

19-Psalms-36-Transcript

1:52: Well, greetings, brethren, and welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study and thank you for those of you coming back.

1:59: We did take a two-week break.

2:01: After completing the Book of Judges, and that was quite a journey through the history of ancient Israel, and as we were reading it, it became clear that although it's historic, it's also prophetic when you compare some of the experiences that they had to some of the prophecies concerning God's people in the future, we, there's just a lot of insight that we gained through the study of the Book of Judges.

2:24: We're now returning to the Book of Psalms.

2:27: We're on book 3 of this 5-book, structure in the Book of Psalms.

2:33: And, the reason we're studying Psalms and the reason I felt inspired to select this book, first of all, you know, who does a line by line study of the Book of Psalms, and, and by going line by line, there are things that we would normally miss or, or, you know, we might not miss it, but we, we miss the context of it.

2:50: And so there's a lot of insight that we can get from this book as we go through it line by line.

2:55: Also, when the Lord was on earth, He quoted from this book more than any other book.

3:00: So again, as we go line by line, there's gonna be insights that we're going to gain from this book that are important to us for the time we're living in now.

3:08: It's not just, you know, I used to think of Psalms as this encouraging book of songs that people sing when they want to be close to the Lord.

3:15: it's that, but it's much more than that.

3:18: And I think that, you know, Christ, quoting this so much means there's a lot here for us that is relevant as we enter this final chapter of the history of mankind.

3:29: And I think finally, Another reason we're studying this book is we need to learn how to lament.

3:37: In a godly way, that, that the Spirit will help us to pray through.

3:42: What lies ahead in a, in a, in a, in an informed, in a spiritually informed way.

3:48: If we can get our head around how the psalms were written and how, how they lamented.

3:54: how the, the different psalmists, especially King David, how they lamented through their trials.

3:59: we can learn to form the right words and the right perspective through the lamentations and the suffering ahead.

4:06: So with that said, let's, let's begin book three of this, 5 book structure of the Book of Psalms.

4:12: We'll open with a word of prayer.

4:14: Heavenly Father, we, bow before you as we do each week when we do these studies, these line by line studies.

4:23: Because we really want to acknowledge you, Father, and to acknowledge that we know that your wisdom is contained in these scriptures, these, these ancient scriptures, and that here we are, quote unquote, in the modern world.

4:36: but we have this opportunity to be educated by your wisdom, by your revelation, by your word, and that we want your word, Father, to be a light onto our path.

4:46: So we ask, that you'll bless all those tuning in now live to the study, Father, but also bless those who pick up the archives and study the archives at a later date, you know, later as in just soon, within the next few weeks, but also later, maybe years from now, you know, when we're in a very different situation.

5:04: so, Father, we ask your blessing now, and we thank you.

5:06: What a wonderful opportunity.

5:08: We thank you that we have each other, that we can support and encourage each other.

5:11: And again, we thank you for your word that it can light a lamp, light a path, to our feet.

5:18: Praise you, Lord, and we praise Jesus Christ, and we thank you for Christ, and we ask all of this in his most holy name.

5:24: Amen.

5:26: So brethren, we are up to Psalm 73, which begins book 3.

5:34: we ended in Psalm 72, and there's quite a contrast between Psalm 72 and 73.

5:41: So just the way Psalm 72 ended, very victorious, very triumphant, and blessed be His glorious name forever.

5:49: Let the whole world, let the whole earth be filled with His glory.

5:53: Amen and amen.

5:55: It's such a note of confidence, for Israel, that this is the God that we serve, and, the whole earth, the, the, the knowledge of God is going to cover the whole earth as waters cover the sea, and so, there's a great triumph and understanding here as we end.

6:12: Psalm 72.

6:13: Now we come into Psalm 73, a, a new book.

6:16: It's like, you know, let's say in your congregation, it's almost like you have 5 hymnals, and, and the worship leader says, pick up, hymnal number 3, and we're gonna sing from that today.

6:24: So Psalm, Psalm 73 is not written by David, it's written by Asif, who was a chief musician, in, in David's time, and, a very insightful man.

6:36: And so in addition to composing music maybe for David's P psalms, he also wrote his own psalms, and this, this is one of them.

6:44: Psalm 73 and verse 1 begins, and actually I just realized that I said to start at verse one, but usually there's an introduction, so let's just go back and pick up the introduction which just says very clearly here that this is a Psalm of Asif.

7:05: So it's a Psalm of Asif.

7:08: He begins, truly.

7:11: God is good to Israel.

7:14: Even to such as are of a clean heart, and we know from studying judges that not everybody in Israel is of a clean heart.

7:24: but there's always a remnant, there's always a faithful remnant through, this was true anciently, and it's true today even of first fruits Israel, that not everybody is faith necessarily faithful.

7:35: Christ Himself predicted that the majority of first fruits Israel will apostasize, but there's always a faithful remnant.

7:44: And so, he, yes, he's good to Israel.
7:47: He's in covenant with Israel, but that doesn't give Israel a free pass.
7:51: The wicked in Israel will be destroyed, and it doesn't give the church, first fruits Israel, a free pass either.
7:58: We have to live by God's word.
8:00: We have to be transformed and conformed to the mind of Christ.
8:04: Truly.
8:05: God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart.
8:10: And, and, and this is true because of the covenant, the covenant love that he's in, the covenant relationship that he's in with Israel.
8:19: And let's just pick that up in Deuteronomy 7 in the Torah verse 6, for you are a holy people unto the Lord your God.
8:24: You, you, Israel, you're, you're set apart.
8:28: And we have to be careful, especially in Christianity, where we've been influenced by, you know, the Protestant movement or the Catholicism, which is all about replacement theology and the church basically replaces Israel.
8:40: That is just not true and we cannot understand the scriptures if we take that mindset.
8:46: What we need to understand from the scriptures is how faithful God is, and that he selected these people.
8:52: There are holy people unto the Lord their God.
8:54: The Lord your God has chosen you and nobody else.
8:59: The Lord your God has chosen you to be a special people unto Himself.
9:03: And now we have Gentiles, who have this special relationship or this being set apart by God, but there's no relationship with Gentiles.
9:12: Gentiles are grafted in to the body of Israel or really to the body of Judah, because even, even true Israelites have become Gentiles, they don't even know who they are, but they're now grafted in to this relationship which has been retained by Judah.
9:27: but the relationship is with Israel, period.
9:31: That's where the covenant is, period.
9:34: There's now first fruits, but there's still Israel.
9:37: The Lord your God has chosen you to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth, and everybody wants equality.
9:47: Everybody's pushing for this, kind of social justice, and it, it's not justice as God sees it.
9:53: God Himself has taken these people, and he set them above everybody else.
9:57: Why?
9:58: For the benefit.
10:00: For the blessing, for the salvation of everyone else.
10:04: And I wouldn't want to be someone who's interfering with what God is doing.
10:08: This, this is what God is doing and, and we have to read the book from Genesis to Revelation to understand what he's doing.
10:15: So, and, and speaking of Genesis to Revelation, from Torah to Revelation, when we read in Revelation 7:4, I heard the number of them which were sealed.
10:22: And there were sealed 144,000 of all the tribes of the children of Israel.
10:26: And I explained this in detail in the Bible study that we did on the Book of Revelation.

10:31: If you weren't with, with us, I would encourage you to go back into the archives and, and look up that study, particularly chapter 7.

10:39: And even if we were with, with me, it's, you know, this is a, a, a book that we have to keep reading, you know, we, we're, there's a blessing pronounced on those who read it, and those who hear it, and keep reading it and keep hearing it.

10:50: And at the end of the book of Revelation, it had a wall, the new Jerusalem that comes down from heaven, had a wall great and high, and it had 12 gates.

11:00: And at the gates, 12 angels, and the names written thereon, which are the names of the 12 tribes of the children of Israel.

11:06: So anybody who's coming into New Jerusalem has to choose one of these gates or they're assigned to one of these gates, and you cannot come into the Lord's presence, unless you come through one of the gates of the tribes of Israel.

11:19: So God, God is not flippant.

11:21: He covenants once, forever.

11:25: And this is what he wants us to understand about, about covenant marriage.

