

PSALM 75 Thanksgiving for God's Righteous Judgment!

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GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART! - Maranatha Music (2:25)

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, "I am rich
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Let the poor say, "I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us"
Give thanks Give thanks Give thanks*

Psalm 75 Here is a noble work for Him, for the cry of the last Psalm – “A Plea for Relief from Oppressors” is about to be heard, and the challenge of the foes of Israel taken up by God Himself. Here the virgin daughter of Zion despises her for, and laughs him to scorn. The destruction of Sennacherib’s army is a notable illustration of this sacred song. Here is another of the “destroy not” Psalms. The title may be intended as a check upon the natural fierceness of the oppressed, or a taunt for the savage foe, who is here bitterly bidden to destroy not, because the nation is well aware that he cannot. A Psalm or Song of Asaph. It is a hymn to God and a song for His saints. Happy were the people who having found a wonderful writer in David, having an almost equal songster in Asaph; happiest of all, because these poets were not inspired by earth’s fount, but drank of “the fount of every blessing.”

PSALM 75 – To the Chief Musician. Set to "Do Not Destroy." a Psalm of Asaph. A Song.

V. 1 - The people's song of gratitude and adoration begins the hymn.

Psa 75:1 We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks! For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near.

- The seventy-fifth psalm begins with thanksgiving. Not to ourselves for we were helpless, but to Elohim, who heard our cry and replied to the taunt of our foes.
- God is manifested unto man through His works. (***Psa 19:1-3***) *To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. [2] Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. [3] There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.*
- God manifests Himself through His works “***For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near.***” For that Your name is near, Your wondrous works declare.” God is at hand to answer and do wonders – give thanks then to Him! We sing not of a hidden God, who sleeps and leaves the church to her fate, but of one who ever in our darkest days is most near, a very present help in trouble, “Your name is near!” Jehovah dwells in His church. Glory be to the Lord, whose perpetual deeds of grace and majesty are the sure tokens of His being with us always, even unto the end of the world.

Vs. 2-5 The LORD reveals Himself as ruling the world in righteousness.

Psa 75:2 "When I choose the proper time, I will judge uprightly.

- This is generally believed to be the voice of God, who will, when He accepts His people, mounts His judgment seat and avenge their cause in righteousness. It is rendered by some, “I will take a set time;” and by others, “I will seize the moment.”

Psa 75:3 The earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved; I set up its pillars firmly. Selah

- When anarchy is abroad, and tyrants are in power, everything is unloosed, dissolution threatens all things, the solid mountains of government melt as wax; but even then the Lord upholds and sustains the right. *"I bear up the pillars of it."* Hence, there is no real cause for fear.

Psa 75:4 'I said to the boastful, 'Do not deal boastfully,' And to the wicked, 'Do not lift up the horn.

- Do not be proud and lifted up! The Lord bids the boasters boast not, and commands the mad oppressors to stay their folly. How calm is He, how quiet are His words, yet how divine the rebuke.

Psa 75:5 Do not lift up your horn on high; Do not speak with a stiff neck.' "

- *'Do not lift up your horn on high or do not deal boastfully*, which was always interpreted in those days as a proudness, speak not in proudness.
- For their abounding pride there is a double rebuke. A word from God soon abases the lofty. Would to God that all proud men would obey the word here given them; for, if they do not, He will take effectual means to secure obedience, and then woe will come upon them, such as shall break their horns and roll their glory in the mire forever.

Vs. 6-8 A warning voice from the church to her enemies

Psa 75:6 For exaltation (room – promotion, sets up, bring up, lifted up) comes neither from the east Nor from the west nor from the south.

- You will notice that no mention is made of the north, because that is the direction the enemy will come from.

Psa 75:7 But God is the Judge: He puts down one, And exalts (room – promotion, sets up, bring up, lifted up) another.

- So don't exalt yourself, don't be proud; don't seek to promote yourself. If it's of the Lord, the Lord will promote it. For promotion doesn't come from the east, the west or the south...north is assumed. But promotion comes from God. Don't lift up your own horn on high. Don't speak with pride. The promotion comes from the Lord
- *But God is the Judge: He puts down one, And exalts another.* This is a reference, in its context, to the kingdoms of the world. God sets upon the throne that he will. Nebuchadnezzar didn't believe this, exalting himself in his position as king over Babylon. He had a dream, dreaming of this huge image, having a head of gold, chest of silver, stomach of brass, legs of iron and feet of iron and clay. Daniel interpreted the dream for him. "You Nebuchadnezzar are the head of gold. God has showed you the kingdoms that will rule over the earth. Yours is the first, the most powerful, the head of gold but your kingdom will be replaced by an inferior kingdom, the Medes and the Persians which are the chest of silver. This kingdom will be replaced by the Grecian Empire, the stomach of brass. This kingdom will be replaced by the Roman Empire who will crush the other kingdoms, the legs of iron. The final ruling kingdom will be a federation of the ten nations of the Roman Empire. And during the days in their reign shall the Lord of heaven come and establish a kingdom that shall never end."
- Nebuchadnezzar was amazed at the interpretation and the ability of Daniel to interpret the dream that he had even forgotten. He said, "There is no God in all the earth like the God of Daniel who is able to interpret dreams and make known the things that were dark and mysterious." Then he went right out and defied the interpretation. He built a huge image and set it up in the plains of Dura, of gold of all gold from top to bottom, head to toe. In that he was defying the interpretation for he was saying, "The Babylonian kingdom, my kingdom, will last forever." It's not going to be replaced by the Media-Persians. They are not going to be a succession. The Babylonian kingdom will last forever. So God allowed Nebuchadnezzar to go insane and for seven seasons live like an animal out in the fields eating the grass like an ox until he recognized that it is God who rules over the kingdoms of man and sets up those whom He will and brings down those whom He will.

- The psalmist is declaring that. It is God who puts one down and sets another up. God rules. God is the judge, to put one down and to bring another up.

Psa 75:8 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, And the wine is red; It is fully mixed, and He pours it out; Surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth Drain and drink down.

- Revelation chapter fourteen speaks of the cup of the wrath of God's indignation that he is going to pour out upon this wicked world as he judges the world in righteousness. *(Rev 14:10) they, too, will drink the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb.*
- The punishment of the wicked is prepared, God Himself holds it in readiness; He has collected and concocted woes most dread, and in the chalice of His wrath He holds it.

Vs. 9-10 A closing song anticipatory of the glory due unto God and the utter defeat of the foe.

Psa 75:9 But I will declare forever, I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

- Thus will the saints occupy themselves with rehearsing Jehovah's praises, while their foes are drunken with the wrath-wine.

Psa 75:10 "All the horns of the wicked I will also cut off, But the horns of the righteous shall be exalted (room – promotion, sets up, bring up, lifted up) ."

- A glorious psalm. Psalm 75 is a prayer of thanksgiving to God before the event even takes place! How wonderful these psalms are!

WE EXALT THEE - *Shane and Shane – (4:35)*

*For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth Thou art exalted far above all gods
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*We exalt Thee, We exalt Thee We exalt Thee, O Lord
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Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth Thou art exalted far above all gods

*We exalt Thee, We exalt Thee We exalt Thee, O Lord
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David Prays in the Assembly

*(1Ch 29:10-15) Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be Thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine; Thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and Thou art **exalted** as head above all. Both riches and honour come of Thee, and Thou reignest over all; and in Thine hand is power and might; and in Thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee, and praise Thy glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee. For we are strangers before Thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. (KJV)*

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