PSALMS 73-74

REVIEW…

- **Psalm**
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- **Psalm**
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71 – Faithfulness
Lord

- Thought to
  been written by
  David when he
  from his son
  Absalom…
  put his TRUST
  [faith] in the LORD
  just in words…
  WAITED [hope] for
  LORD to work –
  rather than
  trusting in
  himself…
  also PRAISED –
  knowing no matter
  his circumstances
  – God was in
  control...
  learned that –
  because He was
  and the LORD had
  always been
  FAITHFUL!

72 – The coming

Psalm of Solomon
last Psalm of
2 of the Psalms…

- Solomon
  for WISDOM – to
  able to rule JUSTLY
  RIGHTEOUSLY…
  as he described
  that REIGN would
  like – the Psalm
  became Messianic
  [about Jesus]
- Because
  will bring PEACE –
  He RAINS down

righteousness [no more sin]
- When the God of Israel will RULES over the whole world – the Millennial Kingdom!

Psalm 73 – Eternal Perspective

- **1st – Stumbled… vs. 1-2**
  - 1st – Introduction… vs. 1
    - Book THREE – Psalms 73-89
      - Psalm 73 begins the THIRD book of Psalms – which is made up of only 16 Psalms…
      - The first ELEVEN of the Psalms in this book of written by ASAPH!
    - A Psalm of Asaph!
      - The SECOND of TWELVE Psalms that were written by Asaph…
      - ASAPH [אָסָף] – his name means to GATHER…
      - Was the WORSHIP leader during the reign of King David – **I Chronicles 16:5-6**
      - Making it no surprise that he also wrote some of the SONGS of Israel…
      - We are also told that ASAPH would PROPHECY – proclaim the WORD – through worship!
      - Note the calling of a worship leader – as seen in the MINISTRY of ASAPH…
      - Worship leaders are to GATHER the people together – to WORSHIP the Lord in SONG…
      - So that they can hear the WORD of the LORD and be blessed!
  - 2nd – God is Good… vs. 1
    - Truly God is good to Israel - to such as are pure in heart!
    - The first half of Psalm 73 is quite dark – questioning whether it is right to live for God…
    - Therefore Asaph opens up by reassuring the reader - God [אֱלֹהִים] is GOOD [טוֹב] to Israel…
    - At least He is GOOD to those who have a PURE heart!
  - 3rd – Almost stumbled… vs. 2
    - But as for me - my feet had almost stumbled. My steps had nearly slipped!
      - Asaph gives us the main POINT of the Psalm – he had a BIG problem…
      - It was so BAD – it almost caused him to STUMBLE [passive] – he nearly LOST his FAITH!
    - Pronouns…
      - When Asaph is troubled by the ungodly – look for the pronoun THEY – **Psalm 73:1-12**
      - When he struggled to understand – look for pronoun I - **Psalm 73:13-17**
      - When he finally gets the right perspective – look for the pronoun YOU - **Psalm 73:18-22**
      - The point is POWERFUL – when we look at OTHERS – or we look WITHIN for answers…
      - We are going to get overwhelmed and filled with despair…
      - It is ONLY when we look to JESUS [You] – that we are going to have the RIGHT perspective!
- **2nd – Envious… vs. 3-12**
  - 1st – Prosperity… vs. 3-4
    - For I was envious of the boastful - when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
    - For there are no pangs in their death - but their strength is firm!
    - Asaph was very [piel] JEALOUS – when he looked at the lives of the WICKED…

- When he saw the PRAISE [הָלַל] people gave to them…
- When he saw the PEACE [שָׁלוֹם] they had in their LIVES…
- Even in their DEATH – they are NEVER [אֵין] in DEBT [bonds] – but were still STRONG!
- The FACTS behind this are interesting – and not what we might expect…
- There are around 13 million people in the world who are $MILLIONAIRES [as of 2015]
- Of that number – almost 60% identify as CHRISTIAN [far more than any other religion]
- So in fact – statistically most wealthy people – believe in Jesus!
- But a Christian who happens to have wealth – will not flaunt that money…
- What we tend to see are RICH people who are NOT Christian – who want to be seen…
- They are visible – because their god is their MONEY – and they make sure we know it!

