PSALMS 93-95

REVIEW…

- **Psalm 90 – Live for God**
  - The beginning of Book
    FOUR - the only Psalm written by Moses…
  - We are the sons of ADAM – cursed –
    and will one day die…
  - The ETERNAL God –
    who see even our SECRETS - gives us
    TIME to REPENT…
  - But we do not have much TIME – our lives are SHORT – therefore we should live for
    Him!
- **Psalm 91 – Protected by God**
  - If we dwell with the
    Most High – stay close [shadow] to the Almighty…
  - Then we will be
    the PROTECTED by
    in His LORD – as we are
  - We WORD…
    will not FEAR
    not anything – we will
    we COMPROMISE –
    His will be guarded by ANGELS…
  - We will have a
    VICTORIOUS life –
    and we will be
    SATISFIED – know
    we will one day see
    Jesus!
- **Psalm 92 – The Works of God**
  - The only Psalm in the
    Bible specifically meant
    for the Sabbath Day…

- It is about RESTING – true REST comes when we WORSHIP Jesus for His mighty WORKS…
- Not just when understand what God is doing – we worship no matter what – **Isaiah 55:9**

Psalm 93 – LORD reigns

- **1st – The LORD is King… vs. 1-2**
  - 1st – Introduction…
    - As with the majority of the Psalms in book FOUR – there is no stated AUTHOR…
    - But Psalm 93 presents the LORD as KING…
    - The opening phrase – the LORD Reigns – literally means the LORD [יְהוָה] is KING [מָלָךְ]
    - When Jesus returns at His SECOND coming – He has the name…
    - **Revelation 19:16** – "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."
    - The phrase literally means He is the KING [nominative] who owns all other kings [genitive]
    - Because there is only one KING – and that is Jesus Christ – **Psalm 2:6**
  - 2nd – RULES in power… vs. 1
    - The LORD reigns - He is clothed with majesty.
    - The LORD is clothed - He has girded Himself with strength.
    - Surely the world is established - so that it cannot be moved!
    - As crazy and wicked as this world is – it might seem like God is NOT in control…
    - But do not miss – the LORD always [perfect] rules…
    - He is the one wearing the ROYAL [majesty] robes – repeated TWICE for emphasis…
    - He had CLOTHED [girded] in strength – so His WILL in this WORLD cannot be moved!
    - Nothing happens apart from the WILL of God – He is the KING – and He is SOVEREIGN…
    - This is a VERY encouraging truth – even when life seems to just be happening…
    - When life seems uncertain – we can be confident ultimately God is in control!
    - **Ephesians 1:11** – "Purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will."
  - 3rd – RULES forever… vs. 2
    - Your throne is established from of old. You are from everlasting!
    - THRONES cane be very impressive – meant to show the POWER of a KING…
    - The most expensive throne even made was the PEACOCK throne – Mughal empire in India…
    - It was made 1150 KG of gold – and covered with 230 KG of precious Jewels – 85 BILLION pesos…

- But in spite of ALL the gold and jewels – the MAN who created it is gone…
- And the THRONE has passed back and forth between Iran and India ever since!

- In CONTRAST – the THONE of God has ALWAYS been there – from before TIME – **Genesis 1:1**
- And it is an EVERLASTING [מֵעוֹלָם] THRONE – it will never go away…
- Because unlike the KINGS of men – the REIGN of God is ETERNAL!
- When you have lived long enough – it is easy to see this as true…
- The people in POWER today – will not be there TOMORROW…
- Like grass the dries up and fades away – men do not last – but God is FOREVER!
- **Isaiah 40:8** – "The grass withers - the flower fades - but the word of our God stands forever."

