

Evening Sermon Outline – February 28, 2021

“The Cry & Confidence of an Oppressed Believer” Psalm 94

I. A call for vengeance against the wicked – Psalm 94:1-7

1. *We are not allowed to exact vengeance, but we can pray for it –*

¹ O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongs— O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth! Psalm 94:1 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. ¹⁹ Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. ²⁰ Therefore “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:17–21 (NKJV)

2. *We can and should pray for punishment of the wicked and the end of their seeming success –*

² Rise up, O Judge of the earth; Render punishment to the proud. ³ LORD, how long will the wicked, How long will the wicked triumph? Psalm 94:2–3 (NKJV)

3. *Here the Psalmist provides reasons for their judgment. Surely God knows these things, but if we are going to pray against any one we should be able to enumerate reasons: -*

A. Wicked speech and pride -

⁴ They utter speech, and speak insolent things; All the workers of iniquity boast in themselves. Psalm 94:4

“The ungodly are not content with deeds of injustice, but they add hard speeches, boasting, threatening, and insulting over the saints.”

C. H. Spurgeon

For “utter” the Hebrew is *נִבְּעוּ*, they shall flow, they shall cast forth. The metaphor is taken from fountains springing out of the rock with a rush and abundance of water. Where the abundance of words is

noted, their rashness, their waste and profusion, their sound and eagerness, their continuance and the difficulty of obstructing them.—*Le Blanc.*

B. Violence against God’s people -

⁵ They break in pieces Your people, O LORD, And afflict Your heritage. Psalm 94:5

C. Murder of the weak -

⁶ They slay the widow and the stranger, And murder the fatherless. Psalm 94:6

D. Yet with all these sins they have convinced themselves, God does not see, He will not judge them or hold them accountable for wickedness -

⁷ Yet they say, “The LORD does not see, Nor does the God of Jacob understand.” Psalm 94:7 (NKJV)

II. A direct address to the wicked – Psalm 94:8-11

1. *The people the Psalmist calls “senseless” and “fools” are unbelievers.*

⁸ Understand, you senseless among the people; And you fools, when will you be wise? Psalm 94:8 (NKJV)

2. *They are people who think God does not see or hear or know -*

⁹ He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see? ¹⁰ He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct, He who teaches man knowledge? Psalm 94:9-10 (NKJV)

A. Our eyes and ears are wonderfully designed things, we should expect that He Who is intelligent enough to make such things, can see and hear Himself.

Verse 9.—“He that planted the ear, ...” Shall the Author of these senses be senseless?—*John Trapp.*

The people who think God does not see or hear are the senseless ones - Psalm 94:8

B. He not only sees and hears himself, but He is our teacher!

3. *It is the thoughts of men that are futile -*

¹¹ **The LORD knows the thoughts of man, That they are futile. Psalm 94:11 (NKJV)**

III. *A recognition of God's blessing of the righteous, despite difficult days – Psalm 94:12-15*

1. *Opposite of the ungodly who do not recognize God as a teacher is the man who actually benefits from God's instruction -*

¹² **Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O LORD, and teach out of Your law,**

¹² **Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest,... Psalm 94:12 (KJV 1900)**

“Discipline” – ESV

2. *Even in adversity, the righteous avoid the pitfalls of wicked -*

¹³ **That You may give him rest from the days of adversity, Until the pit is dug for the wicked. ¹⁴ For the LORD will not cast off His people, Nor will He forsake His inheritance. ¹⁵ But judgment will return to righteousness, And all the upright in heart will follow it. Psalm 94:12–15 (NKJV)**

*Why does God allow evil to continue? A deeper pit is being dug, for the wicked! They dig their own pit with their sins! They increase the **HEAT** of their own hell with cruel, vicious actions!*

IV. *A call for a champion and recognition of the LORD's help – Psalm 94:16-19*

¹⁶ **Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity? ¹⁷ Unless the LORD had been my help, My soul would soon have settled in silence. ¹⁸ If I say, “My foot slips,” Your mercy, O LORD, will hold me up. Psalm 94:16–18 (NKJV)**

1. *The question of verse :16 is rhetorical, sometimes human beings are the answer to this question –*

³² **Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits. Daniel 11:32 (NKJV)**

A. *Like David against Goliath sometimes men of faith make great stands against evil!*

B. *Yet, who will rise up here is answered in :17-18 The LORD was his help! Or else he would have settled in silence, meaning he would not have spoke up against evil in power!*

2. *It is the LORD Who helps even leaders when they are tempted to give up or give in, our feet tend toward slipping but the LORD upholds us!*

3. *God is the Comfort of the godly, our anxieties are our own – ¹⁹ In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul. Psalm 94:19 (NKJV)*

⁶ **Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6–7 (NKJV)**

V. *A final consideration of the wicked and their end – Psalm 94:20-23*

1. *An ungodly Government makes what is against God's law “legal” in doing thus, they are lying, pretending God's endorsement, because He is the ultimate JUDGE, but they who do have no fellowship with God –*

²⁰ **Shall the throne of iniquity, which devises evil by law, Have fellowship with You? ²¹ They gather together against the life of the righteous, And condemn innocent blood. Psalm 94:20–21 (NKJV)**

A. *The throne of iniquity is the Name given to governments that legalize unrighteousness, abortion is the ultimate example of this –*

B. *By condemning innocent blood! Unborn babies ...*

2. *The Psalmist claims the LORD's defense, but the ungodly, even in government will be “cut off” -*

²² **But the LORD has been my defense, And my God the rock of my refuge. ²³ He has brought on them their own iniquity, And shall cut them off in their own wickedness; The LORD our God shall cut them off. Psalm 94:22–23 (NKJV)**

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