

PSALM 92

Praise for the LORD'S Goodness.

INTRODUCTION.

- A. From Roy H. Enoch (1-10-96).
- B. A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath day. "Praising the Greatness of God."
- C. The superscription seems to indicate that this psalm was used by the Jews in their Sabbath day worship. This psalm of praise and glory to God is very appropriate for worship.
- D. Coffman divides the psalm into five divisions of three verses each.
 - I. Introduction (92:1-3).
 - II. The Great Works of God (92:4-6).
 - III. The Wicked to be Destroyed (92:7-9).
 - IV. The Joy of Righteousness (92:10-12).
 - V. Further Description of the Righteous (92:13-15).

THE TEXT.

92:1 It is good to give thanks to the LORD
And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
2 To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning
And Your faithfulness by night,
3 With the ten-stringed lute and with the harp,
With resounding music upon the lyre.
4 For You, O LORD, have made me glad by what You have done,
I will sing for joy at the works of Your hands.
5 How great are Your works, O LORD!
Your thoughts are very deep.
6 A senseless man has no knowledge,
Nor does a stupid man understand this:
7 That when the wicked sprouted up like grass
And all who did iniquity flourished,
It was *only* that they might be destroyed forevermore.
8 But You, O LORD, are on high forever.
9 For, behold, Your enemies, O LORD,
For, behold, Your enemies will perish;
All who do iniquity will be scattered.
10 But You have exalted my horn like *that of* the wild ox;
I have been anointed with fresh oil.
11 And my eye has looked *exultantly* upon my foes,
My ears hear of the evildoers who rise up against me.
12 The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree,
He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
13 Planted in the house of the LORD,
They will flourish in the courts of our God.
14 They will still yield fruit in old age;
They shall be full of sap and very green,
15 To declare that the LORD is upright;
He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

COMMENTS.

- A. Introduction (92:1-3).
[v1] "It is good to give thanks to the LORD...O MOST HIGH." This word "Lord" is the translation of the word usually rendered "Jehovah." "O Most High" is commonly used in the Psalms to refer to God.
[v1,2] Thanks and praises are given for God's lovingkindness and faithfulness. This is appropriate and should be done with great gratitude and appreciation.

- B. The Great Works of God (92:4-6).
[v4-6] The main emphasis in this section is that it takes knowledge and understanding to appreciate what is done for us so that we can truly praise God for His great blessings.
- C. The Wicked to be Destroyed (92:7-9).
[v7-9] This is not asking for their punishment (imprecatory psalm) but stating the reality of it and giving some description of the destruction. Their destruction is not partial or just momentary, but “forever.”
- D. The Joy of the Righteous (92:10-12).
[v10] “...my horn You have exalted...anointed with fresh oil.” The horn was a symbol of strength, but when “anointing” is referred to, it held the oil.
[v11] “...like a palm tree...like a cedar in Lebanon.” Both the date palm and the cedar of Lebanon were tall and stately trees. Coffman says that sometimes 600 pounds of dates could be harvested from a single tree. The cedar grew to about 100 feet and was a fragrant wood with few knots that was prized for building as it repelled insects.
- E. Further Description of the Righteous (92:13-15).
[v13,14] “...planted in the house of the Lord...” refers to one who is steadfast in the Lord’s work and service. (As trees were planted in buildings for ornamentation, and for fruit.)
[v15] “To show that the Lord is upright...” One’s faithfulness in the Lord’s service is a tribute to God’s goodness.