

Psalms for the Journey

The Week of October 16, 2022

Psalm 75

Conversation Guide

Take-Aways

- **What we should believe:**
 - **About Eternity:** (John 14:1-4) I believe there is a heaven and a hell and that Jesus Christ is returning to judge the earth and to establish His eternal kingdom.
- **What we should become:**
 - **Identity:** (John 1:12) I have worth and value because I am made in God's image and am His child. As His child, I live my life to bring glory to God and to serve His purposes.



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- **How we should behave:**
 - **I engage in the missionary task wherever I am:**
(Matthew 28:18-20)
Through both my words and actions, I engage in gospel conversations with those around me. I take the gospel around the world by going, give, pray and send others

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*We give thanks to you, God;
we give thanks to you,
for your name is near.
People tell about your
wondrous works.*



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*"When I choose a time,
I will judge fairly.
When the earth and all its
inhabitants shake,
I am the one who steadies its
pillars.*

Selah

*I say to the boastful, 'Do not
boast,'
and to the wicked, 'Do not lift
up your horn.
Do not lift up your horn against
heaven
or speak arrogantly.' "*

*Exaltation does not come
from the east, the west, or the
desert,
for God is the Judge:
He brings down one and exalts
another.
For there is a cup in the Lord's
hand,
full of wine blended with*



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*spices, and he pours from it.
All the wicked of the earth will
drink,
draining it to the dregs.*

*As for me, I will tell about him
forever;
I will sing praise to the God of
Jacob.*

*"I will cut off all the horns of
the wicked,
but the horns of the righteous
will be lifted up."*

Read the Psalm

- Have the group read Psalm 75 silently to themselves.
- Have a member of the group read the Psalm aloud.
- What is the main topic of this Psalm?



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Observation

- What type of Psalm is this? Wisdom, Praise, Lament, Thanksgiving, or Royal?
- Who was the author of this Psalm?
- What are the things the Psalmist thanks God for?
- Who is speaking when verses 2-5? How do we know this?
 - What does He say He will do?
- Make a list of the things that lead to the downfall of the wicked.
 - Make a list of the things that lead to the lifting up of the righteous. What perspectives to they have that lead to their blessing?



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- What do the horns signify in this Psalm? (Check netbible.org Net Notes for help)
- What does the wine signify?

Interpretation

- What does this Psalm teach us about God? About Man?

Romans 12:14-21

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud; instead, associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own estimation. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Give careful



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thought to do what is honorable in everyone's eyes. If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Friends, do not avenge yourselves; instead, leave room for God's wrath, because it is written, Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay, says the Lord. But

If your enemy is hungry, feed him.

If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

For in so doing you will be heaping fiery coals on his head.

Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.



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- How does this passage fit with Psalm 75?

Exodus 14:13-14

But Moses said to the people, "Don't be afraid. Stand firm and see the Lord's salvation that he will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians you see today, you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you must be quiet."

- Moses is speaking to the Israelites as they've come up from the Red Sea with Pharoah and his army following after them.
 - How does Moses instruction to them back up what we read about in Psalm 73?



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Proverbs 16:18

Pride comes before destruction, and an arrogant spirit before a fall.

- How do we prevent ourselves from becoming arrogant?

Application

- Does this psalm give us the right/permission to gloat over our enemies when they fall?
 - What should be our response when we see others fall?
- How have you caught yourself casting judgment on others and wishing them ill? How can you



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approach those situations better in the future?

Romans 2:2-8

Now we know that God's judgment on those who do such things is based on the truth. Do you think—anyone of you who judges those who do such things yet do the same—that you will escape God's judgment? Or do you despise the riches of his kindness, restraint, and patience, not recognizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? Because of your hardened and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath, when God's righteous judgment is



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revealed. He will repay each one according to his works : eternal life to those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality; but wrath and anger to those who are self-seeking and disobey the truth while obeying unrighteousness.

- What does this passage tell us about passing judgment on others?
- What should be our motivation toward our enemies- to see them punished or to see them come to repentance?
- How do we hold love for our enemies without endorsing/condoning their sin?



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Next Steps

- Memorize Romans 12:18-19.
- Create your own plan for daily Bible reading and implement it.
- Join the Celebration Family and read all of the Psalms together! Check out this reading plan in the YouVersion Bible App.
<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/27275>
- Watch "How to Read the Psalms" by The Bible Project on RightNow Media- <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/182905>
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