11:28: This is the best he can give us to understand what he's doing.

11:32: It's a covenant.

11:33: And, and, and we, he doesn't want us going back on our word.

11:36: Israel is faithless, they're horrible, but he's made covenant.

11:41: And we see from Genesis to Revelation, when, when the covenant is made with Abraham, how that cascades down to Israel and goes all the way through to Revelation, and unless we understand this, we can never understand the Bible properly.

11:53: So the Psalm opens up with this very clear understanding that God truly, God is good to Israel.

12:01: But that's not the nature of the Psalm.

12:03: So it's a good thing that Asif had the wisdom to open up with verse one, to make sure that we know that he knows that God is faithful, that he's good to Israel, to such as are, that to such that are of a clean heart.

12:18: But now we're gonna, now he's, you know, the Psalms are very open, you know, with David, he really lets us know.

12:23: The emotional journey and roller coaster that he goes on, Asif is the same.

12:28: We're gonna get some real deep insight into the way this man was thinking, but he opens up to let us know, hey, it's OK.

12:34: I, I know the truth, but let's read.

12:36: Psalm 73 and 2.

12:38: So he knows that God is good for, good to Israel.

12:41: But as for me, that's, this is also speaking, my feet were almost gone.

12:46: My steps had well-nigh slipped.

12:50: He, he was nearly out.

12:52: He nearly turned his back on God.

12:54: He nearly, he nearly lived a life in opposition to God.

12:58: This man who's leading the worship service, who's a talented musician, who's inspiring people in the worship of God, he's telling us very bluntly, he nearly turned his back on God.

13:08: But as for me, my feet were almost gone.

13:11: My steps had well-nigh slipped.

13:14: And this is something that we need to understand that any one of us, and it's not, it's not just, it's any one of us can, can have this experience where we can slip, it can happen to anybody.

13:27: And so this is what he's saying and just think, you know, that's why it says, you know, let him who thinks he stands, take heed lest he fall.

13:36: it can happen to any of us.

13:38: And, and, and this is what we see in 1 Corinthians 10, where the apostle Paul says, therefore, let him that thinks he stands, and certainly Asaph, as a chief musician, would have been quite confident that he's standing faithfully in the Lord, and yet, there's a warning that let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

13:57: It could just be one little incident that because there's something inside us that we haven't fully processed, we haven't fully dealt with, Satan is watching.

14:08: And he's a master strategist, and he doesn't strike right away.

14:11: He's patient.

14:12: He, he knows human beings, and he's been watching us and studying us for thousands of years, and he's been studying you and I for our entire lifetime.

14:19: He, he has demons assigned to us to study us and they know, they understand how humans think.

14:24: And so we just have to be careful.

14:26: And as I think as long as we follow the word of God, we don't have to be smarter than them.

14:31: We just have to be faithful, because they're faithless.

14:34: But if we're not careful and we begin to deviate from the Word of God, Let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

14:41: Now, Asif is gonna explain to us why he nearly slipped.

14:47: And fell into opposition to God.

14:50: He's going to explain that to us, in, in a moment here, or, as in, in verse 3, he says, for I was envious at the foolish.

15:00: When I saw the prosperity of the wicked, and it's amazing how we're going through this period now of, of Marxist influence, Marxist takeover, every Western, country.

15:12: is being influenced by this globalist Marxist ideology, and they've been at it for some 90 years.

15:19: This is not new, they've been, they're very, Satan is patient, he's a strategist, and they call this the long march through the institutions, and they've, they've, they've managed to demoralize the Western nations, and now they're destabilizing the Western nations, and soon we're going to face a massive crisis and we just, we just won't fight.

15:37: but people fall for Marxism because of verse 3.

15:41: And if Asif was alive today, he probably would have fallen for this tour, or at least been tempted by it, because we see the wicked.

15:51: And we see how prosperous they are.

15:53: And he says, I was envious, and that's why Marxism is so powerful.

15:58: It, it, it, it feeds into envy, that we see others who have much, and we don't have that much.

16:05: And then we become resentful that they have more than we do.

16:08: But in reality, if we were to study the lives of most human beings alive today, and most human beings who have ever lived, we in the West, the poorest of us, we live like kings.

16:20: We live like kings, and the scripture tells us, as long as you have food, and as long as you have raiment, with that, be content.

16:29: And don't do what Asif is doing here.

16:31: But a lot of us are very upset because we don't have what others have.

16:35: And that's what happened to Asif.

16:36: He was envious of the foolish when he saw the prosperity of the wicked.

16:40: And then he goes on to explain, you know, what was it about their prosperity, for there are no bands in their death.

16:49: But their strength is firm.

16:50: So he's studying these people.

16:52: They live wonderfully, they have everything they could ever want.

16:55: They don't want for anything.

16:57: And then they die a ripe old age, and they die peacefully with their family surrounding them.

17:04: And he's kind of scratching his head and saying, huh.

17:07: That's interesting.

17:09: You know, they don't follow God's law, they mock God's law.

17:12: And yet they live so well and they even die well.

17:16: They are not in trouble as other men.

17:20: Neither are they plagued like other men.

17:23: So he, he sees the maybe the righteous and what happens to them and what befalls them, but he's looking at these prosperous wicked.

17:31: And it's just they're, they're just, it's smooth sailing for them.

17:35: And then he can, he says, therefore, pride surrounds them like a necklace.

17:41: They just wear it with pride.

17:42: It's just, it, it, it decorates them.

17:44: Their pride decorates them.

17:46: Violence covers them as a garment.

17:49: And you think of again, some of these very, very wealthy people.

17:53: And, and their pride.

17:55: They do whatever they want.

17:57: nobody challenges them.

17:58: Nothing nobody questions them.

18:01: They just do whatever they like.

18:03: so he says pride surrounds them.

18:04: They wear, they wear, they, this, this man here, extremely wealthy, is, is making pronouncements for every human being on the planet.

18:13: And what we must do and we have no choice, and he'll decide for us.

18:17: you even again this pride that surrounds them like a chain, that's really the basis of the whole, pride or, or, homosexual, sodomite movement.

18:29: It's all about pride.

18:31: They, they actually wear it like a chain.

18:33: Pride comes from the devil.

18:36: There's nowhere in the Bible that says pride is good.

18:39: The only thing the Bible says is let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that we understand God and what he's doing and how he executes judgment and, and righteousness in the earth.

18:50: But pride comes from the devil.

18:52: And so envy, pride, hatred, these are the devil's traits, and he feeds on them in man.

18:59: And again, I have been speaking out very, very clearly against this pride movement of pride.

19:05: This, this BLM movement and, and unfortunately, even our own people are getting caught up with it.

19:10: It, it's all about black power and, and people don't realize this fist, this symbol, how many human souls have been slaughtered under this symbol because we don't know history, they don't teach us history, but this symbol is a communist symbol and hundreds of millions of people have suffered and have been slaughtered because of this pride.

19:35: That they get hoodwinked and they get, they get brought into this, and we have to be so, so careful, brethren.

19:43: And so I'm, I'm not shy to speak out against this great evil that is infiltrating the world, Western society, and even, even the church, even the church.

19:55: And so, you know, we can't blame people.

19:57: Asif went through the same thing.

19:59: He's saying that, you know, he's looking at them and their prosperity, and he's realizing, wow, they, they don't suffer like other men.

20:08: Therefore, pride surrounds them.

20:09: They, they, you know, there's a scripture in Ecclesiastes that says, because a judgment is not executed upon sin immediately, therefore, the heart of man, it just puffs up to do evil.

20:24: But that's, God doesn't act immediately, but that doesn't mean he won't act.

20:27: And Asif comes to realize this.

20:29: Therefore, pride surrounds them like a necklace.

20:32: Violence covers them as a garment.

20:34: And so, you know, at first it's like, you know, the, the, the, the sodomite movement, the hot homosexual movement.

20:39: Oh, we just, we just, we just wanna love each other.

20:41: We just, we just want what you want.

20:43: We, you know, we just, we just want the right to get married and, and then it sounds so loving and nice, but once they get the upper hand, It turns to violence.

20:53: Same with Islam, same thing, I've been warning about this for years, that it just sounds so nice, we just want to worship, we just, but once they get the upper hand, it turns to violence.

