### Psalms

## Chapter 74

A Psalm of contemplation by Asaph.  
  
  
  
  
1O God,  
  
You’ve pushed us away to the end…  
 But, what made You angry with the sheep in Your pasture?  
  
2Remember the ones whom You purchased first…  
 Your inheritance and those whom You’ve ransomed  
 When You first arrived to camp on Mount Zion.  
  
3Please come and look at these ruins…  
 See what they’ve done to Your Most Holy Place.  
 4For, those who hate You now feel that they can boast,  
 And on Your Holy Days, claim success as their sign.  
 5But the thing that they really don’t notice  
 Is that all this came from above.  
  
So, they went to the woods and cut down the trees,  
 6Then with axes and chisels, broke down our gates,  
 7And they burned Your [Tent] to the ground.  
  
They’ve profaned the Tent that carries Your Name,  
 8And they said in their hearts to their brothers:  
  
 ‘Let’s drive His Holy Days from the land!’  
  
9Now from You, we haven’t seen signs,  
 Nor have we had a Prophet among us,  
 For we’re no longer known by our God.  
  
10O God,  
  
How much longer will [You let them] berate us?  
 Will they oppose Your Name throughout the ages?  
 11Why have You taken Your right hand away,  
 And drawn it back on Your chest?  
  
12For our God and King lives throughout the ages,  
 And to our land, He’ll bring back salvation.  
 13He’s the One whose might holds back the seas,  
 And who smashed the head of the dragon…  
 The one who rules over the waters.  
  
14Yes, You fractured the head of the beast  
 And fed him to the peoples of [the wilderness like in] Ethiopia.  
 15You tore open his rivers and springs,  
 And dried all the creeks that held water.  
  
16The days are Yours, and so are the nights;  
 For it’s You who created the sun and the moon.  
 17You’re the One who set the earth’s borders,  
 And the One who made summer and spring…  
 18So, please don’t overlook the things that You’ve made!  
  
Our enemies speak badly of [You],  
 And the foolish are provoking Your Name.  
 19So, don’t leave the praise of Your Name to wild beasts,  
 And [forever] forget those who need You.  
  
20Yes, we’ve overlooked Your Sacred Agreement,  
 And for this, our land has grown dark…  
 It’s covered with the homes of lawbreakers!  
 21But, please don’t turn from the humble  
 And let them be brought to disgrace,  
 For these poor and needy still praise Your Name.  
  
22So stand up, O God, and judge Your great cause…  
 Then notice those fools who are laughing at You!  
 23Don’t overlook the voices of Your servants,  
 Or the pride of all those who hate You  
 And oppose You throughout the whole day.