

PSALM 94 – God the Refuge of the Righteous!

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ALWAYS - Kristian Stanfill (4:24)

My foes are many, they rise against me, But I will hold my ground I will not fear the war, I will not fear the storm My help is on the way, my help is on the way

Refrain: Oh, my God, He will not delay My refuge and strength always I will not fear, His promise is true My God will come through always, always

Troubles surround me, chaos abounding My soul will rest in You I will not fear the war, I will not fear the storm My help is on the way, my help is on the way (Refrain)

I lift my eyes up, my help comes from the Lord (4X)

From You Lord, from You Lord Oh, my God, He will not delay My refuge and strength always I will not fear, His promise is true My God will come through always, always Oh, my God, He will not delay My refuge and strength always, always

PSALM 94 - is a psalm that is easy to identify with. The position of the psalmist wondering why God is so patient, so longsuffering with evil people, allowing them to get by. I want to see the judgement of God fall upon them!

The Lord Will Not Forsake His People

Psa 94:1 O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongs—O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!

- For God said, Vengeance is Mine. I will repay, says the Lord. God has told us we are not to take vengeance, but we are to commit those things to the Lord. Shine forth! Do something!

Psa 94:2 Rise up, O Judge of the earth; Render punishment to the proud.

- Render punishment that is fitting to what they have done, repay them or get them back.

Psa 94:3 LORD, how long will the wicked, How long will the wicked triumph?

- In the present time it seems that God allows the wicked to triumph. In this world it seems the children of this generation are wiser than the children of light. It seems like every case that the ACLU takes they win corrupt as they are. It seems like the communists outwit us at every corner.

Psa 94:4 They utter speech, and speak insolent things; All the workers of iniquity boast in themselves.

- Letting them go on in their pride boasting about the evil that they are doing and that they have done. Bragging about evil, we hear it in the world, many times, fellows bragging about their evil exploits.

Psa 94:5 They break in pieces Your people, O LORD, And afflict Your heritage.

- They put down the Christian, they make fun of you because you seek to serve the Lord, they mock and they speak with derision.

Psa 94:6 They slay the widow and the stranger, And murder the fatherless.

Psa 94:7 Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, Nor does the God of Jacob understand."

- God really doesn't care that He is detached from His creation, that God just created and now He stepped back and just the thing go. Sometimes it would appear that way because God does allow the evil people to go on and to prosper in their evil ways. The psalmist addresses the brutish among the people and the fools.

Psa 94:8 Understand, you senseless among the people; And you fools, when will you be wise?

- Do You misunderstand God? When are you going to wake up? When are you going to be wise? Think about it logically.

Psa 94:9 He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see?

- One of the marvelous capacities that we have is the hearing capacity. These three little bones that pick up these vibrations as we speak, transferring and cataloging into your brain, which interprets them into thoughts and ideas. The eyes taking these pictures, eighteen of them per second, impressing them on this jelly which comes into the brain again as vibrations at various frequencies, recording them in my brain.

Psa 94:10 He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct, He who teaches man knowledge?

- You think you can get by without God's corrections? He gives us the capacity of learning and knowing. He is the one that created the DNA's and the storage banks in the brain. Yet this is the feeling that many people have concerning God, that He doesn't know what I'm doing. That's wrong! He does!

Psa 94:11 The LORD knows the thoughts of man, That they are futile.

- God knows the little electronic pulses that flash across our brains and brings us our thought patterns. As God can read these thought patterns that goes across my brain, He knows that they are just empty, empty

headed. Think of all the empty thoughts that we think. God knows the thoughts of man, they are empty. Even those profound thoughts. We think "Oh my that's very profound! God says, Oh how futile!

Psa 94:12 Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O LORD, And teach out of Your law,

- The Bible tells us not to despise the chastening of the Lord, this is the correction. The idea is always of correction, something we should remember as we deal in the training of our children. God corrects. It's a part of the expression of God's love that He cares enough to correct us. The Bible says that if you don't correct your child you hate him. Why? Because you are destroying him.

Psa 94:13 That You may give him rest from the days of adversity, Until the pit is dug for the wicked.

- Lord how long before You really are going to take care of the wicked? How long are You going allow them to go on prospering, triumphing? I go through trials. But the wicked don't seem to. Why? Because they're not God's children and God is preparing the pit for them. So God is watching over me. I go through adversity, but they are being prepared for destruction.

Psa 94:14 For the LORD will not cast off His people, Nor will He forsake His inheritance.

- God will bring judgment and judgement can be good and judgement can be bad according to where you are. You can go to court and get judgment from the court that will give you back your property, or you can get a judgment that will take away your property. But the judgement that God gives to His people is good.

Psa 94:15 But judgment will return to righteousness, And all the upright in heart will follow it.

Psa 94:16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

Psa 94:17 Unless the LORD had been my help, My soul would soon have settled in silence.

- No one seems to stand up for me when I really need it but the Lord, He will stand up for me and He will be my defense.

Psa 94:18 If I say, "My foot slips," Your mercy, O LORD, will hold me up.

- Lord I'm falling; God's mercy holds me up.

Psa 94:19 In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul.

- Our thoughts race, when we are in trouble, a million miles a second. They are almost as fast as the speed of light. As I'm trying to figure things out, finding this turmoil within, God steps in and comforts my soul.

Psa 94:20 Shall the throne of iniquity, which devises evil by law, Have fellowship with You?

- Can there be fellowship light with darkness?

Psa 94:21 They gather together against the life of the righteous, And condemn innocent blood.

- Boy what a thought as far as abortion. What can be more innocent than an unborn child? They condemn the innocent blood. They get in front of the TV camera and scream.

Psa 94:22 But the LORD has been my defense, And my God the rock of my refuge.

- Lord, how long? Their day is coming. As in the ninety-second psalm, foolish and brutish that they be exalted or that they seem to be getting by, they will be destroyed forever.

Psa 94:23 He has brought on them their own iniquity, And shall cut them off in their own wickedness; The LORD our God shall cut them off.

- The day of righteous judgment shall come. You can count on it.

THE BENEDICTION/THE LORD BLESS AND KEEP THEE – Num 6:24-26; Maranatha Singers (2:41)

(Psa 94:1b) O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make His face to shine upon Thee,

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