- **2ND – THE LORD IS GREATER… VS. 3-5**
  - 1st – The Floods… vs. 3-4
    - O LORD - the floods have lifted up their voice. The floods lift up their waves.
    - The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters - than the mighty waves of the sea!
    - There was a good reason why the Psalmist was writing about the KING…
    - Bad things were happening – a FLOOD of troubles were rising - THREE times for emphasis…
    - But LOUDER than noise of raging waters – STRONGER than the crashing waves…
    - Is the LORD [יְהוָה] who is MIGHTY and stands on the HIGH ground [safe from the FLOOD]
    - FLASH floods are one of the most dangerous parts of rainstorms…
    - Unstoppable Torrents of water rushing down from the mountains…
    - If someone is caught – they are in a LOT of trouble – unless someone on the HIGH ground helps!
    - When the sudden TRIALS of life flood in and overwhelm us – and we start to SINK…
    - All we need to do is look up – and over the all the NOISE – listen to the LORD…
    - He is on the HIGH ground – and has the POWER to be able to rescue us!
  - 2nd – The Truth… vs. 5
    - Your testimonies are very sure. Holiness adorns Your house - O LORD – forever!
    - What the LORD says [testimony] is very [מְאֹד] TRUE [אֱמֶן] – the word is AMEN…
    - And those who come into His house – will be made HOLY [קֹדֶשׁ] for ALL days…
    - What does the LORD say to those who are in the middle of the FLOOD [trials]

- **Matthew 11:28** – "Come to Me - all you who labor and are heavy laden - and I will give you rest."
- We have an ETERNAL King – who is in control of ALL things…
- Meaning whatever comes into our lives – GOOD or BAD – is allowed by Him…
- Why would He allow the BAD – so we learn to come and find REST in Him!

Psalm 94 – Vengeance of the LORD

- **1st – The Wicked man… vs. 1-10**
  - 1st – Introduction…
    - As with the majority of the Psalms in book FOUR – there is no stated AUTHOR…
    - Continuing the THEME of God as the KING…
    - The Psalmist looks to the KING – to bring His VENGEANCE on a WICKED world!
  - 2nd – Punish the wicked… vs. 1-2
    - O LORD God - to whom vengeance belongs. O God - to whom vengeance belongs - shine forth!
    - Rise up - O Judge of the earth. Render punishment to the proud!
    - GOD [אֵל] of VENGEANCE – LORD [יְהוָה] GOD [אֵל] of VENGEANCE - show Yourself [imperative]
    - The Psalmist is not saying God will bring VENGEANCE…
    - He is stating the character of God is VENGEANCE – TWICE for emphasis…
    - Therefore - STAND up [imperative] and JUDGE the world – give the PROUD what they deserve!
    - The Psalmist saw an alarming trend that did not make sense to him…
    - He saw the PROUD prosper – men who did NOT know or follow the LORD…
    - Knowing God is not MOCKED – what we SOW we also REAP – **Galatians 6:7**
    - He WANTS the LORD to bring His VENGEANCE Now!

    - When we look at the world around us – full of PROUD men…
    - When we see people ignoring the WORD of GOD – instead living like FOOLS…
    - When we see people living immoral lives – rejecting the GOSPEL that could save them…
    - And the WORST part is they seem to be getting away with it…
    - It seems unfair – we want to know where is the GOD of VENGEANCE!
  - 3rd – Their rejoicing… vs. 3
    - LORD - how long will the wicked. How long will the wicked triumph?

- The LORD is the KING – He is in control and could stop the WICKED at any time…
- So the Psalmist questioned – HOW long would He allow the WICKED rejoice [2x for emphasis]!
- **I Peter 3:9** – "[God] is longsuffering toward us - not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance!"
- LONGSUFFERING [μακροθυμέω] – compound word – LONG [μακρο] ANGER [θυμέω]
- His PURPOSE in WAITING is so that men would NOT perish [eternal destruction]
- This is NOT saying that ALL men will be saved…
- This is saying by not JUDGING today – God gives us TIME to REPENT and before He JUDGES!
- If Jesus had come back 30 years ago - how many of us would be in heaven!
- Just because the VENGEANCE of God has not come – does NOT mean it is not coming...
- God shows amazing PATIENCE - because He desires for MANY to be saved!

