

## Psalm 94: A Warning

Read Psalm 94:1-11

Psalm 94 opens by praying that the God of vengeance rise up and bring justice to our world. Notice in vv.3-7 what the wicked are doing that the psalmist wants stopped. Do such people still trouble us today?

- The wicked aren't shy about what they do. They are "jubilant" (v.3), and their arrogant words "bubble up" from them constantly, like water from a spring (v.4).
- They oppress and crush God's own people (v.5).
- They murder the most helpless ones: the widows, strangers, and orphans, the ones God is most eager to protect (v.6).
- They have no fear of God whatsoever. They believe God either does not see what they do or pays no attention (v.7).

Now the psalmist turns from praying and addresses the wicked directly on God's behalf.

- Since they blatantly ignore Almighty God, he calls them "brutes" and "fools" (v.8).
- He urges them to stop and consider what they are doing (v.8).  
"Do you think that the One who gave you ears can't hear?  
Do you imagine that the One who created sight can't see?  
Do you really believe that the God who disciplines mighty nations  
won't punish you for what you are doing?  
He knows all your thoughts.  
He is aware of all your schemes and how foolish and empty they are!  
All your bragging and threatening doesn't impress or move Him."

People still live wickedly, oppressing others for their own gain, unafraid of divine justice. They give free expression to the evil, selfish desires that churn in their hearts. They either fail to consider God, or don't believe He exists, or don't believe He will act against them. They are like looters in a riot: they see others getting away with evil, so they believe they won't be caught and punished. They fail to realize that sovereign God grants us the freedom to make meaningful choices, then lets us experience the consequences of our choices. They mistake His patience and self-restraint for indifference. They don't know that though He may not step in immediately, His justice is more sure and certain than the sunrise.

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