

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. 6th 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. Those who teach God's Word are blessed.

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.

Job 5:17 Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects; Therefore, do not despise the chastening of the Almighty.

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.

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

Psalms 7:14-16 Behold, he travails with wickedness, And he conceives mischief, and brings forth falsehood. 15) He has dug a pit and hollowed it out and has fallen into the hole which he made. 16) His mischief will return upon his own head, And his violence will descend upon his own pate.

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.

Psalm 58:11 *And men will say, "Surely there is a reward for the righteous; Surely there is a God who judges on earth!"*

Micah 7:7-10 *But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me. 8) Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy.*

Though I fall I will rise; Though I dwell in darkness, the LORD is a light for me. 9) I will bear the indignation of the LORD Because I have sinned against Him, Until He pleads my case and executes justice for me. He will bring me out to the light, And I will see His righteousness. 10) Then my enemy will see, And shame will cover her who said to me, "Where is the LORD your God?" My eyes will look on her; At that time, she will be trampled down, Like mire of the streets.

When Jesus Christ returns, He will restore order and install His government which will be the only perfect government that has ever existed. However, even though there will be perfect environment and perfect government, He will have to rule with a rod of iron because many will refuse to submit to His authority. His righteousness and justice will surely hold them accountable.

16 Who will stand up for me against evildoers? Who will take his stand for me against those who do wickedness?

These are two very relevant questions. We have a wonderful constitution that protects our God given rights and everyone in the government takes an oath to defend it but, where can

we find someone in Government that will stand up for us against the evildoers?

There are very few who are willing to abide by their oath and stand against the wickedness and evil that has a choke hold on our beloved country, but they have little or no power to bring about change. So, the righteous ones are left as prey to the merciless evildoers until we have a very powerful and righteous leader, a champion that will stand against the corrupt evildoers. The next verse will let us know who that Champion will be.

17 If the LORD had not been my help, My soul would soon have dwelt in the abode of silence.

It just so happens that the memory verse for this Sunday is:

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

We are preserved in life and protected from the wicked, by God himself!

Psalm 50:15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

Psalm 46:7 The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm 62:7-8 In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God. 8) **Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.**

Psalm 145:18-20 The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth. 19) He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them. 20) The LORD preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy.

2 Samuel 22:18-19 He delivered me from my strong enemy, From those who hated me; For they were too strong for me. 19) They confronted me in the day of my calamity, But the LORD was my support.

Psalm 124:2-3 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, When men rose up against us, 3) Then they would have swallowed us alive, When their wrath was kindled against us;

18 If I should say, "My foot has slipped," Thy lovingkindness, O LORD, will hold me up.

Even when we suffer affliction, we are blessed because God upholds our tottering feet, and, when we are in danger, He keeps us from falling.

Psalm 18:35-36 *You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great. 36) You enlarged my path under me, So my feet did not slip.*

Psalm 108:12-13 *Give us help from trouble, For the help of man is useless. 13) Through God we will do valiantly, For it is He who shall tread down our enemies.*

19 When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Thy consolations (comforting) **delight my soul.**

Internal comfort is given by God himself to the perplexed and troubled in spirit, whereby they are “soothed and solaced.”

Isaiah 66:13 *As one whom his mother comforts, So I will comfort you; And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.”*

Psalm 119:50 *This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life.*

Psalm 119:76 *Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, According to Your word to Your servant.*



Romans 15:4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

2 Corinthians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

When we have anxious thoughts, it is because we are focusing on the problem rather than trusting the Lord.

Verses 20-21 have to do with the destruction of the evildoers.

20 Can a throne of destruction be allied with Thee, One which devises mischief by decree?

By “*the throne of destruction*” means iniquity in high places, refers to villainous rulers whose legislation would seek to destroy the righteous.

Isaiah 1:23 Your princes are rebellious, And companions of thieves; Everyone loves bribes, And follows after rewards. They do not defend the fatherless, Nor does the cause of the widow come before them.

Isaiah 10:2 So as to deprive the needy of justice, And rob the poor of My people of their rights,

Of course, the answer to the question asked in this verse is absolutely not.

21 They band themselves together against the life of the righteous And condemn the innocent to death.

Verse 20-21 certainly describes the despicable leaders who are trying their best to destroy our country.

“They band themselves together” The democratic party, the media, the universities, the corporations, the tech companies, the deep state (the swamp), Holly Wood, have all banded together against the righteous.

“And condemn the innocent to death.” Thousands die because of the open border policy including 70,000 die, mostly young people, because of fentanyl overdoses.

Isaiah 1:21 How the faithful city has become a harlot, She who was full of justice! Righteousness once lodged in her, But now murderers.

Isaiah 59:3-4 For your hands are defiled with blood, And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken false-

hood, Your tongue mutters wickedness. 4) No one sues righteously, and no one pleads honestly. They trust in confusion, and speak lies; They conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

Isaiah 1:21 & 23 How the faithful city has become a harlot, She who was full of justice! Righteousness once lodged in her, But now murderers... 23) Your rulers are rebels, And companions of thieves; Everyone loves a bribe, And chases after rewards. They do not defend the orphan, Nor does the widow's plea come before them.

22 But the LORD has been my stronghold, And my God the rock of my refuge.

Psalms 18:2-3 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. 3) I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, And I am saved from my enemies.

Psalms 59:9 Because of his strength I will watch for Thee, For God is my stronghold.

**23 And He has brought back their wickedness upon them
And will destroy them in their evil; The LORD our God
will destroy them.**

I love this verse because it makes it very clear that Jesus Christ is the only one who can right this colossal wrong. We need to give Him praise and gratitude for holding those vermin accountable. I love His righteousness, justice, and His veracity.

Psalm 35:7-8 For without cause they hid their net for me; Without cause they dug a pit for my soul. 8) Let destruction come upon him unawares; And let the net which he hid catch himself; Into that very destruction let him fall.

Psalm 141:8 For my eyes are toward Thee, O God, the Lord; In Thee I take refuge; do not leave me defenseless...

Psalm 141:10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, While I pass by safely.

Psalm 7:16 His mischief will return upon his own head, And his violence will descend upon his own pate.

Proverbs 5:22 His own iniquities will capture the wicked, And he will be held with the cords of his sin.