○ 4th – Their boasting … vs. 4

- They utter speech - and speak insolent things. All the workers of iniquity boast in themselves!
- As a RESULT [hiphil] of being WICKED – their WORDS are always ARROGANT…
- And what they talk about is ALL [כָּל] their SINFUL [עָוֹן] deeds!
- **Matthew 12:34** – "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."
- We can tell what is in the HEART – by what comes out of the MOUTH…
- When ALL people want to talk about is their SIN – calloused in their words…
- It makes it easy to recognize them as someone who REALLY needs Jesus!

○ 5th – Their persecution… vs. 5-6

- They break in pieces Your people - O LORD - and afflict Your heritage.
- They slay the widow and the stranger - and murder the fatherless!
- The WICKED try and CRUSH [piel] the people of the LORD [יְהוָה]
- They have no COMPASSION – even attacking those who are unable to defend themselves…
- Murdering the WIDOW – the STRANGER – and the ORPHAN!
- We live in a WORLD that has no problem murdering the innocent – ABORTION…
- And when we stand up for what is TRUE – we are called EVIL!
- **Isaiah 5:20** - "Woe unto them that call evil good - and good evil..."
- This is a world that is upside down – a world that does NOT know God…

- A world where all that is evil is good - and all that is good is evil…
- Therefore - do not be SURPRISED when the world hates us for standing up for Truth!
- **John 15:18** - "If the world hates you - you know that it hated Me before it hated you."

- 6th – God Knows… vs. 7-11
  - Yet they say - The LORD does not see - nor does the God of Jacob understand.
  - Understand - you senseless among the people - and you fools - when will you be wise?
  - He who planted the ear - shall He not hear? He who formed the eye - shall He not see?
  - He who instructs the nations - shall He not correct - He who teaches man knowledge?
  - The LORD knows the thoughts of man - that they are futile!
  - In SPITE of all their WICKED words and deeds – they do NOT think they will be JUDGED…
  - They SAY [imperfect] the LORD [יְהוָה] does not SEE – or CARE [בִּין] about what we do…
  - But it is the WICKED who do not seem to CARE [בִּין] - they are STUPID fools who refuse to learn…
  - God CREATED their ears and eyes – do they really think He does not HEAR and SEE…
  - The God who DISCIPLINES nations [גּוֹיִם] – and TEACHES the sons of Adam [אָדָם]
  - Do they think the LORD will not correct [hiphil] – He who knows [יָדַע] the vain MIND of men!
  - Many assume they are OK because God does not immediately JUDGE them...
  - They make mistake of interpreting the PATIENCE of God - for the ACCEPTANCE of God...
  - Just because God has not JUDGED yet – does not mean God will not JUDGE…
  - The one who created our EYES and EARS – does HEAR and SEE…
  - Not just what is on the outside – He see in our MIND – **Hebrews 4:13**
  - And if we do not REPENT – we will one day be JUDGED - **Numbers 32:22**

- **2nd – The Blessed man… vs. 12-23**
  - 1st – Corrected by God… vs. 12-13
    - Blessed is the man whom You instruct - O LORD - and teach out of Your law.
    - That You may give him rest from the days of adversity - until the pit is dug for the wicked!
    - In light of the fact the LORD is a GOD of VENGEANCE – who will JUDGE wicked men…
    - HAPPY [אַשְׁרֵי] is the man CORRECTED [יָסַר] by God – TAUGHT [piel] from His WORD [תּוֹרָה]
    - He will have REST in days of EVIL – while the WICKED digs [niphal] his own grave [pit]

