

O God, Why Have You Cast Us Off?

From Psalm 74

1. ¹O God, why have You cast us off? Why does Your an - ger ev - er burn?
 2. ⁵The wick - ed wield their ax with - in ⁶And des - e - crate our walls a - round;
 3. ¹⁰*How long, O God, will they re - vile And mock and spurn Your ho - ly name?*
 4. ¹⁵You opened springs, fresh water flowed; ¹⁶To You be - long both day and night.
 5. ²⁰Your cov - e - nant re - call, re - new, For vi - lence spreads throughout the earth;

²Re - mem - ber now the church You bought, And to us let Your grace re - turn.
 De - fil - ing Your a - bid - ing place, ⁷They burn Your tem - ples to the ground.
¹¹*Why stay Your hand? De - ploy it now And bring Your foes to last - ing shame!*
¹⁷You bound the sea - sons and the earth, And gave the sun its glo - rious light.
²¹Oh, do not let th'oppressed be shamed; Let poor and need - y sing Your worth!

³Turn now Your steps to this sad ruin; Our foes have dam - aged all with - in.
⁸With - in their hearts they plot and scheme: "Now let us fi - n'ly bring them down!"
¹²*Our God is King from long a - go, Who works de - liv - 'rance in our land;*
¹⁸Re - mem - ber this, O Lord our God: A fool - ish peo - ple spurns Your name;
²²A - rise, O God! Plead Your own cause! Re - mem - ber, fools re - proach Your name.

⁴They shout throughout Your meet - ing place And raise the ban - ner of their sin.
⁹Our signs and proph - ets all are gone; They've burned our churches to the ground.
¹³*He split the sea, ¹⁴He crushed His foes; A - gainst Him none can ev - er stand.*
¹⁹De - liv - er not Your dove to them, Nor leave Your need - y ones to shame.
²³Their voic - es quell, their up - roar still, Who Your ma - jes - tic grace de - fame.