

## Psalm 75

1 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.

### Introduction:

1. To the chief Musician – Asaph
2. Altaschith – Musical or Instrumental title meaning “destroy not.”
3. A Psalm (instrumental) or Song (vocal) of Asaph.
4. The historical background for Pss. 75 & 76 may have been the Assyrian invasion foiled. (2 Kings 18:13-17 and Isa. 36-37)

### Outline:

- A. Thanksgiving (v.1)
- B. Oracle of the LORD (vv.2-5)
- B.’ Oracle of the Prophecy (vv.6-8)
- A.’ Thanksgiving (vv.9-10)

### Observations:

1. This is a Thanksgiving Psalm.
2. God is sovereign in His person (v.1)
3. God is sovereign in His power (vv.2-3)
4. God is sovereign in His purposes (vv.4-7)
5. God is sovereign in His punishment (v.8)
6. God is sovereign in His praise (vv.9-10)

Lesson: Justice belongs to the LORD.

## Psalm 76

1 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.

### Introduction:

1. To the chief Musician – Asaph
2. “on Neginoth” – to be plucked upon a stinged instrument. It also means “smittings.”
3. A Psalm (instrumental) or a Song (vocal) of Asaph.

### Outline:

- A. God’s Relationship with His People (vv.1-3)
- B. The Divine Warrior (vv.4-6)
- B.’ The Divine Judge (vv.7-9)
- A.’ The Relationship of the Nations with God (vv.10-12)

### Observations:

1. God is known (vv.1-6)
2. God is to be feared (vv.7-12)

Lesson: The LORD is the God of Jacob.