

You REAP What you SOW ~ Psalm 94:1-23

→Scripture Reading- Psalm 94:1-3, 9-10, 12-13

INTRODUCTION

The complaint is that the RIGHTEOUS are being OPPRESSED, the WICKED are PROSPERING, and it looks like God does NOT CARE. The psalmist BEGS God to JUDGE the wicked. MacArthur

Judge the WICKED and the PROUD ~ Psalm 94:1-7

¹ O LORD, the God who avenges, O God who avenges, shine forth. ² Rise up, O Judge of the earth; pay back to the proud what they deserve. ³ How long will the wicked, O LORD, how long will the wicked be jubilant? ⁴ They pour out arrogant words; all the evildoers are full of boasting. ⁵ They crush Your people, O LORD; they oppress Your inheritance. ⁶ They slay the widow and the alien; they murder the fatherless. ⁷ They say, "The LORD does not see; the God of Jacob pays no heed.

IMPLICATION

→God is the One who will AVENGE

² Rise up, O Judge of the earth; PAY BACK to the proud what they DESERVE.

³ ...how LONG will the wicked be JUBILANT?

Romans 12:17-21 (NIV) Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take REVENGE, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is MINE to AVENGE; I will REPAY," says the Lord.

²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, FEED him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do NOT be overcome by evil, but OVERCOME evil with GOOD.

God KNOWS ALL Things ~ Psalm 94:8-11

⁸ Take heed, you senseless ones among the people; you fools, when will you become wise? ⁹ Does He who implanted the ear not hear? Does He who formed the eye not see? ¹⁰ Does He who disciplines nations not punish? Does He who teaches man lack knowledge? ¹¹ The LORD knows the thoughts of man; He knows that they are futile.

IMPLICATION

→If you Think you are Getting Away with it - you are NOT

⁹ Is He DEAF - the one who made your ears? Is He BLIND - the one who formed your eyes? (NLT)

¹⁰ ...He knows everything - doesn't He also know what you are doing? (NLT)

Hosea 10:13 (NLT) But you have cultivated wickedness and harvested a thriving crop of sins. You have eaten the fruit of lies - trusting in your military might, believing that great armies could make your nation safe.

Galatians 6:7 (NLT) Don't be misled - you cannot mock the JUSTICE of God. You will ALWAYS HARVEST what you PLANT.

You REAP...

- WHAT you sow
- LATER than you sow
- MORE than you sow

God's DISCIPLINE is a BLESSING ~ Psalm 94:12-15

¹² Blessed is the man You discipline, O LORD, the man You teach from Your law; ¹³ You grant him relief from days of trouble, till a pit is dug for the wicked. ¹⁴ For the LORD will not reject His people; He will never forsake His inheritance. ¹⁵ Judgment will again be founded on righteousness, and all the upright in heart will follow it.

IMPLICATION

→ God's Discipline is PROOF that we BELONG to Him

¹² Blessed is the man You DISCIPLINE, O LORD, the man You TEACH from Your Law...

Hebrews 12:10-11 (NIV) Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God DISCIPLINES us for our GOOD, that we may share in His holiness. ¹¹ NO discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been TRAINED by it.

God PROMISES... Boice

- RELIEF from days of trouble vs. 13
- PUNISHMENT for the wicked vs. 13
- He will NEVER Forsake us vs. 14
- Justice will TRIUMPH over evil vs. 15

Love, Hope, Protection are Found in God ~ Psalm 94:16-23

¹⁶ Who will rise up for me against the wicked? Who will take a stand for me against evildoers? ¹⁷ Unless the LORD had given me help, I would soon have dwelt in the silence of death. ¹⁸ When I said, "My foot is slipping," Your love, O LORD, supported me. ¹⁹ When anxiety was great within me, Your consolation brought joy to my soul. ²⁰ Can a corrupt throne be allied with You - one that brings on misery by its decrees? ²¹ They band together against the righteous and condemn the innocent to death. ²² But the LORD has become my fortress, and my God the rock in whom I take refuge. ²³ He will repay them for their sins and destroy them for their wickedness; the LORD our God will destroy them.

TAKE AWAY ??

→ It is NOT up to me to Keep SCORE

²³ HE will REPAY them for their sins and DESTROY them for their wickedness...

The attribute of Divine Wrath should bring both PATIENCE and PEACE to God's people, knowing that ONE DAY God will settle all accounts. HOTC