- The world around us may seem to get away with ALL manner of evil…
- But the LORD will NOT let us – He will correct us for EVERY mistake we make…
- He will bring us back to His WORD [תּוֹרָה] – show us where we have gone wrong…
- Do NOT despise this – it is how God keeps us safe from the DAY of EVIL [judgement]
- So - we can have REST in Him – while a wicked world keeps digging deeper into SIN!
- **Proverbs 3:11** – "Despise not the chastening [יָסַר] of the LORD. Neither be weary of his correction."

o 2nd – The people of God… vs. 14-15

- For the LORD will not cast off His people - nor will He forsake His inheritance.
  - Here is the KEY question – WHO are the people of the LORD…
  - Because [כִּי] the LORD will never LEAVE His people – He will not REJECT His family!
- But judgment will return to righteousness - and all the upright in heart will follow it!
  - The answer is those who are RECEIVE the chastening of the LORD…
  - Because [כִּי] when His JUDGEMENT comes to the RIGHTEOUS [צַדִּיק]
  - Those who have the RIGHT heart will not get UPSET or ANGRY…
  - Instead – they recognize it is for their GOOD – and will ALL [כָּל] follow the LORD!
  - No one wants to be DISCIPLINED – it is not pleasant when we go through it…
  - But when we understand the MOTIVE behind it – we do not DESPISE it…
  - We realize that God is JUDGING us NOW – so we will not be JUDGED later…
  - And His correction is the PROOF – we are His CHILDREN!
  - **Hebrews 12:8** – "If God does not discipline you as He does all of His children - it means that you are… not really His children at all." [NLT]

o 3rd – Stand for God… vs. 16

- Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?
- The LORD is a GOD of VENGEANCE – who will JUDGE unrepentant men…
- But He is also a GOD who can FORGIVE – if men are willing to REPENT…
- Therefore - He asks the QUESTION – who will stand up with ME against EVIL…
- Because if men do not SEE what they are doing is WRONG – how can they TURN!
- It is HARD to confront people about their sin - they get upset...
- Making us think it is better not to confront someone who is sinning...
- But the truth is leaving someone in their sin – means they will be JUDGED by God...
- Therefore - if we LOVE them – we need to stand up and WARN them!
- **Hebrews 3:13 -** "Exhort one another daily - while it is called today - lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

o 4th – Empowered by God… vs. 17-19

- Unless the LORD had been my help - my soul would soon have settled in silence.
  - UNLESS the LORD [יְהוָה] helps us – we end up STAYING silent!
  - We are NOT going to be able to STAND up for Jesus on our own…
  - We need the BOLDNESS of the LORD to be able to CORRECT the wicked…
  - If we find we are TIMID – we need to ask for the BOLDNESS of Jesus!
- If I say My foot slips - Your mercy O LORD will hold me up.
  - Even when we STUMBLE [perfect] – it is the LOVE [חֶסֶד] of the LORD that holds us up!
  - There is a LIE satan likes to put into our head…
  - With all the mistakes we have made – who are we to CORRECT others…
  - But the point is NOT that we are PREFECT – we are SINNERS just like them…
  - We are pointing them the SOLUTION we also need – the LOVE of Jesus!
- In the multitude of my anxieties within me - Your comforts delight my soul!
  - If the thought of CONFRONTING others gives us ANXIETY – we are NOT alone…
  - Even the Psalmist had MANY of them – but he was COMFORTED by the LORD!
  - When we confront others – with a heart of LOVE - **Ephesians 4:15**
  - We do not need to be AFRAID of what we will say – how they will react…
  - Because it will be the LORD who speak through us – gives them COMFORT…
  - And when we see the RESULT – changed lives – it will make us REJOICE!