21:03: Marxism, same thing, it's, it's the way Satan works, he has this dual nature, where when he's weak, he uses his feminine nature, which is more around, you know, the, the dysfunction of the feminine nature is, is guile and deception.

21:16: But when he's strong, The dysfunction of the masculine nature is violence and force.

21:23: And so he uses guile when he's weak, and he uses guile to, to get the upper hand, but once he's gotten the upper hand, he switches to violence and force.

21:34: And so violence covers them as a garment and you certainly see this with the, the homosexual movement now.

21:40: They are violent and we saw that when we were studying judges with the, the, the, the, the Danites, Sorry, the Benjamites and how they behaved.

21:51: Their eyes stand out with fatness.

21:53: There's, there's no, there's no humility.

21:55: They have more than heart could wish.

21:58: So he's, he's getting envious of this, like they are just so set up.

22:02: And this again, brethren, we mustn't fall for this.

22:05: If people have wealth and they have wonderful things, hey, I hope it all works out for you.

22:11: Because this life is not the life.

22:13: This, this life is just a training ground.

22:15: So if somebody's blessed with much, I, I hope it works out for them, but I'm not gonna envy them.

22:21: I wish them the best.

22:23: But, but Marxism feeds like, hey, how come you don't have this?

22:26: This is what Asif was suffering from.

22:29: They are corrupt and speak wickedly concerning oppression.

22:33: So now we're getting into what they talk about.

22:35: Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.

22:38: And so now we can see their corruption.

22:41: And when it comes to oppression, they have no mercy.

22:44: And they just speak with this guile, and this double, double tongue, like, you know, they speak one thing and there's, nobody must do this thing.

22:52: You turn around and you catch them doing the very thing that they're telling everybody else they, they mustn't do.

22:57: They speak loftily.

22:59: They just like, they don't answer to anybody.

23:01: They set their mouth against the heavens.

23:04: And their tongue walks through the earth.

23:07: Again, this man, Bill Gates, not even a doctor, but he's making medical decisions for every human being on the planet, and these decisions must be enforced.

23:16: They speak loftily, and their tongue walks through the earth.

23:21: Therefore, his people return here and watchers of a full cup are wrung out to them.

23:26: So, basically, because of the way they speak so loftily and confidently, they get lots of people to follow them and do whatever they ask.

23:34: And, and, and so the waters of a full cup are wrung out to them.

23:38: They, there's just no end of abundance for them.

23:41: And they say, how does God know?

23:44: And is their knowledge in the Most High.

23:46: So they're very arrogant, and again, even Israelites, so this is, you know, we're generally thinking of Gentiles here, but again, studying judges and the unfaithfulness of Israel, and the arrogance of Israel that when, when the people went to, to the tribe of Benjamin, to say turn over the children of Belial, rather than say, hey, that's true, these people are evil, they have nothing to do with us, we'll, we'll turn them over.

24:09: Rather than do that, They defended these satanic people, these awful, useless people.

24:17: The Bible tells us they are children of Belial, and rather than turn them over, these people would rather go into civil war, and tens of thousands of Israelites lost their lives needlessly.

24:29: Because closing rank for pride.

24:33: So they say, how does God know?

24:34: And is there knowledge in the Most High?

24:37: Asi goes on to say, behold, these are the ungodly who prosper in the world.

24:44: The, the world is for them.

24:46: They increase in riches.

24:48: So again, Marxism wants to stir up this dissatisfaction in us.

24:52: Hey, you know what, I have food, I have raiment, I, I, I have everything I could possibly need.

24:57: I'm in God's hands, and so are you.

25:00: We have the truth of God.

25:03: We have the understanding of what God is doing in the earth, and we, we are taking hold of eternal life.

25:10: That's what we rejoice in.

25:12: And so these people can come and try to stir up this dissatisfaction where we want to tear things down, we want to take things away from others.

25:19: That's not Christianity, that's not Christ.

25:22: That's not how we've been taught.

25:24: Behold, these are the ungodly who prosper in the world, in the world, they increase in riches.

25:30: Now, they're, they're prospering in the world.

25:33: What about God's people?

25:35: Revelation 6:10, again, I refer you to the study in the archives, and the saints cried with a loud voice, this is painful for them, saying, how long, oh Lord, holy and true?

25:48: They know that God is good to Israel, but this is going on for a while.

25:53: These people are prospering in the earth.

25:55: How long, oh Lord, holy and true, do you not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

26:04: And again, as you study the Book of Revelation and you, whenever you read about people dwelling on the earth, they are established.

26:12: They're doing really well.

26:14: They're buying and selling with no friction.

26:16: They're increasing in wealth.

26:18: Not so for God's people.

26:20: And so Osif was looking at this.

26:22: And being tempted by it, just as again today, we have brethren who are getting caught up in all of this.

26:31: And, and the justice that we are looking for is this, how long, oh Lord, holy and true, do you not bring your justice and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth because they're getting proud.

26:45: They, they are killing people in cold blood on site, burning Bibles.

26:51: This is, it's heating up and this is the beginning.

26:53: This is the beginning of sorrows.

26:55: And Christ tells us in the world we'll have sorrow.

26:57: So, so they don't have sorrow.

27:00: There's no friction for them because they're going the way of Satan.

27:03: They're going the way of the prince of the power of the air.

27:05: We are resisting it.

27:07: And so, Satan turns his wrath to us, and here they're just saying, God, how long, how long?

27:13: And in this period of, of patience that we have to exercise, Asif is indicating that the saints are going to get distracted.

27:23: They're going to get distracted by the prosperity of the wicked.

27:26: And we cannot do that, brethren.

27:28: Stay in the word.

27:30: Fasten our seatbelts.

27:32: The seasons are changing.

27:34: This is the beginning of sorrows.

27:36: God tells us that you know, in the world, you love sorrow, but be of good cheer.

27:40: I have overcome the world.

27:42: And and and in me, you'll have joy eternally, and no man can take your joy from you.

27:47: So we have to be prepared for this, brethren, this, this, this insight that we see in, in a leading man of God, what was really going on in his mind.

27:56: And that's what's happened, we're seeing it today, and the Bible tells us, brother will betray brother.

28:00: And in my sermon, will you plead for Baal?

28:03: It was a plea to the church, don't fall for this, because the prophecy is that brother will betray brother, and we don't want to fall into that.

28:12: The the the command, the prophecy is brother will betray brother, but the command is that we love one another.

28:18: And so let's follow the command and love one another and not get caught up with this distraction.

28:23: He says, truly, I have cleansed, so this was his conclusion.

28:28: When he saw the prosperity of the wicked.

28:30: And he saw how God's people suffer and the wicked don't suffer like this.

28:35: Then he concluded, truly I've cleansed, this was a waste of time.

28:39: All this time that I'm sacrificing and I'm fasting and praying, and I'm going without, and there's something happening on the Sabbath, but I don't participate in it, you know, all of this, and I haven't run with the wicked and I've turned away from a sexual sin, and, and, and theft

and, and lying and all of this that I, I'm trying to follow the commandments here and clean and purify my heart.

29:01: He, he just concluded, I've done this in vain.

29:03: This is a waste of time.

29:05: And I washed my hands in innocence, and it was a waste of time.

29:07: I shouldn't have done this.

29:08: I should have lived like the wicked.

29:10: For all the day long, have I been plagued.

29:13: So I, I'm doing what's right, and I'm being plagued.

29:17: The wicked do whatever they like and they're prospering.

29:19: So this was a waste of time.

29:21: I, I, I chose the wrong path.

29:23: And I chastened every morning.

29:25: And again, let's, this, this is, you know, anciently, this is what one man's experience and he's sharing with us, but it has prophetic value.

29:33: Because God says here in John 16, I've told you these prophecies, these prophecies have I spoken unto you, that you should not be offended.

29:43: Asif was offended.

29:45: Also it's like, this is crazy.

29:46: I'm sacrificing, I'm doing everything right and I'm suffering.

29:50: These people are doing everything wrong and they're prospering.

29:52: I'm offended.

29:53: Well, Christ says, look, I'm telling you all of this ahead of time so that you should not be offended.

