

God judges the wicked. The poet began by calling on God, to whom vengeance belongs, to wait no longer to bring judgment on the wicked. The poet expressed faith that justice would eventually be done. God remained the defense and rock of refuge for His people, and He would judge the wicked in His own time. Inc Thomas Nelson, The Woman's Study Bible (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1995), Ps 94:1.

## **PSALM 94**

The LORD Implored to Avenge His People.

Verses 1–7 record a prayer that God would avenge the jubilant wicked.

This Psalm is about the vengeance of the Lord. The first thing we must remember is that vengeance belongs to God, not to us.

***Romans 12:18-19 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. 19) Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.***

**Deuteronomy 32:35-36 Vengeance is Mine, and retribution, In due time their foot will slip; For the day of their calamity is near, And the impending things are hastening upon them.' 36) "For the LORD will vindicate His people, And will have compassion on His servants...**

**Isaiah 35:3-4 Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble. 4) Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come with vengeance; The recompense of God will come, But He will save you."**

**1 O Lord, God of vengeance; God of vengeance, shine forth!** This is an appeal to God to punish the wicked.

**2 Rise up, O Judge of the earth; Render recompense to the proud.** This appeal recognized that the Lord is the Judge over the entire world. He is perfect in His righteousness and justice.

**3 How long shall the wicked, O LORD, How long shall the wicked exult?** Like Habakkuk, who questioned the Lord about allowing the wicked to flourish, this psalmist questioned Him when He would take a stand against the wicked. The continuing joy of the wicked seems out of place since they oppose God.

We must be confident that the Lord will not forsake us and that He will deliver us.

**Exodus 15:2 "The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; This is my God, and I will praise Him..."**

**Psalm 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread?**

**Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.**

**4 They pour forth words, they speak arrogantly; All who do wickedness vaunt themselves.**

**Psalm 31:17-18 Let me not be put to shame, O LORD, for I call upon Thee; Let the wicked be put to shame, let them be silent in Sheol. 18) Let the lying lips be dumb, Which speak arrogantly against the righteous With pride and contempt.** It is hard to take the constant braying of lies from evil people. They are contemptible, arrogant, and haughty to the People they should be serving.

**Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling.**

**5 They crush Thy people, O LORD, And afflict Thy heritage.** Think about how many innocent people have been crunched by our evil leaders: President Trump and anyone associated with him; the hundreds of innocents that have been locked up for attending the Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> rally in D.C., innocent people singing hymns near an abortion clinic who were arrested and given years of prison time but a gang of illegal aliens were arrested for attacked police officers but were immediately released and smirked as they gave the finger to all Americans who were watching on TV; etc.

**Psalm 72:4 May he vindicate the afflicted of the people, Save the children of the needy, And crush the oppressor.**

**Psalm 72:12-13 For he will deliver the needy when he cries for help, The afflicted also, and him who has no helper. 13) He will have compassion on the poor and needy, And the lives of the needy he will save.**

**Isaiah 3:15 What do you mean by crushing My people And grinding the faces of the poor?" Says the Lord GOD of hosts.**

**6 They slay the widow and the stranger, And murder the orphans.**

I am not aware of our government slaying widows and murdering orphans but it allows 72 thousand Americans to die of overdose fentanyl pills; it also allows the trafficking of thousands of children and women who cross our southern border. The following verse certainly describes how our present government functions.

**Isaiah 10:1-2 Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, Who write misfortune, Which they have prescribed 2) To rob the needy of justice, And to take what is right from the poor of My people, That widows may be their prey, And that they may rob the fatherless.**

**7 And they have said, "The LORD does not see, Nor does the God of Jacob pay heed."**

Disobeying God never turns out well.

**Psalms 10:11 He has said in his heart, "God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see."**

**Psalms 92:6-7 A senseless man has no knowledge; Nor does a stupid man understand this: 7) That when the wicked sprouted up like grass, And all who did iniquity flourished, It was only that they might be destroyed forevermore.**

Certainly, atheists and unbelievers think that they can do anything they want and will not be held accountable by the righteous and just Judge of the universe which they do not believe exists.

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

***Psalm 53:1-4 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God," They are corrupt, and have committed abominable injustice; There is no one who does good. 2) God has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men, To see if there is anyone who understands, Who seeks after God. 3) Every one of them has turned aside; together they have become corrupt; There is no one who does good, not even one. 4) Have the workers of wickedness no knowledge, Who eat up My people as though they ate bread, And have not called upon God?***

**9 He who planted the ear, does He not hear? He who formed the eye, does He not see?**

Can God give these faculties to others, and yet all the while not possess them Himself? No way, He must and does hear the infidel's scoff, and His people's sighs and groans.

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

If he chastises the heathen, why should he not also punish His own people? He teaches His people so they should know that they cannot be disobedient without being rebuked.

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

**1 Corinthians 3:20 "The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."**

The focus of verses 12 – 19 change to address the blessings of the righteous.

**12 Blessed is the man whom Thou dost chasten, O LORD, And dost teach out of Thy law;**

The psalmist proceeds to console and comfort himself by considering in how many ways the righteous man is blessed.

There are two blessings given in this verse, 1. Chastening and 2. Teaching. Most people don't associate chastening with blessing but it is.

**Hebrews 12:10-11 For they (fathers) indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for**

***our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. 11) Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.***

***1 Corinthians 11:32 But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.***

**13 That Thou mayest grant him relief from the days of adversity, Until a pit is dug for the wicked.**

***Psalm 49:5 Why should I fear in the days of evil, When the iniquity at my heels surrounds me?***

***Psalm 55:22-23 Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved. 23) But You, O God, shall bring them down to the pit of destruction; Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; But I will trust in You.***

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



**1 Samuel 12:22 For the LORD will not forsake His people, for His great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you His people.**

**Psalm 37:28 For the LORD loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.**

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

The Lord will restore order and install His government which will be the only perfect government that has ever existed. It will be so much easier to submit to His government.