- 5th – The LAW of God… vs. 20-23
  - Shall the throne of iniquity - which devises evil by law - have fellowship with You?
  - They gather together against the life of the righteous - and condemn innocent blood.
  - But the LORD has been my defense - and my God the rock of my refuge.
  - He has brought on them their own iniquity - and shall cut them off in their own wickedness.
  - The LORD our God shall cut them off!
  - God does not agree [join] – with the LAWS made by the RULERS [throne] of the WICKED [הַוָּה]
  - LAWS that attack the soul of the RIGHTEOUS [צַדִּיק] – condemn the INNOCENT…
  - But the LORD [יְהוָה] is my HIGH tower – my ROCK – and my REFUGE from these LAWS…
  - Instead - the LORD will return to WICKED [hiphil] their EVIL – and cut them off [2x]!
  - A WICKED world - make WICKED laws – to try and justify their WICKED lives…
  - As if somehow if they make SIN a RULE – it is no longer SIN…
  - But we do not care what the RULES of men say – we follow a HIGHER law…
  - Knowing that their LAWS cannot save men from the JUDGEMENT that is coming…
  - One day their SIN will come back to haunt them – when God of VENGEANCE cuts them off!

Psalm 95 – REST of the LORD

- **1st – Shout to the LORD… vs. 1-7**

- 1st – Introduction…
  - Although - as with the majority of the Psalms in book FOUR – there is no stated AUTHOR…
  - This Psalm is quoted in the book of Hebrews – and credited to King David – **Hebrews 4:7**
  - David ENCOURAGING us to come and WORSHIP the LORD…
  - WARNING us that if we do not – if we are HARD hearted – we will miss His REST!
- 2nd – Sing to the LORD… vs. 1-2
  - Oh come - let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.
  - Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving. Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms!
  - COME [imperative] – let us really [cohortative] SING a lot [piel] to the LORD [יְהוָה]
  - We should [hiphil] SHOUT [cohortative] – because He is our ROCK and SALVATION…
  - We should [cohortative] come [piel] before Him FACE - giving THANKS [תּוֹדָה]
  - SHOUTING [cohortative] out these psalms as we WORSHIP Him!
  - How often do we stop and contemplate what God has done for us…
  - We are sinners – who were destined for destruction – God of VENGEANCE…
  - Yet instead – God came down and SAVED us – became the ROCK we stand on…
  - If we really understand that – our reaction [hiphil] should SHOUT [cohortative] for JOY…
  - We should be SHOUTING out THANKS – because we can come before the FACE of the LORD!
- 3rd – Great King… vs. 3
  - For the LORD is the great God - and the great King above all gods!
  - The LORD [יְהוָה] is the GREATEST [גָּדוֹל] – He is the KING above ALL [כָּל] other rulers [אֱלֹהִים]
  - When Jesus taught the multitudes about the BREAD of life – eat My flesh / drink My blood…
  - It was a HARD teaching – and MOST of His Disciples walked away…
  - But when He asked the TWELVE if they would ALSO leave – Peter answered!
  - **John 6:68** – "Lord - to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."
  - People look to ALL kinds of things for SALVATION in this life…
  - They look to MONEY – they look to LEADERS – they look to RELIGION…
  - But none of these things has the POWER to SAVE…
  - We WORSHIP [cohortative] – because there is NO one greater than our God!
- 4th – Great creator… vs. 4-6

- In His hand are the deep places of the earth. The heights of the hills are His also.
- The sea is His - for He made it - and His hands formed the dry land.
- Oh come - let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- The LORD has in His HANDS – the HIDDEN places of the earth [underground]
- The MOUNTAIN tops – all of the OCEANS and LAND – because He made them – therefore…
- COME [imperative] WORSHIP [hishtaphel] and BOW [cohortative] - because He made us!
- When I was in college – I was studying computer programming…
- I had to write thousands of lines of CODE to perform simple tasks…
- It was so FRUSTRATING when it would FAIL – the CODE did not work the way it should…
- But there was such JOY – when the program finally would do what it was CREATED for!
- We WORSHIP and BOW [cohortative] – because we were created to do so…
- The God who spoke the UNIVERSE into existence – also formed [עָשָׂה] us…
- We were MADE to worship – and will never have JOY until we do!

