



Series: Seasons in the Psalms, Reflections on God and the Significance of the Soul

Passage: Psalms 83 and 82

Title: Healing a Divided Nation

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Discussion Starter –Are you an agent for cultural unity or division? Do you dialogue or demonize those who disagree with your moral positions? Our country has divided political and moral positions, but who is willing to cross over for a reasonable and loving conversation? What do you think God expects from His people?

Read Psalm 83:1-8

1. How do the enemies of God create a tumult? What crafty counsel is formulated against God's people?
2. What recourse did God provide to Solomon for the times when the nation will fall into God's displeasure and judgement? (2 Chronicles 7:12-15)
 - a. How can we, as God's people be used for unity and healing in our country?
3. What is the ultimate goal of these enemies according to verse 4?
4. What is the unifying consent that binds the various and differing nations and cultures together?
 - b. It appears to the Psalmist that all the nations are aligned against Israel. Is this really the case? Why or why not?
 - c. What are the three primary points of attack against a godly culture and nation that are being used today?

Read Psalm 83:9-18

5. The Psalmist recalls times in Israel's past that God has intervened miraculously. What other stories of God's deliverance can we add to this list? When have we seen great times of revival?
6. What is implied by the term, "the pastures of God"? Why are they desirable to the enemies of God?
7. The prayer continues in verses 13-18 and implores God to be the one who pursues, frightens, confounds, and shames. What is the role for God's people in conjunction with His working?

Read Psalm 82:1-8

8. What is God's declaration against the leaders and pastors of the congregation of the mighty? (Read James 3:1)
 - d. What is the fruit of sound biblical teaching, (verse 3-4)? What is the cost of poor teaching, (verses 2 and 5)?
9. Why is verse-by-verse bible teaching essential for the growth of a healthy body of Jesus followers?
10. How has bible knowledge been abused and led to magnify and aggravate cultural division?