○ 2nd – No troubles… vs. 5-6

- They are not in trouble as other men. Nor are they plagued like other men.
- Therefore pride serves as their necklace. Violence covers them like a garment.
- These WICKED are NEVER [אֵין] in any trouble – they NEVER get sick [plague]
- The RESULT – is the have a LOT of PRIDE – wear it like jewelry [necklace]
- And CRUELTY [חָמָס] covers them like a coat!
- It is a CLICHÉ – the RICH kid who is SPOILED – never had a NEED in their life…
- For all their MONEY – they are MEAN on the inside – full of ugly PRIDE…
- There is even an INSTAGRAM account – RICH kids of the INTERNET…
- ROTTEN brats trying to outdo each other – private jets – yachts – and overpriced luxury items!
- People who NEVER have problems – are NOT nice people…
- Because TRIALS tend to HUMBLE us – make us more compassionate to the others…
- The KINDEST person – is the person who has received a LOT of GRACE!

○ 3rd – Full of SIN… vs. 7-9

- Their eyes bulge with abundance. They have more than heart could wish.
- They scoff and speak wickedly concerning oppression. They speak loftily.
- They set their mouth against the heavens - and their tongue walks through the earth!
- These WICKED are FULL of SIN [ἀδικία] – causing their HEART to be CALLOUS [NIV]

- That hard HEART – is revealed in what they SAY – **Luke 6:45**
- They MOCK – they speak WICKEDLY – they OPPRESS others – they are ARROGANT…
- They think their MOUTH is from HEAVEN [בַּשָּׁמַיִם] – even as their TONGUE walks the earth!
- **Luke 6:27** – "Judge not - and you shall not be judged…"
- I have heard people say you CANNOT judge me – only God can judge me…
- And to some extent I think I understand what they mean – but they are WRONG!
- We CANNOT judge why someone does something – what their MOTIVE is…
- Because only God knows the motive of the heart - **Psalm 44:21**
- But we absolutely can JUDGE the actions of someone – by comparing them to the Word…
- And we can even JUDGE their HEART – by what comes out of their MOUTH!

  - 4th – Ungodly… vs. 10-12
    - Therefore his people return here - and waters of a full cup are drained by them.
    - And they say - How does God know? And is there knowledge in the Most High?
    - Behold - these are the ungodly - who are always at ease. They increase in riches!
    - What is AMAZING – is PEOPLE flock to listen to the WICKED…
    - The come to FILL up their CUP with the ARROGANT words they spew out…
    - What do they SAY – they question if God can SEE – does the most HIGH know…
    - BEHOLD the UNGODLY – who ALWAYS have it EASY – and grow in STRENGTH!
    - There is a huge movement today to listen to SELF HELP gurus…
    - Men who spout their WISDOM – as if it is from HEAVEN itself…
    - But you will notice – they NEVER talk about Jesus [just generically about god]
    - They do not want us to put our trust in the WORD – they want us to listen to THEIR word!
    - When – like Asaph - we look at the world around us – full of these WICKED men…
    - When we see people ignoring the WISDOM of the WORD – and listening to FOOLS…
    - When we see people living immoral lives – rejecting the TRUTH of God…
    - And the WORST part is they seem to be getting away with it…
    - They are not suffering – they may even PROSPER – and it seems unfair!

- **3RD – Confused… vs. 13-16**
  - 1st – Waste of time… vs. 13-14

- Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain - and washed my hands in innocence.
- For all day long I have been plagued - and chastened every morning!
- As Asaph looked at the WICKED world prospering around him…
- He came to a VERY disturbing conclusion - it was a WASTE [vain] of time to follow the Lord…
- He had CLEANED his heart – and WASHED his hands [of sin]
- But the RESULT – was he was ALWAYS [נֶ֫גֶל] sick [plague] – and rebuked EVERY morning!
- This is NOT an unreasonable conclusion – looking at the RESULTS…
- If WICKED people PROSPER – and everyone runs to them for their WISDOM…
- And living for Jesus means we SUFFER – and no one wants us around...
- Then does that mean - MAYBE we made the WRONG choice!

○ 2nd – Hypocrite… vs. 15

- If I had said - I will speak thus.
- Behold - I would have been untrue to the generation of Your children!
- The problem Asaph had – is he could not TALK about this with anyone else…
- He was afraid – if people heard his CONCLUSION – they would call him a TRAITOR to God!
- One of the ways that satan keeps us in bondage – is to make us AFRAID to share…
- He puts this idea in our heads – that we are the ONLY ones who are struggling…
- If we dare to TALK about what we are going through – we will be attacked as BAD believers…
- But the TRUTH is the best thing we can ever do is SHARE with others…
- We are STRONGER together – as we encourage each other!
- **Proverbs 27:17** – "As iron sharpens iron - so a friend sharpens a friend."

