



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

Passage: Psalms 74 and 72

Title: Where is God in all this Evil

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Discussion Starter –Do you dialogue with or demonize those who disagree with your moral positions? Truth must be spoken to be powerful. How can you present powerful truth claims in a way that is loving, inviting, and leading to reconciliation? How did Jesus do that very thing?

Read Psalm 74:1-8

1. What are the immediate circumstances during which this Psalm is being written?
2. The first 2 verses identify God's smoking anger, but in verses 3-8 the destruction is attributed to the enemies. What do we see about God's use of the ungodly to correct and chastise His people?
3. What responsibility do the godly people hold for the judgement that the nation is undergoing?
 - a. What is the church's responsibility to bring righteousness and justice into society? What is God's method to communicate with an unbelieving world?
 - b. What is God's heart toward our broken and unjust society? Do you lament with Him?

Read Psalm 74:9-23

4. The Psalm turns to a cry out to God for deliverance. How has God shown Himself powerful to the Psalmist in the past (9-17)?
5. What are some specific requests the Psalmist makes, (17-23)?
 - c. Instead of righteous versus evil, (verses 1-8), do you see society as foolish versus the poor, needy and oppressed, (verses 21-22)? How might that distinction affect the way we present truth to those outside the faith?
6. All Israelites, evil and righteous, were taken captive into Babylon but only a few grew from the experience. What growth does the Psalmist express over the length of the psalm?

Read Psalm 72:1-20

7. How is the rule of a righteous king defined in verse 4?
 - d. Do you value justice for the weak over oppression? Do you lament over broken and marginalized people? How can our heart be changed to better reflect God's values?
8. Who is ultimately the king who will bring this rule to the earth? How long will it last? How far will it span?
9. What differences do you notice between the righteous rule of Psalm 72, compared to the actions, reactions, responses, and judgements described in Psalm 74? What purpose might God have in delaying Psalm 72 while we live through many Psalm 74 type periods?
10. Who will assist in carrying out the wise and righteous rule of Christ over His people?