

Sunday Night Message

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Psalm 94

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 94

Introduction

In the last psalm we saw God as the sovereign ruler of the universe, and here in this psalm we see God as the sovereign judge of all of the earth.

"That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" (Genesis 18:25)

The context of this psalm may be during the time that Manasseh was the King of Judah. Verse 20 indicates that the iniquity was coming from the throne, indicating an oppression from within the borders of Judah, not from an invading enemy. (See 2 Kings 21:1 – 18; 2 Chronicles 33:12 – 20)

I An Appeal for Justice (vs. 1 – 7)

Notice in v. 1 that twice the psalmist states that vengeance belongs to the Lord. God is perfectly clear in the Scripture that He will be the one that will right all of the wrongs. He can see what we cannot see. He sees beyond the outward actions and can judge even motives.

"Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:17-21)

You will notice in this psalm a familiar question: how long? God's people have always pleaded with God to move faster in righting the wrongs of society. God will act and He will judge rightly, in His time. Because the Lord does not move immediately, it causes both God's people and God's enemies to question whether God will ever act.

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II An Alarm to the Foolish (vs. 8 – 15)

The word brutish in v. 8 means foolish or stupid.

Most of the theologians that I have read have interpreted this section to be a warning to the wicked that are oppressing the people, which could very possibly be true; but I also think that it could be written to God's people who are foolish enough to believe that God has somehow forgotten about them, and will not eventually deal with those that are oppressing them.

v. 12 gives us the idea that God is chastening the people through the hand of the oppressor.

III An Alliance Against The Enemy (vs. 16 – 23)

The psalmist assures the people that the Judge of all the earth will eventually take care of the evil that is oppressing the people, but he also warns the people that they need to remain on God's team.

In times like these where wickedness and violence is the accepted order of the day, it is very easy for God's people to join ranks with the enemy. We must stand our ground, whatever the cost may be, until God comes to make things right. When the culture around you is very dark, it should be easy for your light to shine brightly. Don't dim your light by being like those that are dark.