29:58: They will put you out of the synagogues.

30:01: Yes, the time comes that whosoever kills you will think that he does God's service.

30:07: So we wrestle not against flesh and blood.

30:10: Brother will betray brother.

30:12: It's not that the brother is the enemy, it's that the brother has been hijacked by Satan and Asif was nearly hijacked by Satan.

30:21: But this is what happens when we're distracted, when we're not in the word.

30:25: And that's why we have to make sure we're studying the word, we understand the Torah, we understand how it plays out and how it concludes in Revelation.

30:33: They shall put you out of the synagogues, out of the assembly.

30:35: So why are we in the assembly, these assemblies are the assemblies of God's people, and, and people get offended, and they don't like what we're saying, and they want to disassociate with us, and we become the target, not of them, we become the target of the demonic world.

30:51: Working through them.

30:53: Yes, the time comes that whoever kills you, because of the deception, will think that he does God's service.

30:58: So the church is nothing.

31:01: If we are not fighting against deception.

31:05: Ministers are nothing.

31:07: If we are not removing the, the, the, the, the, the scales of deception, if we are not speaking truth, then we have no value.

31:15: The church has no value if it is not proclaiming truth and tearing down strongholds.

31:22: Brethren are gonna fall for this, to the point of killing the people of God and thinking it's the right thing.

31:29: And these things they will do unto you because they have not known the Father nor me.

31:33: And Asif, as much as he was worshiping, he was slipping, and he really didn't know God, and it's kind of like Job didn't really know God and had to go through some process to come to know him.

31:44: Back to Psalm 73.

31:45: If I say, I will speak this way.

31:49: Behold, I should offend against the generation of your children.

31:54: So Osif, although he was slipping, Although his mind was changing, although he was becoming disgruntled, he had enough wisdom to know, I can't speak openly about this.

32:06: And a lot of us, unfortunately, don't have wisdom.

32:09: And so sometimes you'll hear people just sounding off and saying things that are inappropriate and disheartening the people.

32:17: Discouraging people Instead of maybe keeping that to yourself or maybe sharing it with a close brother or two, but no, you just share it with everybody, you just speak openly, you blaspheme, and people say, wow, if he says, he, he doesn't even believe, I'd, I'm not gonna believe.

32:33: So also had enough sense to say, OK, I'm gonna keep this to myself.

32:37: If I say I speaks thus, behold, I should offend against the generation of your children.

32:41: So we have to think about what is the impact of our example on others.

32:46: When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me.

32:50: He just really thought his whole life in God was a waste.

32:56: And when he really meditated on it, it caused him deep, deep pain.

33:00: I mean, he's suffering, he's plagued, and he's looking at the wicked and they're just prospering.

33:05: And this caused him a lot of pain.

33:08: Until, so he was in pain.

33:11: Until I went into the sanctuary of God, then understood I their end.

33:18: And this is why we as elders speak plainly.

33:21: We speak plainly.

33:23: So that people who are slipping.

33:25: can be said, oh wow, OK, this is what the word of God says.

33:28: We speak plainly and we speak forcefully at times, rebuke with all authority, so the brethren can know this is what the word of God says, and this is their end.

33:39: Don't get caught up in this life.

33:41: So maybe that day he went in, somebody preached the word, a certain part of the scripture, and it, and the light bulb just went on.

33:48: It's like, oh, OK, they may prosper now.

33:54: But that's not the end.

33:56: We don't have to fight for social justice because God is bringing righteous justice.

34:02: God is the one that works justice in the earth.

34:05: And so, we see here, and in fact, our Deacon Jan gave a sermon two weeks ago called God's Justice, and that's just a great sermon and that's in the archive as well.

34:15: I would recommend that.

34:17: And we're not after social justice, we're not after any kind of justice except God's justice, and we understand that.

34:23: You know, let him who, glories, Jeremiah 9, glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that God is the one who is executing justice in the earth, and this is what Asif finally came to understand.

34:37: God is executing justice, and here the book ends in Revelation 20.

34:42: Verse 11, John saw a great white throne.

34:46: And him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away.

34:51: This is a being of great authority and great power.

34:56: And so he's seated now on the throne.

35:00: And there was found no place for them.

35:02: And I saw the dead.

35:05: Oh.

35:06: This is what Asif's beginning to understand.

35:09: That it doesn't matter how you live in this life.

35:13: Every, everything is gonna be brought to God.

35:16: So maybe you, you were a billionaire and you lived well and you did whatever you wanted, that will also be judged.

35:22: Nobody is too powerful to sit or stand before the, the white throne judgment.

35:28: And so even if you live well and die well, that's not the end.

35:33: The dead, small and great, even the great, stand up before God.

35:39: They were, they were dead, they were in the grave, and now they're standing before God, and the books were opened.

35:44: And another book, this is the Bible now, the word of God was opened, which is, sorry, the, the books are the word of God, and then the book of life, which is the book of life.

35:53: And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books.

35:57: So what Asif was going through and purifying himself and cleansing his heart and thinking it was a waste of time, no, Asif, it was not a waste of time, because, you know, we will all be judged.

36:08: In fact, judgment begins with the house of God.

36:11: So people who are getting all caught up in what the wicked are doing and trying to get now for this life, big mistake.

36:19: We live for the judgment.

36:21: And judgment is on the church first.

36:23: judgment is on the household of God first, but it's gonna, everybody's gonna be judged.

36:27: And if the righteous are scarcely, scarcely saved, what will be the end of the wicked?

36:33: So they were the, the, the, the dead were judged out of those things which are written in the scriptures according to their works.

36:40: So this is now, so somebody was preaching something out of one of the prophets perhaps, and Asif just came to his senses.

36:46: He suddenly saw the whole picture.

36:48: He was getting caught up with the present tense, and he suddenly saw the big picture.

36:54: Surely, verse 1873, Psalm 73, surely you, God, did set them in slippery places, like now he gets it.

37:02: You wanna be all the money you have it now, it, it just doesn't matter.

37:06: Surely, you'd set them in slippery places.

37:09: You cast them down into destruction.

37:12: Justice is coming.

37:14: We, we, you know, we can't call on men or governments of, you know, men to implement justice.

37:21: Why?

37:22: Because their heart is corrupt.

37:24: They can speak flowery language, they can speak pretty rhetoric.

37:29: It all sounds so utopian and so wonderful.

37:31: The problem is the heart of man.

37:34: And Jeremiah says, cursed is the man that trusts in men.

37:38: We don't trust in men, we're not looking for justice from men.

37:41: We don't want to establish any kind of human government and look to that government for justice.

37:45: It will never happen.

37:47: We understand that God is working a plan, and he is executing justice.

37:52: And he is good to Israel.

37:54: And the justice revolves around his plan for Israel.

37:59: And we have to glory at this.

38:00: This is what we glory in, that we understand what God is doing.

38:03: So he's going to cast them down into destruction.

38:07: How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment, just they were glorified and everybody was looking up to them and and in a moment.

38:16: Babylon is fallen.

38:19: And they are utterly destroyed with terrors.

38:23: As a dream when one awakes, so, oh Lord, when you awake, you shall despise their image.

38:29: So God is patiently waiting.

38:32: There is a moment, there is an appointed time.

38:36: That he will act.

38:37: And he's allowing things to play out.

38:40: So that his glory will be great in Israel, in Judah.

38:45: But he's allowing things to play out, and people think there is no God.

38:50: People think, well, if that happened, how could, how could there be a God if that happened?

38:53: He's allowing things to play out.

38:55: And when he acts, he'll be glorified.

38:58: But until he acts, it's like we're living in a dream world.

39:02: And it seems so real at the time.

