

June 28th

Scripture Reading: Psalms 73:21-76:7

Memory Verse: Psalm 75:4-7 “I say to the boastful, „Do not boast,” and to the wicked, „Do not lift up your horn; do not lift up your horn on high, or speak with haughty neck.”” For not from the east or from the west and not from the wilderness comes lifting up, but it is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another.

Song: “How Firm a Foundation”

In this psalm of Asaph, he reveals how God abases the proud and exalts the humble. God is the decision-maker about who is great and who is not. Jesus said,

“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:25-28).

God judges with fairness, even as Asaph recognizes (Psalm 75:2). Paul acknowledged the same truth in Romans 2:6-11:

He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality.

We can be confident in God’s willingness to bless those who humble themselves in His sight and serve Him faithfully every day. Those who rebel against Him and refuse to serve Him, however, will face His wrath.

“But I will declare it forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. All the horns of the wicked I will cut off, but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up” (75:10).

Prayer: “Oh Father, keep me humble. Let me recall every day that I am accountable to You and you alone. Forgive my foolish arrogance and let me set my heart on being Your servant. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.”

Thought Questions:

Do I think more highly of myself than I ought?

Do I count God as a fair judge?

Am I willing to be a good servant?