

Psalm 094 - Enthronement Psalm: A Call Upon God to Intervene Against the Wicked

Psalm 94

God Avenges His Own

- 1 LORD, God of vengeance, God of vengeance, shine forth!
- 1 O LORD, God of vengeance, God of vengeance, shine forth!
- 1 God of vengeance, LORD God of vengeance, display your splendor!
- 1 O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself.
- 2 Rise up, Judge of the earth, Pay back retribution to the proud.
- 2 Rise up, O Judge of the earth, Render recompense to the proud.
- 2 Stand up, judge of the earth, and repay the proud.
- 2 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.
- 3 How long, LORD, shall the wicked— How long shall the wicked triumph?
- 3 How long shall the wicked, O LORD, How long shall the wicked exult?
- 3 How long will the wicked, LORD, how long will the wicked continue to triumph?
- 3 LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?
- 4 They pour out words, they speak arrogantly; All who do injustice boast.
- 4 They pour forth *words*, they speak arrogantly; All who do wickedness vaunt themselves.
- 4 When they speak, they spew arrogance. Everyone who practices iniquity brags about it.
- 4 How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?
- 5 They crush Your people, LORD, And afflict Your inheritance.
- 5 They crush Your people, O LORD, And afflict Your heritage.
- 5 LORD, they have crushed your people, afflicting your heritage.
- 5 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage.
- 6 They kill the widow and the stranger And murder the orphans.

6 They slay the widow and the stranger And murder the orphans.
6 The wicked kill widows and foreigners; they murder orphans.
6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

7 They have said, "The LORD does not see, Nor does the God of Jacob perceive."
7 They have said, "The LORD does not see, Nor does the God of Jacob pay heed."
7 They say, "The LORD cannot see, and the God of Jacob will not notice."
7 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.

8 Pay attention, you **stupid** ones among the people; And when will you understand, foolish ones?

8 Pay heed, you senseless among the people; And when will you understand, stupid ones?
8 Pay attention, you dull ones among the crowds! You fools! Will you ever become wise?
8 Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise?
- "...stupid" - beastly, lacking values and discernment, savage, living only to satisfy the appetite

9 He who planted the ear, does He not hear? Or He who formed the eye, does He not see?
9 He who planted the ear, does He not hear? He who formed the eye, does He not see?
9 The one who formed the ear can hear, can he not? The one who made the eyes can see, can he not?
9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

10 He who disciplines the nations, will He not rebuke, He who teaches mankind knowledge?

10 He who chastens the nations, will He not rebuke, *Even* He who teaches man knowledge?

10 The one who disciplines nations can rebuke them, can he not? The one who teaches mankind can discern, can he not?

10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know?

11 The LORD knows human thoughts, That they are mere breath.

11 The LORD knows the thoughts of man, That they are a *mere* breath.

11 The LORD knows the thoughts of human beings— that they are futile.

11 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.

12 Blessed is the man whom You discipline, LORD, And whom You teach from Your Law,

12 Blessed is the man whom You chasten, O LORD, And whom You teach out of Your law;
12 How blessed is the man whom you instruct, LORD, whom you teach from your Law,
12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;

13 So that You may grant him relief from the days of adversity, Until a pit is dug for the wicked.

13 That You may grant him relief from the days of adversity, Until a pit is dug for the wicked.

13 keeping him calm when times are troubled until a pit has been dug for the wicked.

13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.

14 For the LORD will not abandon His people, Nor will He abandon His inheritance.

14 For the LORD will not abandon His people, Nor will He forsake His inheritance.

14 For the LORD will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage.

14 For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.

15 For judgment will again be righteous, And all the upright in heart will follow it.

15 For judgment will again be righteous, And all the upright in heart will follow it.

15 Righteousness will be restored with justice, and all the pure of heart will follow it.

15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

16 Who will stand up for me against evildoers? Who will take his stand for me against those who do injustice?

16 Who will stand up for me against evildoers? Who will take his stand for me against those who do wickedness?

16 Who will rise up for me against the wicked? Who will stand for me against those who practice iniquity?

16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

17 If the LORD had not been my help, My soul would soon have dwelt in the land of silence.

17 If the LORD had not been my help, My soul would soon have dwelt in *the abode of* silence.

17 If the LORD had not been my helper, I would have quickly become silent.

17 Unless the LORD had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.

18 If I should say, "My foot has slipped," Your faithfulness, LORD, will support me.
18 If I should say, "My foot has slipped," Your lovingkindness, O LORD, will hold me up.
18 When I say that my foot is shaking, your gracious love, LORD, will sustain me.
18 When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.

19 When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your comfort delights my soul.
19 When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your consolations delight my soul.
19 When my anxious inner thoughts become overwhelming, your comfort encourages me.
19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.

20 Can a throne of destruction be allied with You, One which devises mischief by decree?
20 Can a throne of destruction be allied with You, One which devises mischief by decree?
20 Will destructive national leaders, who plan wicked things through misuse of the Law, be allied with you?
20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?

21 They band themselves together against the life of the righteous And condemn the innocent to death.
21 They band themselves together against the life of the righteous And condemn the innocent to death.
21 They gather together against the righteous, condemning the innocent to death.
21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

22 But the LORD has been my refuge, And my God the rock of my refuge.
22 But the LORD has been my stronghold, And my God the rock of my refuge
22 But the LORD is my stronghold, and my God, the rock, is my refuge.
22 But the LORD is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge.

23 He has brought back their injustice upon them, And He will destroy them in their evil;
The LORD our God will destroy them.
23 He has brought back their wickedness upon them And will destroy them in their evil;
The LORD our God will destroy them.
23 He will repay them for their sin; he will annihilate them because of their evil. The LORD
our God will annihilate them.
23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own
wickedness; yea, the LORD our God shall cut them off.
- The psalm concludes with the confidence that God has heard and will judge the wicked