39:04: But then you wake up and you realize, wow, none of that was real.
39:06: The whole thing seems so real, the whole thing was just a dream.
39:09: Well, when God acts, everything.
39:12: Suddenly we'll, we'll just realize this whole thing was just a vapor.
39:15: So we can't be fighting and getting caught up in a vapor in a dream.
39:19: We have to stick with what is true and what is real and what is eternal.
39:24: As a dream when one awakes, so, oh Lord, when you awake, you shall despise their image.
39:29: Thus, my heart was grieved.
39:30: So this is the depression and the sadness and the grief that Osif went through.
39:35: Thus, my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.
39:39: So foolish was I and ignorant.
39:42: I was as a beast before, I was like a dumb animal before God.
39:46: I, I thought I was sophisticated.
39:48: I thought I was very intelligent, you know, I, I, I thought I could really think things through.
39:53: But once he was enlightened, he realized he was no better than a dog.
39:57: His understanding was like that of a dog.
40:00: This is true repentance, and it's hard.
40:02: We all of us, we have pride.
40:05: We, we, we wanna feel that we're doing well and we're, we, we, the way that we think our perspective is right.
40:11: But sometimes we're just foolish, and Osif was willing to admit that he was foolish and ignorant.
40:17: He didn't know.
40:19: And so that's why, that's the, the, the, the job of the preacher is to bring the knowledge of God.
40:25: And for people to go and search the scriptures and realize, OK, wow, I wasn't looking at the whole picture here.
40:29: I was actually, I, I was just like any other human being, which as far as God is concerned, they're just like brute beasts.
40:35: And so Asif was willing to acknowledge this.
40:38: Nevertheless, I am continually with you.
40:41: So he stayed with it.
40:42: As much as he was discouraged, he stayed with it.
40:45: And he didn't destroy the faith of others.
40:48: He kept it to himself, he meditated on it, he prayed it through, he worked through it, then he came into the sanctuary, and then he heard it.
40:55: And he got the, he got the proper perspective.
40:57: He got to see this through God's eyes.
40:59: And he says, nevertheless, I'm continually with you.
41:02: You have held me by my right hand.
41:04: He nearly slipped, but God held him.
41:08: And, and unfortunately, some of us are slipping.

41:12: But we pray that God will hold us up and, and we can just get through this and not get caught up, not get swept up, you know, it's a pretty good indication.

41:20: If everybody is speaking well of you, you're on the wrong side.

41:25: Christ says, woe unto you when all men speak well of you, because that's how they spoke of the false prophets, the prophets who spoke smooth things.

41:33: When we speak the tough words, the hard words of God, they hate us for it.

41:39: They'll want to kill us for it.

41:41: But we are blessed if we turn many to righteousness.

41:44: We'll shine like the stars in heaven.

41:46: We have to have this bigger picture and be ready for anything.

41:49: We have to be ready for this.

41:51: The seasons are changing.

41:53: We need to be ready And God will hold us through this and, and bring our brethren as well.

41:58: We got to pray for them and warn them and rebuke them and, and hopefully there's repentance.

42:03: You shall guide me with your counsel.

42:06: And afterward receive me to your glory, and that counsel often comes through Ephesians 4.

42:11: The gifts.

42:13: That God gives the ministry, the levels of, of different ministries.

42:17: Why?

42:18: For the edification of the saints, for the work of the ministry.

42:22: That the saints need to be edified to do the work of ministry.

42:26: So the council often comes through this chain that God has, has created.

42:30: We have to acknowledge it.

42:31: Christ sacrificed Himself when he ascended, that's the first thing he did.

42:36: Ephesians 4, he gave gifts to men.

42:38: But a lot of us despise these gifts.

42:41: But this is how God works.

42:43: He says, you shall guide me with your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

42:49: He's got it now.

42:51: Now he sees the whole picture.

42:53: He was getting caught up with the present.

42:55: Now he sees the whole picture.

42:57: There's glory.

43:00: Whom have I in heaven but you?

43:02: And there is none upon earth that I desire beside you.

43:05: So he was slipping before and he was looking at people on the earth.

43:08: He's done now.

43:10: Now it's, you know, who do I have in heaven?

43:11: You want, you want justice?

43:14: Who better to bring justice?

43:17: Then the only person In the whole universe, the only person Who could receive the scroll from God.

43:27: And was worthy to loose the seven seals and to release God's justice upon the earth.

43:35: Nobody was worthy.

43:37: Because to, to release this level of justice, you cannot be corrupt.

43:42: You have to, you have to be pure and righteous.

43:46: And there was nobody pure enough, nobody righteous enough to receive the judgments of God.

43:53: And to enforce them on the earth.

43:56: So John wept, he wept.

43:58: There's no justice.

44:00: There will be no justice.

44:01: God's justice is withheld because there's nobody worthy to receive the judgments and to release them upon the earth.

44:10: Except the righteous one, the pure one, the Holy One.

44:13: The conquering lion of the tribe of Judah, he was worthy.

44:18: To release God's justice on the earth because he is pure.

44:23: And this is the justice that we look for.

44:26: Who, who, who do we have in heaven besides God?

44:29: And there's nobody on earth that we desire besides.

44:31: We're not getting caught up in anything else, except the will of the conquering lion of the tribe of Judah, who only was pure enough to receive and release the judgments of God.

44:44: And by the way, when he releases them, a lot of blood is shed.

44:48: That's justice.

44:49: He doesn't hold back He doesn't hold back.

44:53: He cannot be bribed.

44:54: He will not compromise.

44:58: My flesh and my heart fails.

45:01: But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

45:05: So we can't do this, not by strength nor by will, not by strength nor by might.

45:10: But it's through the Holy Spirit.

45:11: So there's no, there's no bravado here.

45:14: What we have to go through, and we're turning the corner into this new season, the buds are appearing on the, on the fig tree, so we know summer is near, you know, we know that we're entering into this final season.

45:24: We don't know how long the season will be, but we know that this is the beginning of the birth kangs.

45:28: This is the, this is the beginning of sorrows.

45:31: we, you know, Christ says in John 15, that he's the true vine and his father is the husbandman.

45:39: And we have to abide in Him, because apart from him, we can do nothing.

45:43: There's no, there's no ability that we have that can see us through what's coming.

45:49: But through Daniel, we learn that those who know their God shall do exploits.

45:55: So if we are infused by the Holy Spirit, we will bear fruit and our fruit shall remain, and we will be blessed for turning many to righteousness.

46:04: So he says, my flesh and my heart fails.

46:06: This is the human condition, we can be seduced.

46:09: These are doctrines of demons that can seduce us.

46:12: But God is the strength of my heart.

46:14: And my portion forever.

46:16: So God helped him through this.

46:17: God will help us through this, and through the Holy Spirit, we'll bear much fruit.

46:23: He says, for low.

46:24: They that are far from you shall perish.

46:27: That's what Christ actually says in John 15, that, you know, if we don't bear fruit, God will separate us.

46:34: He'll take, he'll break off those branches, and men gather them and burn them.

46:40: So this is a warning to the, to the people of God and we see it through Asif's realization that he nearly slipped.

46:46: He was nearly one of these branches that was broken off and burned.

46:49: So he says, for lo, they that are far from you shall perish.

46:54: How's your prayer life?

46:56: How's your study life?

46:58: Are you fasting?

46:59: Are you fellowshiping?

47:00: Or you're getting caught up in, you know, Satan just wants to distract us.

47:04: So it's fine, we need to be in, we do need distraction, and we need recreation, recreation.

47:08: It's good to be entertained, it's good to have wholesome entertainment.

47:12: But Satan is clever, and he knows how to get people caught up in video games and movies and all kinds of entertainment, and we're not studying the word of God.

47:22: And, and we begin to forget the whole, the big picture.

47:25: We get caught up and we begin to feel grievances over things when we, if we could study the word of God, those feelings would never overtake us, but they overtook Asaf and they're prophesized to overtake many of us, but it need not be us.

47:40: For lo, they that are far from you shall perish.

47:43: You have destroyed all them that go horring from you.

47:47: Again, we just finished the book of Judges, it's historic, it's also prophetic.

47:53: And we see how easy it is for God's people, the covenant community, to stray from God.

47:58: And that's again that sermon I gave, will you plead for Baalal?

48:02: Because the Israelites were pleading for Baal.

48:04: They were fighting their own fellow covenant brethren on behalf of Baalal.

48:09: This is what happens.

48:11: But God says he'll destroy all them that go horring from you.

48:14: So this is why we have to be so stern in our warnings, to say, don't do this, brethren, because when Christ returns, we're getting confused.

48:21: You know, the, the, the Jews thought that Christ was coming as a mighty conquering lion.

