

**MON)** June 17**Psalm 73 Questions about the prosperity of the wicked and the suffering of the righteous**

This psalm deals with the question of the prosperity of the wicked and suffering of the righteous. The writer states that wicked prosper, face no hardships or disasters, and die in peace. So the writer almost stumbled (v. 2) and wondered what use it was to keep his heart clean (v. 13). He lived honestly yet was stricken and rebuked (v. 14). We may have these questions too. When does the writer realize ruinous end of the wicked and meditate on God's character to find the answer to that question? (verses 17-28)

**Psalm 74: Waiting for God's Salvation**

This psalm is a cry to God for salvation while facing Babylon's invasion. Vv. 1-11 describe gruesome sight of enemies destroying God's sanctuary and people. Vv. 12-23 is a prayer asking God to save his people and to take vengeance against their enemies. Who is the Savior?

**Psalm 75: A Psalm of Gratitude to God from God's People**

This is a psalm expressing gratitude and anticipating God's righteous judgment. When will God judge?

**Psalm 76: A victory song praising God**

Ps. 75 states that the name of the Lord is near. (75.1). Ps. 76 states that the name of God is known in Judah and His name is great in Israel. (76:1).  
When God, the King, declares from heaven,  
1) v. 8: The earth (.....)  
2) v. 9: All the (.....) on earth will be saved.

**TUE)** June 18**Psalm 77: Remembering God's past works**

This psalm teaches us what it means for a believer to live by faith in the current frustrating reality. What did the writer remember and repeat while spending dark nights of days of trouble? (vv. 11-12)

(Remembering the past work of God is not an escape to the past, but a solid foundation of faith for the present. It is a very important holy habit for believers in tribulation.)

**Psalm 78: Psalm including the history of Israel**

By looking back at the Exodus and the journey through the wilderness, the psalm contrasts God's grace, judgment, and faithfulness with Israel's repeated disobedience, revealing God's glory, power, and extraordinary history. Later, God chose his servant David to lead Israel. With what did David lead Israelites? (Vv. 70-72)

**Psalm 79: The sufferings of believers that lead to the glory of God**

This psalm, like Ps. 74, was written against the backdrop of the destruction of Jerusalem and the sanctuary by Babylon. The writer asks how long God's wrath will continue (v. 5) and asks that God's wrath be poured out on the nations (v. 6). The last verse states

"But we your (.....), the (.....) of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise."

**Psalm 80: A Prayer in Depression**

This psalm expresses the heart of Israel praying with tears, placing its only hope in God in a situation where Israel is being attacked by the nations and is being destroyed. Verse 8: "You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it."  
Who does this vine refer to? (vv. 8-19)

1) Israelites      2) Assyria      3) Pharaoh

**WED)** June 19**Psalm 81 A hymn sung on the Feast of Trumpets and the Feast of Tabernacles**

Psalm sung during the Feast of Tabernacles to remember the time they spent in the wilderness during their journey from Egypt to Canaan.

When Israelites were disobedient to the Lord, what did God do with them?

**Psalm 82: Praise God, the only Judge**

It is said that all unjust judgments (made by the authorities of the world) will be judged by God. (v. 2) Who are the underprivileged that need to be treated fairly and judged justly?

**Psalm 83: Prayer for God's help in the midst of war**

Israel's enemies are conspiring to attack God's people. Ps. 83 is a cry to God to fight against these enemies. What are the metaphors used to describe defeated foes?

- 1) whirling dust
- 2) chaff before the wind
- 3) forest fire
- 4) mountain flame

**Psalm 84: A longing for God's Temple**

Here, the writer longs for God's Temple so much that he envies the sparrows and swallows that live near the Temple (v. 3). He confesses that

"For a (.....) in your courts is better than a (.....) elsewhere. I would rather be a (.....) in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness."

