



Psalms 83

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A CALL FOR GOD TO INTERVENE

Introduction:

Superscription: "A Song [*shir*], a Psalm [*mizmor*] of Asaph"

I. AN APPEAL TO GOD TO INSPECT (vs. 1-8) - "Lord, see what is happening!"

A. Look at Their Corruption (vs. 1-4)

¹O God, do not remain quiet; do not be silent and, O God, do not be still.

²For behold, Your enemies make an uproar,

And those who hate You have exalted themselves.

³They make shrewd plans against Your people and conspire together against Your treasured ones.

⁴They have said, "Come, and let us wipe them out as a nation,

That the name of Israel be remembered no more."

B. Look at Their Conspiracy (vs. 5-8)

⁵For they have conspired together with one mind; against You they make a covenant:

⁶The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites;

⁷Gebal and Ammon and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;

⁸Assyria also has joined with them;

They have become a help to the children of Lot. Selah.

II. AN APPEAL TO GOD TO INTERVENE (vs. 9-18) - *“Lord, do what is necessary!”*

A. Defeat Them (vs. 9-12)

⁹Deal with them as with Midian,

As with Sisera and Jabin at the torrent of Kishon, who were destroyed at En-dor, who became as dung for the ground.

¹¹Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb

And all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna,

¹²Who said, “Let us possess for ourselves the pastures of God.”

B. Destroy Them (vs. 13-15)

¹³O my God, make them like the whirling dust,

Like chaff before the wind.

“On reflection it may be the voice of a seasoned religion which knows profoundly what it costs to beat off despair.... It is an act of profound faith to entrust one’s most precious hatreds to God, knowing they will be taken seriously.”

– Walter Bruggeman, *Message of the Psalms* (p. 77)

¹⁴Like fire that burns the forest And like a flame that sets the mountains on fire,

¹⁵So pursue them with Your tempest And terrify them with Your storm.

C. Disgrace Them (vs. 16-18)

¹⁶Fill their faces with dishonor,

That they may seek Your name, O LORD.

¹⁷Let them be ashamed and dismayed forever, and let them be humiliated and perish,

¹⁸That they may know that You alone, whose name is the LORD, are the Most High over all the earth.

Conclusion:

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