48:26: And when he came as a lamb, they didn't recognize him.

48:29: So we've studied his life as he came to earth as a lamb, and we think that's all there is to him.

48:34: And when he's returning, he's returning as this, this harmless lamb.

48:38: And so we'll be like the Jews with his second coming.

48:40: We're looking for this harmless lamb, and we won't recognize him when he comes so full of wrath, releasing the judgments of God upon the earth, and he's furious.

48:49: And we pray that we can be hidden from his wrath.

48:53: But if we don't see the wrath, it's easy to stray, it's easy to think we can do whatever we want.

48:58: That's what the wicked here think they can do.

49:00: They have so much, they have so much they can do whatever they like.

49:03: And even God's people, we might think, oh, he, my Lord delays his coming, I can do whatever I like.

49:09: Instead of realizing he's, he's furious, and he's coming to release wrath, and he's, his second coming is nothing like his first.

49:17: Let's not get confused.

49:19: There's a reason why he came as a lamb, and he accomplished that.

49:23: And now that that's accomplished, when he comes back, He's coming as a lion.

49:29: You have destroyed all them that go houring from you.

49:32: And so here we see in the prophecy now that many shall be purified in this final season and made white and tried, but the wicked shall do wickedly.

49:44: There will be among the covenant community those who go horring, those who plead for Baal.

49:50: But the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand.

49:54: But the wise shall understand.

49:56: So Asif had to do a, a, a, a, a reset, because he was open to the word of God.

50:01: And so he did this reset and he came to understand.

50:04: But now as we go into this final chapter, it's mysterious.

50:08: There's a lot of things that we don't understand.

50:11: But we can only understand them through the word of God.

50:14: And God said to Daniel, these words are sealed up and closed until the time of the end.

50:19: But in the time of the end, he's going to start releasing them, he's going to start opening them up.

50:25: And, and those as we purify ourselves and, and, you know, also have thought, oh, I purified myself in vain.

50:30: No, as we purify ourselves, God gives us more.

50:35: And as he gives us more, we understand more.

50:37: And because the wicked are not purifying themselves, they will never understand.

50:42: And then here we see the prophecy from Christ Himself.

50:46: From Christ Himself, he says, But And if That evil servant, and this is really talking about the leadership now within the, the, the, the body of Christ.

51:00: Because the, the, the first verse, the first passage here talked about the faithful leadership.

51:04: Now there's a, a, a contrast.

51:07: But if, but, and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, my Lord delays his coming.

51:12: So that's what, you know, there was stuff going on in Asif's heart.

51:16: Although he was in a leadership role, there was stuff going on in his heart.

51:21: And Christ is telling us that in the end time it will be the same thing.

51:24: That, that, and again you have to read the passage just before this where there is a faithful servant that gives meat in due season to the household, because the, the, the season changes and different prophecies and scriptures open up, and the faithful servant is there or should be there to give the meat in due season.

51:42: This is what you need now.

51:44: As the seasons change, OK, church, this is what you need to be doing now.

51:47: These are the prophecies, these are the scriptures that matter now.

51:49: They didn't matter before.

51:51: We were in a different season.

51:52: This is the meet and do season.

51:53: That's what the faithful servant does.

51:56: But if that evil servant shall say in his heart, my Lord delays his coming, he, he might not necessarily say these words, but he becomes like Osif, disconnected from the big picture.

52:10: He no longer sees the big picture.

52:12: So he doesn't see what God is doing, and he gets caught up in this life.

52:18: And shall begin to smite his fellow servants.

52:20: So the fellow servants are trying to do what's right, but they're being persecuted.

52:25: This is the reality.

52:26: This is, this is what Christ says is going to happen.

52:28: And to eat and drink with the drunken, that's again my sermon, will you plead for Baal?

52:32: They end up pleading for Baal.

52:34: Those people are drunk, they don't understand anything, but then the church now or these particular leaders get caught up in all of that and shall begin to smite his fellow servants.

52:43: So you are all fellow servants, you should be leading and doing together, but there's a split.

52:49: And some want to continue preaching what's faithful and true.

52:52: Others are going the way of the world and eating and drinking with the drunken.

52:57: The Lord of that servant shall come.

52:59: This is what Asif came to realize.

53:01: He will destroy all those that go horring.

53:05: Away from him.

53:06: The Lord of that servant shall come in a day.

53:08: So it's the Lord of that servant.

53:09: Again, no, there's no one saved, always saved.

53:12: This is a servant in a leadership role.

53:14: The Lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looks not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of.

53:20: This is a leader in the church.
53:24: In the first fruits and shall cut him asunder.
53:28: The Lord shall destroy all those that go horring, abhorring from him and shall cut him asunder and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites.
53:35: There shall be.
53:38: Not that there might be.
53:40: There shall be.
53:40: These are sobering words, brethren, but this is meat in due season.
53:44: You know, Asif needed sobering words.
53:46: He went into the sanctuary and he got sober.
53:49: He was kind of drunk, and then he went to the sanctuary and he got sober.
53:53: Because that's what the word of God does, it makes us sober.
53:56: These are sobering words.
53:58: There shall be.
53:59: There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
54:04: These are the words of Christ.
54:06: Back to Psalm 73.
54:08: But it is good for me to draw near to God.
54:09: I've put my trust in the Lord, God, that I may declare all your works.
54:14: So that's why the Psalm begins by showing truly, God is good to Israel and of such as are of a clean heart.
54:23: So he declared upfront, look, I know, I came to the realization, but then he really is transparent and shows what's really going on.
54:29: What was really going on in his heart, and this was a servant, that's a mighty servant of God, but this is what he went through, but then he came, OK, it's good for me to draw on you.
54:36: I, I, I see the big picture now, and this is what we need, brethren, and put our trust in the Lord God and declare all his works.
54:44: He nearly declared that it's a waste of time to serve God and nearly shipwrecked many, but he held his peace, and then he became enlightened, and now he declares all the works of God.
54:54: And those who turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars of heaven.
54:58: Psalm 74, another one of Asif, a mask or teaching of, of Asif.
55:03: Oh God.
55:05: Why have you cast us off forever?
55:08: So again, this is very, very valid and relevant to us who are moving into this season of the time of Jacob's trouble.
55:19: And when Jacob is in trouble, the first fruits of Jacob will also be in trouble.
55:24: And so we're going, we need to learn to lament.
55:27: Righteously, and we can be informed by the Psalms, so that the, the physical covenant people of God, they need to learn to lament, but the first fruits of God, we will need to learn to lament as well.
55:40: Oh God, why have you cast us off forever?
55:42: It's going to seem like that.
55:43: You know, the saints were crying, how, how long, oh Lord?

55:46: Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pastor?

55:50: Exactly?

55:51: It's the time of Jacob's trouble, and Moses tells us this from Deuteronomy 30.

55:56: That when they're unfaithful, God is going to raise up the Gentiles to destroy them because of God's anger.

56:03: Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pastor?

56:06: Remember your congregation.

56:08: This, these are the set apart people.

56:11: These are the people that you're in covenant with.

56:12: Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, the rod of your inheritance, which you have redeemed.

56:21: This Mount Zion, wherein you dwell, and a lot of us, we don't understand the Bible because we don't think about the physical covenant people of God.

56:29: We think he's thrown them away.

56:30: He's in covenant with them.

56:32: But he's going to punish them.

56:34: And when he punishes them, unfortunately, the church, we're, we're physical people, we're gonna get caught up in this as well, but we have the Holy Spirit, and we're going to be declaring what God is doing.

56:45: The wise will understand and we'll be bringing many to righteousness, and we will be martyred.

56:51: Satan hates this message.

56:53: But it'll be our glory, the way, the way that Satan defeated Christ and thought that that was his glory, and it was in the destruction of Christ, that the glory of Christ became known.

57:04: We are Christians, we follow Christ, and it's in our destruction that is our glory.

57:10: It's, it's a strange thing.

57:12: It's that all of Satan's hate releases our love.

57:16: Satan's hate revealed God's love for Israel and ultimately through Israel for all mankind.

57:22: Satan's hate for us will reveal our love for God and ultimately for Israel and all mankind.

57:30: The rod of your inheritance, Israel is God's inheritance, which you have redeemed.