○ 3rd – Painful… vs. 16

- When I thought how to understand this - it was too painful for me!
- The more Asaph tried [piel] to UNDERSTAND [יָדַע] this crisis of his faith…
- The WORSE it became – it was PAINFUL for him!
- When we come the place where we are STUCK – do not know where to go next…
- It is often because we are LOOKING for answers in all the wrong places…
- He tried looking at the WICKED – THEY and THEM – mentioned 15 times – **Psalms 73:1-12**

- He tried looking WITHIN – I and ME – mentioned 9 times – **Psalms 73:13-15**
- But the answer was NOT in others or in himself – Asaph needed to look UP!

- **4TH – PERSPECTIVE… VS. 17-22**
  - 1st – The End… vs. 17
    - Until I went into the sanctuary of God. Then I understood their end!
    - When Asaph went into the Tabernacle – when he went to WORSHIP the LORD…
    - There he was able to UNDERSTAND – what happens in the END…
    - Just because God had not judged the WICKED yet – did not mean they would not be JUDGED!
    - **Numbers 32:23** – "You may be sure that your sin will find you out."
    - 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…
    - God is PATIENT – giving time to repent and turn back to Him…
    - God WAITS to punish sin - only because He loves the sinner – **II Peter 3:9**
    - God is LONGSUFFERING – to give time to repent and turn back to Him…
    - But for those who harden their hearts - do not to repent – their DESTRUCTION is certain!
    - **Galatians 6:7** – "God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap…"
  - 2nd – Destruction… vs. 18-20
    - Surely You set them in slippery places. You cast them down to destruction.
    - Oh how they are brought to desolation - as in a moment!
    - They are utterly consumed with terrors.
    - As a dream when one awakes – So Lord when You awake - You shall despise their image!
    - INDEED [אַךְ] – the WICKED on slippery ground – if they do NOT repent…
    - God will THROW [hiphil] them down into RUIN [hell]
    - And there will be NO warning – in an INSTANT – they will be in complete [תַּמּוּ] TERROR…
    - The lives of the WICKED are like a passing DREAM – very brief…
    - And when the MASTER [אֲדֹנָי] wakes up – the DREAM will be OVER!
    - Too many people WAIT too long to cry out to Jesus for salvation…
    - They make the FATAL assumption that they have more TIME…

- The problem is we have no guarantees of tomorrow – the end comes suddenly…
- And we are ONLY given this life to CHOSE where we will spend ETERNITY – **Hebrews 9:27**
- TODAY is the day of SALVATION – TODAY is the day to BELIEVE – **II Corinthians 6:2**

○ 3rd – Foolish.. vs. 21-22

- Thus my heart was grieved - and I was vexed in my mind.
- I was so foolish and ignorant. I was like a beast before You!
- When Asaph looked UP – and saw what took place in the END…
- He realized the SIN [leaven] in his own heart – how FOOLISH he had been in his DOUBTS…
- He had NOT [לֹא] UNDERSTOOD [יָדַע] – he had acted like a DUMB animal!
- When we finally look UP – and see God is still on the THRONE…
- And realize all our DOUBT – was just FOOLISHLY looking to the wrong place for answers…
- We can feel pretty DUMB – but God does not hold it against us…
- And although we needlessly caused ourselves to go through a CRISIS…
- The GOOD news is – in the end we come to the right CONCLUSION!

● **5TH – RESTORED… VS. 23-28**

○ 1st – Guided by God… vs. 23-24

- Nevertheless I am continually with You. You hold me by my right hand.
- You will guide me with Your counsel - and afterward receive me to glory!
- BUT - in CONTRAST to those who are WICKED [even if they are RICH]
- Asaph would ALWAYS with the God – who HELD [perfect] him in His right hand [strength]
- And by His counsel – would guide [hiphil] Asaph – till he came into GLORY [heaven]!
- The world does NOT know God – they are on their own…
- They have to overcome all of their TRIALS - in their own STRENGTH…
- They have to rely on their WISDOM – to solve all their PROBLEMS…
- And in the end – it will fail them – because they will MISS out on heaven!
- Yet when we come to Jesus – He gives us His STRENGTH – His WISDOM…
- So that we know we are going the RIGHT way – and will end up in HEAVEN!

