

PSALM 64 – Oppressed by the Wicked but Rejoicing in the LORD!

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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 64 is a Psalm that provide with us an answer to fear! It is a great Psalm to turn to, when we find ourselves gripped fear. When we find ourselves gripped by fear, the great need is to sit down, spend time in prayer with the LORD, until you are seeing that circumstance in the light of His power, in the light of His resources. How long does that take? It may only take 90 seconds. No, there is no set time. My devotional and my prayer time as it relates to fear needs to be as long as necessary for me to walk away and see my life circumstance in the light of God's power and His resources, and be filled with His peace. If that happens in five minutes, that is great! If that takes thirty-five minutes, then that is how long that it takes. But the reward is that we leave with the confidence that God wants us to have and peace having reclaimed our hearts!

PSALM 64 - To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

Vs. 1-6 – He describes the cruelty and craftiness of his foes!

Hide Me from the Wicked

Psa 64:1 Hear my voice, O God, in my meditation; Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

- A lot of times we die a thousand deaths fearing one. Fear is a tool that Satan so often uses against you. He can immobilize you with fear. He likes to plant fear in our hearts. David is crying, *Hear my voice, O God, in my meditation; preserve my life from the fear of the enemy.* because if fear grips you its pretty well a forgone conclusion that you've lost.

Psa 64:2 Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked, From the rebellion of the workers of iniquity,

- At the time of Absalom's revolt, Ahithophel was counseling Absalom against David. Had Absalom listened to this counsel David could have been in much greater trouble. God hid him from the secret counsel and Absalom listened to the counsel of Hushai. Ahithophel, the poor looser, went out and killed himself because Absalom didn't listen to him. They feel that he probably felt that this guy's not so smart and I put my trust in the wrong guy. He realized with Absalom not being wise he was going to get defeated and thus he killed himself to save from being executed by David later.

- *From the rebellion of the workers of iniquity.* Who were raised up in rebellion against David.

Psa 64:3 Who sharpen their tongue like a sword, And bend their bows to shoot their arrows—bitter words,

- Have you ever met those people who have a tongue like a sword, they sharpen their tongue like a sword? They can use them, and they could just cut you to pieces and you hardly even feel it because their tongue is so sharp. You are just bleeding to death there.
- *And bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words.* Their words are like arrows, sharp arrows piercing you.

Psa 64:4 That they may shoot in secret at the blameless; Suddenly they shoot at him and do not fear.

- *That they may shoot in secret.* They lurk, that they may take their aim the more surely, and not miss their mark.
- *Suddenly* - When there is no fear apprehended, because none is seen.

Psa 64:5 They encourage themselves in an evil matter; They talk of laying snares secretly; They say, "Who will see them?"

- Evil people so often are encouraging one another in the evil ways. If you want to do something evil you'll find a lot of encouragement. I'm amazed at how sometimes when a person is threatening suicide, they are standing on the ledge. There is all this drama, the police leaning out the window talking to them, and all of this drama is going on. As the crowd gathers down below, so often the crowd will begin to yell, "Jump! Go ahead and jump!" You want to do something evil there will be a lot of encouragement for your evil actions.

Psa 64:6 They devise iniquities: "We have perfected a shrewd scheme." Both the inward thought and the heart of man are deep.

- Evil men dig up mischief. Half the pains that many take to damn their souls would serve to save them. They are masters of all the arts of mischief and destruction, for the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, are keep, deep as hell, desperately wicked, who can know it? By the unaccountable wickedness of their wit and of their will, they show themselves to be, both in subtlety and malignity, the genuine offspring of the old serpent.

Vs. 7-10 – He prophesies their overthrow!

Psa 64:7 But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; Suddenly they shall be wounded.

- Instead of their being able to carry out their purposes of shooting the arrows which they had prepared against others, God will shoot his arrow against them. The tables will be turned. They themselves will experience what they had intended to inflict on others. God will deal with them as they intended to deal with others.

Psa 64:8 So He will make them stumble over their own tongue; All who see them shall flee away.

- Their support will dissolve. All the plotting, counsels, and curses, they have formed against me, shall come upon themselves.

Psa 64:9 All men shall fear, And shall declare the work of God; For they shall wisely consider His doing.

Psa 64:10 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and trust (take refuge) in Him. And all the upright in heart shall glory.

- God is going to bring victory. Yes we are being pursued, yes the popular trend is with Absalom, they are shooting their arrows, their intent is to destroy but God shall defend us and God will destroy them. Their support will depart from them. We will give glory to God for the victory that he brings to us. Also, with the child of God. God is your defense, God is your strength. It is God who shall strike down your enemy. We need not to fear.

SUMMARY:

- David asks God to defeat his enemies in such a way, that it should be a lesson to the whole world, producing fear in the wicked, with joy, hope, and confidence in the righteous!
- God is at work in the world! He is at work in the world on our behalf, whether or not we notice it! It is going on!
- Prayer helps us to get quiet enough before God, to then see what it is that He is doing!
- (*Psa 7:11*) *God is a just judge, And God is angry with the wicked every day.* The wicked have a miserable life. God makes sure that they do!

“CORNERSTONE” (My Hope is Built on Nothing Less) Hillsong (3:28)

Psa 64:10 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and trust (take refuge) in Him. And all the upright in heart shall glory.

*My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name (2X)*

Christ alone; cornerstone Weak made strong in the Savior's love. Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all!

When Darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.

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