57:35: This Mount Zion, wherein you have dwelt.

57:38: And let's just quickly pick this up in the door in the Torah.

57:40: But the Lord God has taken you, Israel, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt.

57:48: To be unto him a people of inheritance.

57:50: So this is what the psalmist means here when he says that redeem your congregation, the rod of your inheritance.

57:58: The only people that are redeemed from God and that are in his inheritance is Israel.

58:03: The Lord has taken you and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt.

58:08: To be unto him a people of inheritance, as you are this day, and at the end of Deuteronomy, for the Lord's portion is his people, Jacob is the lot of his inheritance, and we just read earlier, God never forgets this.

58:22: And the book, the book concludes with revelation, and the book of Revelation concludes with the glory of Israel, his inheritance.

58:32: Psalm 74:3, lift up your feet onto the perpetual desolation.

58:37: So, so he's, this is the plea to God now, you must act, you must act.

58:41: There's desolation on Israel, and this is the prophecy as well, this is historically true, but what's, this is tribulation.

58:50: But there's a great tribulation that's coming.

58:52: There's a time of trouble coming that's unprecedented.

58:55: So we need to understand how to pray through it, how to lament through it, and how to plead with God.

59:01: So this is now the negotiation of the plea with God, the same way Abraham pleaded with God, the same way Moses pleaded with God.

59:08: Lift up your feet onto the perpetual desolation.

59:10: Look, God, look what they're doing with the desolation and, and even the abomination that makes desolate.

59:16: Even all that the enemy has done wickedly in the sanctuary.

59:20: If this is true for them, it's going to be ultimately true in the great tribulation.

59:24: Your enemies roar in the midst of your congregations.

59:27: They set up their ensigns for signs.

59:29: So they're replacing God's ensigns with their own and establishing their own righteousness, and I, I say watch Turkey.

59:38: You know, this 100 years, 2023 will be 100 year anniversary of the fall of Islam, the fall of the caliphate, when, Mustafa Ataturk said Islam's over, we're going to be a secular nation and brought down the, the Ottoman Empire.

59:54: But now we have this man in, in, Turkey now saying we need to resurrect the Ottoman Empire.

1:00:02: In 2023 was the 100 year anniversary of the fall of that empire, he wants to resurrect it.

1:00:08: And that thing was.

1:00:11: A nightmare for God's people.

1:00:14: Well, we see a great desolation coming, a hatred of the covenant, an envy of the covenant people.

1:00:22: Your enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations.

1:00:24: They set up their ensigns for signs, and this is what Daniel saw.

1:00:29: After this, I saw in the night visions and behold 1/4 beast, dreadful and terrible and strong exceedingly, and it had great iron teeth.

1:00:37: It devoured and broken pieces.

1:00:39: And stamped the residue at the feet of it, and it was different from the other beasts that were before it, and it had 10 horns.

1:00:46: This is the devastation that's coming.

1:00:49: I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another little horn before whom there were 3 of the first horns plucked up by the roots, and behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth speaking great things, great blasphemies.

1:01:03: This is what Daniel saw, and I beheld till the thrones were cast down.

1:01:07: And the ancient of days did sit.

1:01:09: This is what Osif is praying for ultimately.

1:01:12: The ancient of days, this is justice now, whose garment was white as snow and the hair of his head like the pure wool.

1:01:19: His throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as a burning fire.

1:01:23: This is when the kingdom is established and the ancient of days blesses this kingdom, and it's given to the saints of the Most High.

1:01:32: A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees, so it's very powerful.

1:01:38: But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with the axes and hammers.

1:01:42: They have cast fire into your sanctuary.

1:01:44: This is the defilement, this is the, you know, the abomination of desolation.

1:01:49: They have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of your name to the, to the ground, excuse me.

1:01:55: They said in their hearts, let us destroy them together.

1:01:58: There's a hatred, there's a despising, there's an envy here for the covenant people.

1:02:03: They have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land, and that's exactly what the Ottoman Empire, all the beasts did it, but the fourth beast is different.

1:02:11: And it's, it's diverse from all the others and it's ruthless, and there's a, a great hatred for the covenant.

1:02:17: They have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.

1:02:20: We see not our signs.

1:02:21: There is no more any prophet, neither is there among us any that knows how long.

1:02:27: And again, the saints are pleading how much longer?

1:02:29: Nobody knows, but Daniel says, none of the wicked will understand, but the wise will understand.

1:02:35: And so there's gonna be a crisis, there's gonna be a lot of false prophets.

1:02:38: He's saying, you know, he's Christ, but they're going to deceive many.

1:02:43: many, you know, even anciently, when the Roman Empire persecuted the church, many leaders.

1:02:52: apostasized.

1:02:54: They, they gave up their faith.

1:02:56: They even gave up their brethren, anything to stay alive.

1:03:00: so this is the time when we're heading into the future, we need to be ready.

1:03:04: We need to make the church ready, and we need to be studying these prophecies so that we don't fall into the trap that also fell into where we just see that the present tense.

1:03:12: We need to see the whole picture, and when we see the whole picture, that's what gives us the confidence to go forward in faith.

1:03:19: So, this is a time when there's no more any profit.

1:03:22: There's a famine now of the word.

1:03:24: Neither is there among us any that knows how long.

1:03:26: Nobody knows, they weren't ready.

1:03:28: Oh God, how long shall the adversary reproach?

1:03:30: This is what we ultimately know when this ultimately comes to its climax, it's 3.5 years.

1:03:36: That's the answer.

1:03:37: How long shall the adversary reproach?

1:03:39: Shall the enemy blaspheme thy name forever?

1:03:42: Like this just seems like it will never end.

1:03:45: Your, why withdraw your hand, even your right hand, pluck it out of your bosom, act, God.

1:03:52: How can you allow this?

1:03:54: You know, you look at Zechariah 12, Zechariah 14, and, and you see verses 1 to 3, you see what the wicked are doing to God's people.

1:04:02: And you are like, God, how can you just stand by and watch this?

1:04:05: Take your right hand and act.

1:04:08: For God is my king of old working salvation in the midst of the earth.

1:04:13: You did divide the sea, and see, again, this is a very important verse actually, you would, verse 12, for God is my king of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

1:04:24: And Jeremiah 20, Jeremiah 9 shows that he is working judgment.

1:04:29: He's executing judgment in the earth.

1:04:31: We have to understand this, we have to understand what he's doing and the, and the, the patience of the saints to wait for him.

1:04:39: You divide the sea by the strength, you break the heads of the dragons in the waters, you break the heads of Leviathan in pieces, this most powerful beast, the Leviathan, nothing to God, and he's acknowledging how powerful God is and gave him to be the meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

1:04:57: You did cleave the fountain and the flood.

1:04:59: You dried up mighty rivers, so he's just recalling how powerful God is, so he can act.

1:05:04: The day is yours, the night also is yours.

1:05:07: You have prepared the light and the sun.

1:05:09: You have set all the borders of the earth.

1:05:11: You have made summer and winter.

1:05:14: Remember this, that the enemy has reproached our Lord, that the foolish people have blasphemed your name.

1:05:20: So this is how we pray.

1:05:23: We don't pray, oh God, I'm suffering, I'm suffering, I'm suffering.

1:05:26: It's all about me, me, me, me, me.

1:05:28: No, God, this is about you.

1:05:30: The enemy is reproaching your name.

1:05:32: How long will you allow this to go on?

1:05:33: God, please act for the sake of your name.

1:05:37: And remember that we're going to be hated for his name's sake.

1:05:40: So there's an understanding that the saints have around the power and the holiness and the validity of God's name.

1:05:46: So this is how we pray.

1:05:48: Oh, deliver not the soul of your turtle dove unto the multitude of the wicked.

1:05:52: Forget not the congregation of your poor forever, you're in covenant with us, Lord.

1:05:57: Don't allow them to ultimately stamp us out because the scripture says, we understand this, that if God did not act, no flesh would be saved.

1:06:07: The covenant people would be completely destroyed.

1:06:08: That's the will of Satan, but it's not the will of God.

1:06:12: We know that the will of God is to restore his people, but he's gonna take them to the edge so that they come to true repentance.