○ 2nd – God my Strength… vs. 25-26

- Whom have I in heaven but You - and there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.
- My flesh and my heart fail. But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever!
- The ONLY person Asaph knew in Heaven – was God…
- Therefore the ONLY person Asaph wanted to FOLLOW on earth – was God…
- Because he knew when his BODY [flesh] died – God will still be his STRENGTH…
- God would give him his PORTION – the hope of HEAVEN – forever!
- Jesus is the only one to have ever come from heaven...
- Therefore He was the only one qualified to be able to tell others how to get to heaven…
- People may have LOTS of ideas on how to get to heaven - but they have never been...
- It seems wiser to listen to the only one who has been there - Jesus!

○ 3rd – Draw near to God… vs. 27-28

- For indeed - those who are far from You shall perish.
- You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry.
- But it is good for me to draw near to God. I have put my trust in the Lord GOD.
- That I may declare all Your works!
- BEHOLD – those who are FAR from the Lord are DESTROYED [אָבַד]
- All [כָּל] who commit SPIRITUAL adultery – worship ANY other God…
- BUT – Asaph would draw NEAR to the Lord [אֲדֹנָי] – who is GOD [אֵל]
- Because it is GOOD [טוֹב] to come to Him for SHELTER [trust]
- And DECLARE [piel] – what will happen to those who do NOT [His work of judgement]!
- The BOTTOM line – ALL who are far from the LORD will not make it to HEAVEN…
- No amount of MONEY – or FAME – is worth that high of a price – **Mark 8:36**
- Therefore we should CLING to Jesus – no matter what happens in this life…
- And not just us – we should WARN [piel] everyone around us…
- Because there is only ONE way – ONE salvation – ONE hope in this life!

Psalm 74 – Destruction of the Temple

- **1st – Rejection… vs. 1-2**

○ 1st – Introduction… vs. 1

- A Contemplation of Asaph!

- The NINTH of THIRTEEN Psalms that have the title – a CONTEMPLATION…
- CONTEMPLATION – root [שָׂכַל] – meaning to teach or give instructions [hiphil]

- The DESTRUCTION of the Temple…
  - This Psalm is a CONTEMPLATION about the DESTRUCTION of the Temple…
  - There are a several DATES that the Psalm could be referring to…
  - The DESTRUCTION of the First Temple of Solomon – 586 B.C.
  - The DESECRATION of the Second Temple by Antiochus Epiphanes – 167 B.C.
  - The DESTRUCTION of the Second Temple – 70 A.D.
- Who was Asaph…
  - The dilemma will ALL of the dates – is Asaph was a contemporary of David – 1000 B.C.
  - Which is between 400-1000 years before the any of the EVENTS took place…
  - Meaning this was a different Asaph – which seems unlikely…
  - This is the SECOND of ELEVEN Psalms in Book III that are written by him…
  - Or this was a PROPHETIC Psalm – where Asaph foresaw the DESECRATION of the Temple!

- 2nd – Cast off… vs. 1
  - O God - why have You cast us off forever? Why does Your anger smoke against Your sheep?
  - No doubt as Asaph looked at the DESTRUCTION – SMOKE rising from the ashes…
  - He had ONE question – WHY was God angry at His SHEEP – His PEOPLE!
  - Does God get ANGRY with His KIDS – the answer is YES…
  - Not because of WHO they are – but because of WHAT they have done…
  - There is a REASON why God tells us NOT to do certain things – SIN…
  - Because He knows they are NOT good for us – will cause us HARM…
  - And when we CHOSE to do them – we will face His ANGER – **Hebrews 12:7**
- 3rd – Remember… vs. 2
  - Remember Your congregation - which You have purchased of old.
    - The tribe of Your inheritance - which You have redeemed.
    - This Mount Zion where You have dwelt!
    - REMEMBER [imperative] – THREE things…
    - FIRST - His CONGREGATION – the LORD purchased at the PASSOVER – **Exodus 13:2**
    - SECOND - His INHERITANCE – the LORD had redeemed [גָּאַל]
    - When a family member was sold into SLAVERY [Egypt]
    - A RELATIVE [גָּאַל] – could buy them back – REDEEM them – **Leviticus 25**
    - THIRD – His CITY – Mount Zion – where the LORD placed His name - **II Chronicles 33:7**
  - The LORD never forgets we are HIS…
    - When we face the ANGER of the LORD – when we are PUNISHED by God…
    - It is the PROOF that we are His Kids!
    - If I saw a child running out into traffic – I might warn them…
    - Yet it would NOT be my responsibility to PUNISH them – not MY child…
    - But if I saw Hallel running out into traffic – I would PUNISH her – she is MY daughter!

