

PSALM 74

Maschil of Asaph.

O GOD, why hast thou cast *us* off for ever? *why* doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?

2 Remember thy congregation, *which* thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, *which* thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; *even all that* the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.

4 Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ensigns *for* signs.

5 *A man* was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.

6 But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.

7 They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled *by casting down* the dwelling place of thy name to the ground.

8 They said in their hearts, Let

us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.

9 We see not our signs: *there is* no more any prophet: neither *is there* among us any that knoweth how long.

10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?

11 Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck *it* out of thy bosom.

12. For God *is* my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, *and* gavest him *to be* meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

15 Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: thou driedst up mighty rivers.

16 The day *is* thine, the night also *is* thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.

18. Remember this, *that* the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and *that* the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

19 O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of *the wicked*: forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.

20 Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.

23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually.

PSALM 75

To the chief Musician, Altaschith,
A Psalm or Song of Asaph.

UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks, *unto thee* do we give thanks: for *that* thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.

2 When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.

3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.

4 I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:

5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak *not with* a stiff neck.

6. For promotion *cometh* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

7 But God *is* the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

8 For in the hand of the LORD *there is* a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring *them* out, *and* drink *them*.

9 But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; *but* the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

PSALM 76

To the chief Musician on Neginoth,
A Psalm or Song of Asaph.

IN Judah *is* God known: his name *is* great in Israel.

2 In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion.

3 There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah.

4 Thou *art* more glorious *and* excellent than the mountains of prey.

5 The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands.

6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

7. Thou, *even* thou, *art* to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?

8 Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still,

9 When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.

10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

11 Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes: *he is* terrible to the kings of the earth.

PSALM 77

To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun,
A Psalm of Asaph.

ICRIED unto God with my voice, *Even* unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

3 I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.

4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

5 I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

6 I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

7 Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?

8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth *his* promise fail for evermore?

9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.

10 And I said, This *is* my infirmity: *but I will remember* the years of the right hand of the most High.

11. I will remember the works of

the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

12 I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

13 Thy way, O God, *is* in the sanctuary: who *is* so great a God as *our* God?

14 Thou *art* the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

15 Thou hast with *thine* arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were

afraid: the depths also were troubled.

17 The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.

18 The voice of thy thunder *was* in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

19 Thy way *is* in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Psalms 73—83 are Psalms of Asaph and deal with the holiness of the Lord's sanctuary. This portion of Scripture has been compared to the Book of Leviticus. Asaph was leader of David's choir (I Chronicles 6:39) and a composer (II Chronicles 29:30).

Psalm 74 deals with the desecration of the sanctuary by the enemy. The sight of the enemy in the sanctuary, in verses 1-9, goes beyond the Babylonian destruction in 586 b.c., and the desecration by Antiochus Epiphanes. According to Matthew 24:15, it will be realized in the Antichrist of the end-time. In verses 10-23 of this Psalm, prayer is made for divine intervention.

Psalm 75 declares that God is the Judge; that the wicked will be destroyed; and the righteous will triumph in the day when the earth shall be dissolved.

In Psalm 76 we see the supremacy and control of God throughout the world. According to verse 6, both the chariot and the horse are cast into a dead sleep at God's rebuke. Power and dominion reign over all the earth.

In Psalm 77 Asaph's troubled heart is calling unto the Lord. His faith remains in God as he recalls past deliverances under God's leadership (verses 11-20).

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is

a contentious man to kindle strife" (Proverbs 26:21).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 21: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 6.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1868

THE BIRTHDAY OF "MA" SUNDAY.

Of course, this is Mrs. W.A. "Billy" Sunday, whom Jack Hyles knew in her latter years. Shortly before Ma Sunday's death, Dr. Hyles and the Miller Road Baptist Church of Garland, Texas, honored her on a Mother's Day Sunday and changed the name from "Mother's Day" to "Ma Sunday" and had "Ma" Sunday to speak to them in an opening assembly of the Sunday School. They had 2,212 in Sunday School that Sunday, and "Ma" was most refreshing.

Imagine sitting around the table hearing her talk about Billy Sunday in his great meetings! Imagine feeling the pulse of this servant of God! What a thrill! What a joy! What an honor!

Since our attention has been drawn today to "Ma" Sunday, who was a famous preacher's wife, let us turn our attention toward our pastors' wives. Pray for your pastor's wife today. Do something kind for her, write her a note of appreciation, take her a little gift. There is no lady in your church as lonely as your pastor's wife.

1876
THE BATTLE OF THE LITTLE BIG HORN,
MONTANA.

1876
CUSTER WAS SLAIN.

1877
GYPSY SMITH BECAME AN EVANGELIST.

Occasionally, a Gypsy will rise to great heights in service for God. I think of a faithful pastor in Durham, North Carolina, Lonnie Graves, who was a Gypsy and as an adult had never slept in a bed or brushed his teeth. Someone invited him to Sunday School. He thought he was going there to get an education, so he got himself a notebook and school supplies and went to Sunday School at age 29. God bless him. God called this young man to preach, and he has done a tremendous work for Christ in the city of Durham, North Carolina.

1950
THE KOREAN WAR BEGAN.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1868
CONGRESS READMITTED NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, LOUISIANA, GEORGIA, ALABAMA AND FLORIDA on condition "that the constitutions of said states shall never be amended or changed as to deprive any citizen or class of citizens of the United States of the right to vote in said states who are entitled to vote by the constitutions thereof herein recognized."

1935
JOE LOUIS DEFEATED PRIMO CARNERA at Yankee Stadium.

1941
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ISSUED EXECUTIVE ORDER 8802 WHICH FORBADE RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN WAR INDUSTRIES, government training programs and government industries. Randolph called off scheduled march.

1975
MOZAMBIQUE PROCLAIMED INDEPENDENT.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "THERE IS JUST TOO MUCH TO GIVE UP"

(Assignment 21)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for the next seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the "DailyKJV" page.)

No rest.

() Isaiah 57:20

But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

No peace.

() Isaiah 57:21

There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

No happiness.

() Revelation 3:17

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.

(Contrast) peace.

() John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid...

Plenty.

() Psalms 34:10

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.