

PRAYING PSALM 76

“You...are to be feared; And who may stand in Your presence when You are angry” (Psalm 76:7)?

God is willing to use His great power for His people. Most think this psalm was written to celebrate the destruction of Sennacherib’s Assyrian army (701 BBC). It also has prophetic overtones in verses 8-12. 1. THE REVELATION OF GOD AS A DELIVERER (1-3). God’s acts are His self-revelation. God revealed Himself in three ways: By His name. By His city. By His Tabernacle. 2. THE UTTER OVERTHROW OF THE ENEMY (4-6). When Heaven speaks, earth trembles. 3. THE ANGER OF GOD IS TO BE FEARED (7-9). God’s judgments are a manifestation of His righteous anger. 4. THE JUDGMENT OF GOD WILL BE PRAISED (10-12). Human opposition enhances God’s glory. He girds it as a sword for judgment.

Do you fear God? To fear God is to believe Him and to honor His Word. The fear of God understands judgment, knowing His righteous character demands it. To honor God’s name reveres His holy city of Jerusalem and desires to worship Him. When you pray for the overthrow of God’s enemies you anticipate Christ’s future reign. When Christ returns, the righteous anger of God will be seen in the judgment of the wicked and the reign of the righteous. Have faith to believe, and keep on praying for the overthrow of the enemy. There is no doubt that prayer will be answered.