

SERMON OUTLINE

In Psalm 75 we are shown 5 facts about God's judgment.

- I. God the judge is worthy of thanksgiving (v. 1).
- II. God is in control of His judgment.
 - A. He sets the time (vs. 2-3).
 - B. The arrogant & wicked are warned (vs. 4-5).
 - C. Only God executes judgment (vs. 6-7).
- III. God will judge the wicked in His full, unavoidable, wrath (v. 8).
- IV. God is worthy of praise for his judgment (v. 9).
- V. God's judgment is complete.
 - A. The wicked will be cut off (v. 10a).
 - B. The righteous will be lifted up (10b).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, November 13, 2016

Passage: Psalm 75

Memory Passage: Psalm 75:9-10

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Psalm 75.** The superscript directs: “ACCORDING TO DO NOT DESTROY,” probably the title of a musical style or melody (see also Psalms 57-59, cf. 1 Sam. 26:9, Deut. 9:26, Is. 65:8). How does this title prepare the worshiper to sing Ps. 75?
- (b) Who is Asaph (see 1 Chron. 6:31-39; 16:1-7, 37; 25:1-2, 6-7; 2 Chron. 5:11-14; 29:30)?
- (c) Is Psalm 75 a Psalm of Praise, Lament, or Thanksgiving? How do you know?
- (d) What does Asaph mean when he writes, “for your name is near,” and why is this a reason for thanksgiving?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Psalm 75.** What affect does the shift to first person (vs. 2-5) have on God’s people as they corporately sing?
- (b) What do you learn about God in vs. 2-5?
- (c) What do you learn about the boastful man in vs. 2-5?
- (d) Why do you learn about God’s judgment in vs. 2-5?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Psalm 75.** What purpose does v. 3 serve in relation to vs. 2-5 (i.e., explain its meaning in context)?
- (b) How are vs. 6-8 connected with vs. 2-5 (e.g. notice v. 6 begins with “for,” are there similar words used, etc.)?
- (c) What is the point of Asaph’s geographical description in v. 6?
- (d) In what sense will God’s judgment entail Him “putting down one and lifting up another?”

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Psalm 75.** What does the “cup of foaming wine” represent (cf. Is. 51:17-23; Jer. 25:15-38 et. al.)?
- (b) Who is speaking in vs. 9-10 (notice the shift back to first person)?
- (c) What will be declared forever (v. 9)?
- (d) We have seen the word “horn” throughout this Psalm. To what does it refer (cf. 1 Sam. 2:1, 10; 2 Sam. 22:3; Ps. 89:17 et. al.)?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Psalm 75.** Should believers today sing Psalms of praise for God’s wrath applied to unbelievers? Why or why not? How should you personally and the church in general apply the truths in Psalm 75?
- (b) Read the following passages and write a paragraph or two explaining how you can use Psalm 75 to present the gospel to someone. These references contain language or concepts presented in Psalm 75, and they are given in the order they appear in the Scripture, not the order you would use them to explain the gospel: Psalm 75; 132:11-18; Mark 10:38; 14:36; Luke 1:46-55; 68-74; John 18:11; Rev. 14:10; 16:19; 18:6. Remember that you should show the person their current condition without Christ, final judgement for sin, who Christ is and what he has done, and what response they must have to the person and work of Christ in order to avoid judgment (Ps. 75:10a) and receive salvation (75:10b).

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Thanksgiving for the Cup of God’s Wrath