

## PSALM 75

*God Abases the Proud, but Exalts the Righteous.*

### INTRODUCTION.

- A. To the Chief Musician. Set to "Do Not Destroy." A Psalm of Asaph. A Song.
- B. It is interesting that in the previous psalm, there was a great sense of urgency with such expressions as: "Remember..." (75:2); "O God, how long..." (75:10); "Remember this..." (75:18); "Do not forget..." (75:19); "Oh, do not let..." (75:21); "Arise, O God..." (75:22); and "Do not forget..." (75:23). It seems that in Psa. 75 that God is saying that in His own good time when sin is full grown, in the fullness of time, God will bring judgment. God is the Judge and He knows when to intervene.
- C. We do not know whether this psalm is about judgment in this life or eternal punishment. God's judgment on the world in the flood at the time of Noah, His destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the Assyrian captivity of the Northern Kingdom and the Babylon exile of Judah, the destruction of Jerusalem in 70AD, and countless other events all clearly show God's judgment in this life and assure us that He will judge all on that Final Day.

### THE TEXT.

- 75:1** We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks,  
For Your name is near;  
Men declare Your wondrous works.
- 2** "When I select an appointed time,  
It is I who judge with equity.
- 3** "The earth and all who dwell in it melt;  
It is I who have firmly set its pillars. Selah.
- 4** "I said to the boastful, 'Do not boast,'  
And to the wicked, 'Do not lift up the horn;
- 5** Do not lift up your horn on high,  
Do not speak with insolent pride.'"
- 6** For not from the east, nor from the west,  
Nor from the desert *comes* exaltation;
- 7** But God is the Judge;  
He puts down one and exalts another.
- 8** For a cup is in the hand of the LORD, and the wine foams;  
It is well mixed, and He pours out of this;  
Surely all the wicked of the earth must drain *and* drink down its dregs.
- 9** But as for me, I will declare *it* forever;  
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
- 10** And all the horns of the wicked He will cut off,  
*But* the horns of the righteous will be lifted up.

### COMMENTS.

**[v1]** The psalm is introduced by the psalmist as the people praising God for His many blessings. Many identify the event of this psalm as when the Assyrian king Sennacherib came to Jerusalem after the northern kingdom of Israel had been carried away.

**[v2]** In these verses, God asserts His power and authority to judge the earth and those who exalt themselves. "...I will judge uprightly." God will be fair and complete in judging.

**[v4]** "I said to the boastful, 'Do not deal boastfully...'" God often warns the proud to humble themselves and not be arrogant.

**[v7-9]** This is third person, which seems to indicate that the psalmist is speaking about God. He describes God's power and his desire to praise Him for His mighty works of deliverance.

**[v10]** Again, the words are those of the one w/ the power to cut off the wicked and to break his power. This is, again, the Almighty speaking. This fits well the days of Hezekiah when Sennacherib came against Jerusalem. God delivered by killing 185,000 of the Assyrians in a night (2Kgs. 18,19).