- When we see people living in SIN – and nothing seems to happen to them…
- It can make us frustrated – how come they get away with it – and yet we get PUNISHED…
- If God lets someone get away with SIN – it means they are NOT His child…
- Because God punishes EVERY child that He receives!
- **Hebrews 12:6** – "Whom the LORD loves He chastens - scourges every son He receives."

- **2ND – DESTRUCTION… VS. 3-11**
  - 1st – No Temple… vs. 3-8
    - Lift up Your feet to the perpetual desolations.
      - The enemy has damaged everything in the sanctuary.
      - Calling on God to COME and see [lift up Your feet]
      - Asaph proceeds to DESCRIBE the DESTRUCTION of the Temple…
      - The ENEMIES of God – had done EVIL [רָעַע] to EVERYTHING [כָּל] in the HOLY [קֹדֶשׁ] place!
      - This could be a reference to Antiochus Epiphanes – Seleucia empire – **Daniel 8:9-14**
      - When he stopped the worship of God – the daily sacrifices in the Temple…
      - And then sacrificed a pig to Zeus in the Holiest of All – where the Ark had once stood!
    - Your enemies roar in the midst of Your meeting place. They set up their banners for signs.
      - They seem like men who lift up Axes among the thick trees.
      - And now they break down its carved work - all at once - with axes and hammers.
      - They have set fire to Your sanctuary - defiled the dwelling place of Your name to the ground.
      - The ENEMIES of God – had set up their SIGNS [אוֹת] in His meeting place [Temple]
      - They ACTED like lumberjacks – attacking everything with their AXES and HAMMERS…
      - The BURNED the SANCTUARY – causing His place to be DEFILED [piel]
      - This seems more to refer to the DESTRUCTION – not just DEFILING - of the Temple…
      - Either by King Nebuchadnezzar – in this THIRD conquest of Jerusalem – 586 B.C.
      - Or by Titus Vespasian – and the TENTH roman legion – in 70 A.D.
    - They said in their hearts - Let us destroy them altogether.
      - They have burned up all the meeting places of God in the land!
      - It appears it was NOT just the TEMPLE that was DESTROYED…
      - ALL [כָּל] of the MEETING places in Israel – the KJV translates this as SYNAGOGUES…
      - SYNAGOGUES – churches for Jews – were not started till AFTER the Babylonian captivity…
      - Meaning this is likely a prophecy about the DESTRUCTION of the SECOND Temple…
      - Because the ENEMIES – did not want to leave ANY place for the people of God to worship!
      - But we do NOT need a PLACE to come and worship the LORD…
      - Our God does NOT live in a building – He is NOT limited by geography – **Acts 7:48**
      - Therefore no one can EVER keep us from coming to our GOD!
  - 2nd – No Prophets… vs. 9
    - We do not see our signs. There is no longer any prophet.
    - Nor is there any among us who knows how long!
    - Because Israel was LOOKING to the Temple of God – rather than to the God of the Temple…
    - When the Temple was DESTROYED – they could no longer SEE…
    - They could not SEE – the SIGNS [אוֹת] – the BANNERS of the LORD…

- They could not SEE – the prophets – who SPOKE for the LORD…
- They could not SEE – how LONG – before they would be SAVED by the LORD!
- We should NEVER be LOOKING to a MAN – a PASTOR – a CHURCH – or DENOMINATION…
- God is SOVEREIGN over all of these things – but He is not LIMITED by ANY of them…
- Like the TEMPLE – God may be in a MAN – a PASTOR – a CHURCH…
- But if there is SIN – He may also step away from them…
- That does NOT mean God has left – but if we are putting our FAITH in the wrong place…
- We might NOT be able to SEE the LORD anymore!

  - 3rd – How Long… vs. 10-11
    - O God - how long will the adversary reproach. Will the enemy blaspheme Your name forever.
    - Why do You withdraw Your hand - Your right hand. Take it out of Your bosom and destroy them!
    - Seeing the DEVASTATION – Asaph had another QUESTION – HOW long…
    - Would God let His ENEMIES blaspheme His name FOREVER…
    - Why NOT just take our His RIGHT [power] hand – and END them!
    - We need to REMEMBER – God is NOT waiting on our ENEMIES…
    - He is USING them – as the TOOL – to do a work in our lives…
    - So the question of HOW long – is actually up to us…
    - How LONG before we realize – we NEED to come back and CLING to the LORD!

