

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

# FOR IN THE HAND OF THE LORD THERE IS A CUP PSALMS 75

Text: Psalms 75:8

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*<sup>8</sup> For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.*

Introduction:

In Psalms 74 Asaph was aggravated about the destruction of the temple. Asaph was searching for answers. In Psalms 75 he gets the answers he was searching for.

God is the Judge and He will vindicate, validate and bring victory to his people.

Notice:

# 1. THE JOY DECLARED (VS. 1)

## ***Psalm 75:1***

*<sup>1</sup> Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.*

### A. The Direction of Praise (vs. 1a)

Note the word “we.”

He is inviting others to join him.

The aim of adoration should always be directed toward the glory of God.

We note not only the direction of praise but also:

### B. The Declaration of Praise (vs. 1b)

The works of God are so numerous, momentous, and monumental that His name alone can accompany them.

Note not only the Joy Declared

## 2. THE JUDGMENT DESCRIBED (VS. 2-8)

Asaph begins by declaring the joy he has in the Lord.

He then transitions to describing the judgment that awaits the wicked.

Notice:

### A. His Collection as Judge (vs. 2)

#### **Psalm 75:2**

<sup>2</sup> When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.

This is obviously the Lord speaking. He will vindicate those who destroyed His house, and He will at the same time receive His own people back into the temple.

We notice not only His collection as Judge but also:

### B. His Consumption as Judge (vs. 3)

#### **Psalm 75:3**

<sup>3</sup> *The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.*

Remember:

The earth belongs to the Lord, he can do whatever He wills with it.

The word “dissolved” speaks of the fiery judgment of God’s wrath.

He hold the world, bears up the pillars; in this thought the psalmist would have us to pause and reflect on God’s power.

Notice not only His Collection and Consumption but also:

### C. His Correction as Judge (vs. 4-5)

#### ***Psalm 75:4-5***

*<sup>4</sup> I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn: <sup>5</sup> Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck.*

The world, when judged by God, will have no excuse for their iniquity.

They have refused the prophets, the Word, and the commandments of God.

Notice not only His Collection, Consumption and Correction but also:

## D. His Control as Judge (vs. 6-7)

### ***Psalm 75:6-7***

*<sup>6</sup> For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. <sup>7</sup> But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.*

Solomon said the “kings heart was in the hand of God.”

According to Isaiah 40, God ordains the princes, kings, and governors of this world.

The nations are but dust on the scales of God.

Notice not only His Collection, Consumption, Correction and Control but also:

## E. His Cup as Judge (vs. 8)

### ***Psalm 75:8***

*<sup>8</sup> For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.*

In the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red (*which notes fierce wrath*); and it is full of mixture. This mixture is of judgments, plagues, and punishments; "this is the portion of their cup."

Christ drank from the bitter cup, but this cup is for those who refuse Christ.

As we have considered the Joy Declared and the Judgement Described note lastly:

### **3. THE JUSTICE OF THE DELIVERED (VS. 9-10)**

#### ***Psalm 75:9-10***

*<sup>9</sup> But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. <sup>10</sup> All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.*

As the Psalmist began with declaring his joy he closes this psalm speaking of his praise for the Lord again.

Although the enemy had attacked, assaulted and tried to annihilate God's people, they will never be able to overcome their God.

Not only will the wicked have their day in God's court; but the righteous will be vindicated and exonerated from this vile and corrupt world.

Close:

God's people will at times fall victim to the hands of evil men; but the Lord rules both Heaven and Earth..

He will defend those who remain faithful.