

Sunday Night Message

November 8, 2014

Psalm 74

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 7

Introduction to the Psalms of Asaph

Psalm 73 through 83 (as well as Psalm 50 are attributed to Asaph. Asaph was a musician who was also a worship leader in the sanctuary. (See 1 Chronicles 15:16–19; 16:4–7, 37–42; 2 Chronicles 5:12–14; 29:13; 35:15). However, in Psalm 74, the event being referred to seems to be the Babylonian destruction of the Temple and City of Jerusalem, which occurred many years after the time of Asaph. Either this was a prophetic psalm or this Asaph is different from the Asaph of David's time, or this psalm was attributed to a group of singers named after Asaph.

Introduction to Psalm 74

Maschil – a poem or song of contemplation

I A Review Of God's Punishment of Jerusalem in the Present (vs. 1 – 11)

Turn to - 2 Chronicles 36:15 – 21

The enemy is blaspheming thy name.

The enemy is oppressing thy people.

Why God? Why are you allowing this to happen? It is very much our nature to blame God for situations that we have caused. Judea had been warned over and over again to get right with God, but they didn't listen, so God's judgment had to fall. (Deuteronomy 28)

Notice v. 3 – “lift up thy feet” – get over there. Hurry, God!

Notice v. 8 – synagogues – meeting places

II A Reference to God's Power On Behalf of Israel in the Past (vs. 12 – 17)

Notice - “Leviathan” (Job 41:1)

III A Reminder of God's Promise to Israel For The Future (vs. 18 – 23)

Abrahamic (Genesis 12:1 – 3; 13:14 – 17; 15:1 – 6 – involves seed and land)

Davidic – 2 Samuel 7

New Covenant - Jeremiah 31:27 – 34; 33:19 – 26