

# Psalm 92

**This was a Psalm written for use in temple services on the [seventh day] Sabbath.**

This use of the Psalm on the Sabbath is most likely due to its spirit of joyful praise to the Creator God and its outlook upon a world cleansed of sinners and evildoers.

**In this latter sense the Psalm may be anticipating the Eternal Sabbath, a time of rest for the children of the true Creator God which in its fullness is yet to come.**

**Psalms 92:1-4** [New King James] *“It is good to give thanks to the LORD, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night, on an instrument of ten strings, on the lute, and on the harp, with harmonious sound. For You, LORD, have made me glad through Your work; I will triumph in the works of Your hands.”*

**Thanksgiving focuses upon the name, the revered nature of the Creator God, His steadfast love and faithfulness which are His constant attitudes towards all human beings.**

The practice of morning and evening prayer is often mentioned in Psalms, [**Psalms 5:3; Psalms 42:8; Psalms 55:17; Psalms 63:6**].

**Psalms 92:5-6** [New King James] *“O LORD, how great are Your works! Your thoughts are very deep. A senseless man does not know, nor does a fool understand this.”*

**We can see God’s great physical world around us. We can seek to understand His thoughts through the study and meditation on His Word, the Christian Bible, yet they are beyond our full comprehension, [Isaiah 55:8-9].**

**Romans 1:18-21** [New King James] *“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”*

**When people say that all we see around us is the result of evolution, not a Creator God, is when God becomes angry for such a “slap in the face” from human beings that the Psalmist has most in mind and is most evocative of his praise.**

**Psalms 92:7-8** [New King James] *“When the wicked spring up like grass, and when all the workers of iniquity flourish, it is that they may be destroyed forever. But You, LORD, are on high forevermore.”*

People who are dominated by sensuality or by moral perversity **cannot** concern the providential government of the world nor understand why the wicked are allowed to flourish as spring grass! The Psalmist not only declares the destruction of the wicked, but implies that their short-lived prosperity is an intentional lesson to the Godly, [**Psalms 73:1-3, 16-17**].

**Psalms 92:9** [New King James] *“For behold, Your enemies, O LORD, for behold, Your enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.”*

All opposition to the Creator God or His people shall be thoroughly disrupted.

**Psalms 92:10-11** [New King James] *“But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil. My eye also has seen my desire on my enemies; my ears hear my desire on the wicked who rise up against me.”*

**Adoration of the Creator God frequently arises from personal realisation that we are not merely observers of God’s mercy and judgements, but have been included in His holy beneficence, [2 Peter 1:2-4; Ephesians 2:19].**

This expression of “*horn*” is used by Psalmists in metaphors of an “*upraised horn*” belonging to a source of great power, [**Numbers 23:22; Psalms 29:6; Psalms 89:17**], and an “*inverted horn*” out of which flows the anointing oil, symbol of identification of a responsibility given by the Creator God.

**Psalms 92:12** [New King James] *“The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.”*

The contrast between good and evil is climaxed in the imagery of the tall, erect and evergreen palm tree to the grass under foot. The cedars of Lebanon were noted for their size and excellence.

**Psalms 92:13** [New King James] *“Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.”*

The imagery of trees growing luxuriantly in the house of God has been found previously in **Psalms 52:8**, the basic idea is that of permanence and nourishment.

**Psalms 92:14-15** [New King James] *“They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing, to declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.”*

The basic thought behind this planting in the court of God is acceptance and eternal security with God that leads on to fruitfulness in which is seen at work the combination of strength and refreshment in the divine rock, [**Exodus 17:5-6; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4**].