  - 5th – Great Shepherd… vs. 7
    - For He is our God - and we are the people of His pasture - and the sheep of His hand!
    - We WORSHIP [cohortative] – because of WHO are GOD is…
    - He is our SHEPHERD – who provides for everything His SHEEP need!
    - **Psalm 23:1** – "The LORD is my shepherd. I have all that I need." [NLT]
    - There is a DIFFERENCE between WANTS and NEEDS…
    - God does not give us what we WANT – only what we NEED…
    - If we ASK God for SELFISH things – God will NOT give it – **James 4:3**
    - But as we LIVE for Him – we can ASK for anything - and our SHEPHERD will provide - **John 15:7**

- **2ND – REST IN THE LORD… VS. 7-11**
  - 1st – Do not harden… vs. 7-9
    - Today - if you will hear His voice: Do not harden your hearts…
    - As in the rebellion - as in the day of trial in the wilderness.
    - When your fathers tested Me. They tried Me - though they saw My work!
    - TODAY [הַיּוֹם] – this day – LISTEN [imperfect] to the WORD [voice] of the LORD…
    - Please [jussive] do NOT harden your hearts as in the REBELLION [מְרִיבָה] and TRIAL [מַסָּה]

- When the fathers TESTED [piel] the LORD – and SAW His WORK!
- Having seen God send TEN plagues – and REDEEM them from bondage in Egypt…
- Having PARTED an OCEAN – and then drown the armies of Egypt - **Exodus 14:21**
- Having led Israel in a CLOUD by day – and a pillar of FIRE at night - **Exodus 13:21**
- You would think Israel would never DOUBT God was there…
- Yet when they lacked WATER – they questioned if the LORD was still with them!
- **Exodus 17:7** – "[Moses] called the name of the place Massah [מַסָּה]… because they tempted [מְרִיבָה] the LORD – saying - Is the LORD among us or not?"
- It seems no matter how much the Lord has done for us - we FORGET when trials come...
- As if somehow God has changed - He took care of us before - but maybe not this time…
- When we face the challenges of life - we only need look back to see...
- God has always been faithful to take care of our needs - and He always will be!
- **Hebrews 13:8** - "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday – today - and forever."

○ 2nd - No REST… vs. 10-11

- For forty years I was grieved with that generation.
  - And said - It is a people who go astray in their hearts - and they do not know My ways.
  - So - I swore in My wrath - They shall not enter My rest!
  - For FORTY years the LORD was disappointed with that generation…
  - They had hearts that wanted to WANDER – did NOT want to know [יָדַע] the right WAY…
  - Therefore - God SWORE [niphal] – they would NOT enter His REST [promised land]!
  - The PROMISED LAND – was the REST – God had promised to give to Israel…
  - But when Israel arrived - they sent out SPIES to who gave a bad report - **Numbers 13:32**
  - They were DISOBEDIENT - and did NOT believe the WORD of the LORD...
  - Therefore - God swore in His wrath – they could NOT enter His REST!
- No FAITH…
  - **Hebrews 4:2-3** – "Indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them - but the word which they heard did not profit them - not being mixed with faith in those who heard it… So - I swore in My wrath they shall not enter My rest."
  - The KEY to entering into the REST of the LORD – is FAITH in His WORD…
  - It does NOT matter what we SEE – or what other people SAY…
  - ALL that matters is what the WORD of the LORD states as the FACTS…
  - If we BELIEVE in His WORD – and we are NOT STUBBORN [harden] – we will have REST!
- Not HARD…
  - I am often amazed how STUBBORN we can be – refusing to admit our way does NOT work…
  - If MONEY was the answer to life – then the RICH would be CONTENT …
  - If INFLUENCE was the answer – then the FAMOUS would have JOY…
  - If POSITION was the answer – then the POWERFUL would have PEACE…

- But that is NOT what we SEE – which is why if we are not STUBBORN – we can HEAR…
- TODAY – listen to the LORD – and SHOUT to the LORD who is our REST!