- **3RD – RECALL… VS. 12-17**
  - 1st – God is King… vs. 12
    - For God is my King from of old - working salvation in the midst of the earth!
    - Asaph knew it was NOT about ABILITY – God COULD save Israel…
    - God [אֱלֹהִים] was the FIRST [of old] KING – He is the ORIGINAL ruler…
    - And He has been WORKING from the beginning - to bring SALVATION [יְשׁוּעָה] to the EARTH!
  - 2nd – God is Strength… vs. 13-14
    - You divided the sea by Your strength. You broke the heads of the sea serpents in the waters.
    - You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces - gave him as food to the people in the wilderness!
    - The DIVIDING of the SEA – may be a reference to the RED SEA – **Exodus 14:21**
    - The sea SERPENTS [תַּנִּין] are a difficult reference to interpret…

- The word in Hebrew can be translated as a snake – **Exodus 7:9-10**
- But it is MOST often translated [KJV] as DRAGON – we would say DINOSAUR…
- Backed up with the addition of calling it a LEVIATHAN [לִוְיָתָן] – **Job 41:19**

- But it is also possible this is a reference to the EGYPTIAN army…
- Perhaps calling them a DRAGON – because of the power behind them – **Revelation 12:9**
- Who were BROKEN in the RED sea – when God caused the waters to return - **Exodus 14:27**
- The point being the same – if God can SHATTER [piel] the heads of literal DRAGONS…
- Or the mighty ARMIES of the ENEMY who is LED by the DRAGON…
- Then there is no FOE too great – no PROBLEM on earth beyond His ability to handle!

- 3rd – God is in control… vs. 15-17
  - You broke open the fountain and the flood. You dried up mighty rivers.
  - The day is Yours - the night also is Yours. You have prepared the light and the sun.
  - You have set all the borders of the earth. You have made summer and winter!
  - Even NATURE is subject to our God…
  - God can open the FOUNTAINS [מַעְיָן] – and make it flood – **Genesis 7:11**
  - But He can also DRY up mighty Rivers – Jordan – **Joshua 3:16**
  - He has control over the SUN – can make it stand still – **Joshua 10:13**
  - God sets ALL [כָּל] of the boundaries of the earth – where SUMMER ends and WINTER starts…
  - If God has that much POWER – then there is no question He can SAVE!
  - It is easy to FORGET – especially when we are struggling…
  - We can get overwhelmed by our circumstances – unable to see beyond our PROBLEMS…
  - But God has NO limits – He is the God of the IMPOSSIBLE – **Luke 1:37**

- **4TH – REMEMBER… VS. 18-23**
  - 1st – Your People… vs. 18-19
    - Remember this… O LORD.
      - In conclusion Asaph gives THREE commands…
      - But this time he does not ask GOD [אֱלֹהִים] – he asks the LORD [יְהוָה]
      - Going through the DESTRUCTION – had brough him back to the LORD!
    - That the enemy has reproached - and that a foolish people has blasphemed Your name.
      - Oh - do not deliver the life of Your turtledove to the wild beast!

- Do not forget the life of Your poor forever!
- REMEMBER [imperative] – who has DISHONORED –BLASPHEMES the LORD – your ENEMY…
- REMEMBER – who is Your DOVE – Your PEOPLE - Israel…
- PLEASE [jussive] do NOT let Your PEOPLE be delivered to Your ENEMY…
- PLEASE [jussive] do NOT forget Your PEOPLE anymore!

- 2nd – Your Promise… vs. 20-21
  - Have respect to the covenant. For the dark places of the earth are full of the haunts of cruelty.
  - Oh - do not let the oppressed return ashamed! Let the poor and needy praise Your name!
  - LOOK [imperative] at the PROMISE [בְּרִית] You made to Israel - **Exodus 19:5**
  - Because the world is FULL of DARKNESS – and CRUEL [חָמָס] people…
  - PLEASE [jussive] do NOT let your people return in SHAME…
  - Instead let the HUMBLE [עָנָו] come and PRAISE [piel] Your NAME!
- 3rd – Your Enemy… vs. 22-23
  - Arise - O God - plead Your own cause. Remember how the foolish man reproaches You daily.
  - Do not forget the voice of Your enemies - tumult of those who rise up against You continually!
  - STAND [imperative] God – not for Israel – but for Yourself…
  - REMEMBER [imperative] the fools that dishonor You DAILY…
  - PLEASE [jussive] do NOT forget the voice of YOUR enemies who rise up against YOU!