

SOUL FOOD

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PSALM 94:1-15

GOD NEVER FORSAKES HIS PEOPLE

In times of trouble and trial it is easy to ask the question, "Where is God in this?" Typically, this question is asked out of emotion and extreme short-sightedness. We have a tendency to forget God's ultimate plans and purposes and tend to interpret His love and faithfulness on the basis of circumstances going according to our plans and desires.

Here we find the Psalmist crying out to God to shine forth in His judicial and wrathful vengeance. He wants God to punish the proud and the arrogant, which make up those who are acting wickedly toward God and His people. They even boast about their evil exploits. They kill and murder the helpless and the weak. In their arrogance, because they do not receive immediate punishment, they had the audacity to say that God does not see nor perceive what is going on. This is the epitome of foolishness and the evidence of hardened hearts. The Psalmist wants immediate wrath and vengeance to take place.

I am sure you have thought this way from time to time. Why does God SEEM to linger so long in terms of bringing about His vengeance and judicial wrath? First of all, the Psalmist reckons with the reality that God does see and know all that is going on. He is the discipliner of the nations and He certainly rebukes. God knows the reality of mankind and their essence and great limitations. After all, they are but mere breath.

God does not do anything that is capricious or thoughtless. God is very purposeful in all He does; we simply do not always know His purposes in terms of day to day situations. However, focus on what you do know. God does discipline His children. Even in the midst of oppressive actions by others, God uses such evil actions to test and discipline so as to grow in obedient love. Because of this truth, we know that God can never leave us or forsake us. Absolutely nothing can separate us from His love. God will never abandon His heritage, His people.

I remember often hearing my father say, "Well, Lord, I don't understand what is going on, but I can't wait to see what you will do with this one!"

So let it be, Father. So let it be.