**THU)** June 20**Psalm 85: Return and Revive Us**

It appears that this psalm was written after the exile period. The psalm states that the Lord brought back the captives (v. 1) and withdrew His wrath (v. 3). However, the writer is not satisfied with that, and prays for the restoration of the former joy (vv. 4-7). In particular, in v. 6, the writer asks, "Will you not (.....) us again, that your people may rejoice in you?" The writing is hoping for a revival.

**Psalm 86: Prayer for Help**

David cries out to God all day long, asking for His grace in his poor and needy situation (vv. 1-3). David confesses that "In the day of my trouble" when he calls God, He will (.....) (v. 7)

(David was confident that God would hear his prayers.)

**Psalm 87: A Psalm of Praise**

This psalm is praise for Zion, the city of God. God loves all of Israel's dwelling places, but He especially loves Zion, where God is worshiped (v. 2).

This psalm may be used today as a song for the church, by substituting the word "Church" in place of "Zion" or "City of God."

**Psalm 88: The reality of a believer's life and prayer**

This psalm describes the reality of the saints' difficult lives. Does the sight of believers in despair make you feel like they have no faith? No, David too is groaning in despair and pain. But what should we not forget in the midst of despair? (v. 13)

**FRI)** June 21**Psalm 89: A prayer, remembering God's covenant**

In this psalm, the writer teaches us that our faith is about remembering and trusting God's covenant. The writer praises God as he remembers God's promise to faithfully keep the covenant he made with the house of David. The content expresses God's character using two words repeated at vv. 1, 2, and 49. What are these two words?

**Psalm 90: Life viewed from an eternal perspective**

This is the Prayer of Moses, the Man of God. You can get a deeper understanding and appreciation by reading this psalm while thinking about the life of Moses. Vv. 2 and 4 express the eternal God, and vv. 3 and 5 express the limitations of temporary people. How should we pray as we live our seventy or eighty years of life? (Verse 12)

**Psalm 91: The Blessing of Living in the Shadow of the Almighty**

This psalm praises the greatness of God's grace. In particular, vv. 3-8 explain the privileges enjoyed by those who make the Lord their eternal refuge and dwelling place. You will be safely protected from hunters' snares, pestilence, night terrors, and the fear of calamity.

Are you currently experiencing anxiety, fear, or difficulties? As verse 1 states, let us "dwells in the (.....) of the Most High will abide in the (.....) of the Almighty."

**Psalm 92: Sabbath hymn**

This psalm teaches us that the most important thing for believers on the Sabbath is to praise God. In particular, what does the writer confess in verses 4-5 as the reason for praising God?

(Has there been anything God has done for me recently?)

**SAT)** June 22**Psalm 93: Praise for God's eternal reign**

This psalm praises the kingdom of God, where God's rule is firm and unwavering. The "floods" in verse 3 is understood in the sense that the ancient people at that time were afraid of the sea, and the psalm appears to mean that God's power surpasses what we fear the most. (v. 4)

"Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the (.....) on high is mighty!"

**Psalm 94: Prayer of believers living in an unjust world**

This psalm expresses the ache of believers who live by faith in an age where the wicked prosper. God will punish the wicked (v. 10) and stand against evildoers (v. 16). How does the writer express the fact that God stands on the side of the saints? (see v. 1)

**Psalm 95 Come, let us sing to the Lord**

The psalm invites us to "come" and to sing to God and shout joyfully to Him who is the rock of salvation. In verse 7, the writer confesses, "For he is our (.....), and we are the (.....) of his pasture, and the (.....) of his hand."

**Psalm 96: Sing a new song to the Lord**

This psalm calls the whole earth to sing a new song to God. It also declares that all nations (v. 7) and all nations (v. 10) should give glory to God.

Another week has passed, and tomorrow we will have Sunday service. Prepare for tomorrow's Sunday with the following prayer. "God, we thank you for calling us as the people you feed and as the sheep you care for with your great hands. Please give us the grace to glorify God, the eternal Creator, throughout our lives, to truly worship Him, to fear and tremble at His Word, and to obey it with all our hearts. I pray in the name of Jesus."