

Psalm 93

(New International Version)

¹ *The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.*

² *Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.*

³ *The seas have lifted up, LORD,
the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.*

⁴ *Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea ♦
the LORD on high is mighty.*

⁵ *Your statutes, LORD, stand firm;
holiness adorns your house
for endless days.*

Study Notes

The Story Behind the Psalms: Psalms 93-99

These are Psalms that deal with the second coming of Jesus Christ. Notice that Psalms 93, 97 and 99 begin with the words, "The Lord reigneth," or better still, "The Lord is become King." David was a king, and he looked forward to the day when Jesus would be the King. The millennial throne is called David's throne. The Bible teaches that Jesus will someday rule and reign on the throne of David. Jesus is called the root and offspring of David. These Psalms dealing with the Lord's reign on earth were sung as a series of psalms in the temple. In some cases they are placed together as one Psalm. The 95th Psalm is still used in the synagogues on Friday in the order of prayer. When the Christian gets a little hungry for Jesus to come and his mouth begins to water for the millennium, he can find it a very wise choice to turn to these Psalms.

The Way They Were Used by God's People

The dedicated Jew would use these Psalms when discouraged. These words would give him hope for a better day to come.

Theme: God's unchanging and almighty nature. His creation reminds us of his great power.

Author: Believed To Be David

PSALM 93:1

Jewish tradition claims that the next seven psalms (93-99) anticipated some of the works of the Messiah. Psalm 93 is said to have been used in post captivity Temple services and may have been written during Sennacherib's invasion (2 Kings 18:13-19:37).

PSALM 93:5

The key to God's eternal reign is his holiness. God's glory is seen not only in his strength but in his perfect moral character as well. God will never do anything that is not morally perfect. This reassures us that we can trust him, yet it places a demand on us. Our desire to be holy (dedicated to God and morally clean) is our only suitable response. We must never use unholy means to reach a holy goal because God says, You must be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy (Leviticus 19:1, 2).

Psalm 94

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¹ *The LORD is a God who avenges.
O God who avenges, shine forth.*
² *Rise up, Judge of the earth;
pay back to the proud what they deserve.*
³ *How long, LORD, will the wicked,
how long will the wicked be jubilant?*

⁴ *They pour out arrogant words;
all the evildoers are full of boasting.*

⁵ *They crush your people, LORD;
they oppress your inheritance.*

⁶ *They slay the widow and the foreigner;
they murder the fatherless.*

⁷ *They say, The LORD does not see;
the God of Jacob takes no notice.*

⁸ *Take notice, you senseless ones among the people;
you fools, when will you become wise?*

⁹ *Does he who fashioned the ear not hear?
Does he who formed the eye not see?*

¹⁰ *Does he who disciplines nations not punish?*

Does he who teaches mankind lack knowledge?

*11 The LORD knows all human plans;
he knows that they are futile.*

*12 Blessed is the one you discipline, LORD,
the one you teach from your law;*

*13 you grant them relief from days of trouble,
till a pit is dug for the wicked.*

*14 For the LORD will not reject his people;
he will never forsake his inheritance.*

*15 Judgment will again be founded on righteousness,
and all the upright in heart will follow it.*

16 Who will rise up for me against the wicked?

Who will take a stand for me against evildoers?

*17 Unless the LORD had given me help,
I would soon have dwelt in the silence of death.*

*18 When I said, My foot is slipping,
your unfailing love, LORD, supported me.*

*19 When anxiety was great within me,
your consolation brought me joy.*

*20 Can a corrupt throne be allied with you
a throne that brings on misery by its decrees?*

*21 The wicked band together against the righteous
and condemn the innocent to death.*

*22 But the LORD has become my fortress,
and my God the rock in whom I take refuge.*

*23 He will repay them for their sins
and destroy them for their wickedness;
the LORD our God will destroy them.*

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PSALM 94:12, 13

At times, God must discipline us to help us. This is similar to a loving parent disciplining his child. The discipline is not very enjoyable to the child, but it is essential to teach him or her right from wrong. The Bible says that no discipline is enjoyable while it is happening it is painful! But afterward there will be a quiet harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way (Hebrews 12:11). When you feel God's hand of correction, accept it as proof of his love. Realize that God is urging you to follow his paths instead of stubbornly going your own way.