.*

Main Idea: "*The Wicked will fall and the Righteous will be lifted up.*"

I. The Wicked

- A. ***Boastful***. Arrogant. Proud.
- B. ***Lifted Up*** = (self-exalting).
- C. ***Horns*** = Swagger. Taunt. Parading. Attacking.
- D. ***Wicked*** = Enemies. Haters of God. Self-love.
- E. ***Cup*** = ***HIS*** hand. Mixed by ***HIM***. Served up by ***HIM***. **ILLUSTRATION: Brewmaster.**

APPLICATION: 1) God's Response to the Proud/Wicked. Punishment/wrath. Cut-off. Brought low. Cup. **2 Thess. 1:5-10.** *It's fact. It's Jesus. What Jesus did.*

2) Jesus Drank the Cup for us.

> Matt. 26:38-42; John 18:2-11

> *Jeremiah 25:15-38*; 49:12; Isaiah 51:17

> *Rev. 14:9-10; 15:7; 16:17-19; 19:11-16*

3) Do we even care about people going to Hell?

**Jesus drank the Cup of God's Wrath for His people, so we could drink from the Cup of Fellowship through faith.*

II. The Righteous

- A. We were the proud/sinful. Re still in many ways.
- B. We were the enemies of God. Not righteous.
- C. **Titus 3:1-7.** We were, were, were. No better.
- D. Must be ***justified by faith in Jesus.*** Made new.

ILLUSTRATION: 2 Kings 5. Naaman. Proud. Must be Humbled. Leprosy. Angry. Too simple. I could've done that myself. Wants to DO MORE. Old Skin to New Skin.

- E. "shall be lifted up." This is passive. It's all done from outside of us. By God. His work.
- F. We boast in the Lord/Cross. **Jer. 9:24; 2 Cor. 10:17; Gal.6:14.** Simple faith. No boasting. "I do absolutely nothing. Contribute nothing but sin."

APPLICATION: 1) Thanks & Praise. Gospel Worship.
2) Recount (Re-Tell) the Wondrous Deeds of the Lord. Preach the Gospel to yourself! Again & Again! Others.
3) Remember = Gospel is grace. You were counted among the wicked, children of wrath, not counted among the righteous. **Rom.4:1-8.** ***We are blessed!***

**Jesus humbled Himself, so that the humble might boast in Him. Isaiah 66:2. James 4:6. "more grace"*

2 Thess. 1:5-10: This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— 6 since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels 8 in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, 10 when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

Matt.26:38-42: Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." 39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." 40 And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 42 Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

John 18:2-1: Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. 3 So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4 Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" 5 They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. 6 When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. 7 So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." 8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." 9 This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." 10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) 11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

Jer. 49:12: For thus says the Lord: "If those who did not deserve to drink the cup must drink it, will you go unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, but you must drink.

Isaiah 51:17: Wake yourself, wake yourself, stand up, O Jerusalem, you who have drunk from the hand of the Lord the cup of his wrath, who have drunk to the dregs the bowl, the cup of staggering.

Titus 1:1-7: Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, 2 to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. 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.

Jer. 9:24; 2 Cor. 10:17; Gal.6:14: but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.""Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."....But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Rom. 4:1-8: What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." 4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. 5 And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, 6 just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: 7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; 8 blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

Isaiah 66:2: All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the Lord. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.

James 4:6: But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."