

Psalm 75

Unlike Psalm 74, this Psalm does not question the goodness of the Creator God but rather exalts in His Sovereignty and righteousness, [Psalms 75:1].

Psalms 75:2 [New King James] *“When I choose the proper time, I will judge uprightly.”*

The Creator will act in His own time, only He, because of His perfect wisdom and knowledge, can know when and how to respond to human situations in a way that will further His plan for humanity as a whole.

2 Peter 3:9 [New King James] *“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”*

The first step towards being created in the “likeness” of God Himself, [Genesis 1:26-27; Galatians 5:22-25].

Humans too often act like little children who have difficulty grasping the concept of time, *“It’s not yet time”* is not a reason they easily understand.

As human beings locked in time and space we have difficulty in understanding God’s personal perspective about time, as He lives outside of time and space, [Revelation 1:8; Isaiah 46:10; 2 Peter 3:8].

We want everything now, unaware that God’s timing is better and He will do what is needed to be done which is not always what we would like Him to do.

Even if we are as impatient as children we must never doubt the wisdom of God’s timing.

Wait for God to reveal His plan for our lives, do not take matters into our own hands.

Psalms 75:3 [New King James] *“The earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved; I set up its pillars firmly. Selah”*

Even today our world is tottering towards its doom from a human viewpoint, but this verse tells us that the stability of the world is not secured by human beings, nor upset by them. The world and its inhabitants are in the end kept in place by God who has total overall control.

Psalms 75:4-7 [New King James] *“I said to the boastful, “Do not deal boastfully,” And to the wicked, “Do not lift up the horn. Do not lift up your horn on high; do not speak with a stiff neck.” For exaltation comes neither from the east nor from the west nor from the south. But God is the Judge: He puts down one, and exalts another.”*

The Psalmist, prompted by God, is telling the proud to stop being boastful, nor the powerful humans to exalt themselves.

For knowing it or not they are all controlled by the Creator God.

Psalms 75:8 [New King James] *“For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is fully mixed, and He pours it out; surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth drain and drink down.”*

The “cup” pictures the judgement of God that the enemies of God will be forced to drink.

This symbol of God's judgement is found often in scripture, [Isaiah 15:17, 22; Jeremiah 25:15; Jeremiah 49:12; Habakkuk 2:16; Revelation 14:10; Revelation 16:19; Revelation 18:6]. These give the impression of taking a dose of their own medicine.

To drink “the dregs” indicates complete punishment, or discipline.

Psalms 75:9-10 [New King James] *“But I will declare forever, I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. ‘All the horns of the wicked I will also cut off, but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.’”*

Included in their praise of the Creator God, is a resolve to match this way of government of cutting off the wicked and promoting the righteous.

If we project this judgement forward in time to the return of Jesus Christ to govern the earth, those who are true and faithful Christians will have a time of bringing judgement and training in righteousness to humans who have never known the Creator God.

Revelation 20:4-6 [New King James] *“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”*

Note this is after Satan and his evil influence has been eradicated.

Revelation 20:11-13 [New King James] *“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.”*

The resurrection back to physical life all who have never known Jesus Christ as their Saviour or understood the Word of God as found in the books of the Christian Bible.

Let us all wait patiently for that day which will come when the Creator God knows it is the best time for all humanity.