1:06:19: And unfortunately, the first fruits are gonna get caught up in this, but our purpose is to declare the mighty works of God.

1:06:25: Our purpose is to inform everybody, including the Gentiles, what is really happening and why and what the outcome of everything is.

1:06:34: Have respect, have respect unto the covenant.

1:06:38: If we don't understand the covenant, how can we pray like this?

1:06:41: Have respect unto the covenant, for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

1:06:47: These people are global, they're worldwide, they're ruthless, but God, you know, they're, they're selling God's people globally into slavery.

1:06:56: God, have respect unto the covenant, or let not the oppressed return ashamed, and we know from Isaiah, they will not.

1:07:03: They're going to return.

1:07:04: The remnant is going to return with a mighty hand.

1:07:08: With the upper hand.

1:07:09: I think Isaiah 60, and again, if you missed this, the study on Isaiah, check the archives.

1:07:15: We have to understand this, we have to be able to declare it.

1:07:17: Oh, let not the oppressed return ashamed.

1:07:20: Let the poor and needy praise your name.

1:07:23: Arise, oh God, plead your own cause.

1:07:26: God, this is your cause.

1:07:28: This is like David saying, is there not a cause?

1:07:30: It's God's cause.

1:07:32: Oh God, they're, they're, they're, they're blaspheming your name.

1:07:36: Arise, oh God, please your plead your own cause.

1:07:39: Remember how the foolish man reproaches you daily, it's disgusting.

1:07:43: And there was, and, and this is now, we see this, this blasphemy in Revelation 13, around this fourth beast.

1:07:49: It was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and power was given unto him to continue 42 months.

1:07:57: So he's just gonna be blaspheming and blaspheming and he's got the whole world.

1:08:01: But the psalmist says, forget not the voice of your enemies, listen to what they're saying.

1:08:06: The tumult of those that rise up against you increases continually.

1:08:09: So we, we have to have this heart for God's name.

1:08:13: We have to have this heart for God's covenant, and we pray, according to the covenant, according to God's name, the glory of his name, and we speak and declare the

covenant, the gospel of the covenant, the good news of the covenant, and we declare the might of God's name.

1:08:30: Now Psalm 75, now, so these are the questions and the plea.

1:08:34: Psalm 75 actually addresses what was raised in Psalm 74, so we'll, we'll finish here in Psalm 75.

1:08:43: He says, Psalm 75 to the chief musician, Altaskith Psalm or Song of Asif.

1:08:50: So this is all of Asaf's, Psalms, but this means like, don't destroy.

1:08:56: So this is an answer now to Psalm 74.

1:08:59: Psalm 75, unto you, oh God, do we give thanks.

1:09:04: So coming out of Psalm 74, like this, this destruction just won't end, it just seems so thorough and comprehensive and, and unstoppable, but God is mighty.

1:09:14: And he's in covenant.

1:09:16: And so we pray according to that.

1:09:18: And now we see the relief in Psalm 75, unto you, oh God, do we give thanks.

1:09:24: He says, unto you, oh God, do we give thanks.

1:09:27: Unto you do we give thanks for that your name is near your one that, that your name is near your wondrous works declare.

1:09:36: We must understand God's name and the power of His name.

1:09:39: He's the Holy One of Israel.

1:09:41: And so, His, his name is near, and his wondrous works declare that.

1:09:48: When I shall receive, and so now God is speaking, so now God speaks.

1:09:53: When I shall receive the congregation, I will judge uprightly.

1:09:57: This is the justice that we look for, and God will judge uprightly.

1:10:01: The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved.

1:10:05: So we need to be careful who we're fighting for, because God's justice says and declares that all the inhabitants are going to be dissolved.

1:10:14: We need to make sure we're not fighting for people that God is going to put down.

1:10:18: The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved.

1:10:20: I bear up the pillars of it, Sila.

1:10:22: So God answers.

1:10:24: Now we come back to the psalmist.

1:10:26: I said unto the fools, deal not foolishly.

1:10:30: And to the wicked, lift not up the horn.

1:10:33: And it's interesting to use the language of horn here because we have the prophecy from Daniel, and the little horn replaces the three other horns, and it's just very mighty and powerful and blasphemous.

1:10:42: And the, this foolishness and wickedness, and lift not up the horn.

1:10:46: And again, God's people, Satan works through pride.

1:10:49: We, the only pride we have is to glory in God.

1:10:53: Lift not up your horn on high, Speak not with a stiff neck.

1:10:58: For promotion comes neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

1:11:03: And again, you know, we're trying to push our own promotion, we're promoting our own causes instead of pleading for God's cause and leaving promotion to God.

1:11:14: You know, Laban did everything he could to destroy and impoverish Jacob.

1:11:20: But God was in covenant with Jacob, and no matter what Laman did, God just kept enriching Jacob.

1:11:25: We need to have this mindset.

1:11:27: We don't, we don't need social justice.

1:11:30: We need God's justice.

1:11:32: And we need God to act on behalf of his covenant and to glorify his name.

1:11:36: And we need to be in relationship with him, for promotion comes neither from the east nor from the west, nor from the south.

1:11:44: But God is the judge.

1:11:45: This is who we rely on.

1:11:47: Again, who do we have in heaven besides Christ?

1:11:50: He's the one.

1:11:52: John wept bitterly.

1:11:55: Because there was nobody worthy.

1:11:57: To implement God's justice.

1:11:59: Everybody's corrupt.

1:12:02: Everybody will take a bribe, everybody will go too far.

1:12:06: Everybody will be too soft in the wrong cases and too hard in the wrong cases.

1:12:11: Only Christ was worthy.

1:12:14: To take the judgments of God and unleash them on the earth without mercy.

1:12:19: Without apology, Because he's unbribed, you can't bribe Christ.

1:12:24: And he'll have mercy upon whom he'll have mercy.

1:12:28: God is the judge.

1:12:29: He puts down one and sets up another.

1:12:32: He does this.

1:12:33: We don't need to worry about this.

1:12:35: Leave it in God's hands, for in the hand of the Lord, there is a cup.

1:12:40: And the wine is red.

1:12:41: This is what Asif in Psalm 73, Asif didn't understand this.

1:12:46: Now in Psalm 75, in answer to Psalm 74, the big picture, he can now address all of these questions that we have in Psalm 74 during tribulation, and we will have it in the great tribulation.

1:12:58: Asif has the answer.

1:13:00: In the hand of the Lord, there is a cup.

1:13:03: All his wickedness is happening on the earth.

1:13:05: In the hand of the Lord, there is a cup, and the wine is red.

1:13:09: It is full of mixture, and he pours out of the same, but the dregs thereof, all of the wicked of the earth shall wring them out and drink them.

1:13:18: This is justice.

1:13:19: This is what's coming.

1:13:21: This is what we look for, and we don't want to be on the wrong side of this.

1:13:24: We don't want to be fighting for people that God is going to force them to drink the dregs of the cup of wrath.

1:13:31: We're just like we're on God's side.

1:13:33: And this is what we see in Revelation 15.

1:13:35: 1 of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels 7 golden vials full of, full, 7 of them, full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever, and the wicked are going to drink from this to the dregs of it, every drop.

1:13:48: And we say amen to that.

1:13:51: We don't want to be on the wrong side of God, we're with God.

1:13:54: But I will declare forever, I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

1:13:59: He understands he was getting caught up in this world and in this world's causes, and getting seduced by the appearances of this world.

1:14:06: And then he went into the sanctuary, and he got the big picture.

1:14:10: And we come into the word of God and we get the big picture, and we will declare forever and forever, and nobody will ever take this away from us.

1:14:18: They can take our life, but they can't take this, that we will declare forever.

1:14:23: We will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

1:14:27: All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off, but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted, and we don't exalt our own horn.

1:14:34: We don't go around pushing and, you know, fighting for our, no, we just leave it in God's hand.

1:14:41: And the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

1:14:45: And so we say amen to that.

1:14:48: What a wonderful and great God we serve.

1:14:51: And these Psalms, we go through them line by line.

1:14:55: There's a lot of wisdom here, it's hidden.

1:14:58: And as the seasons change, God is going to open up scriptures for us, so that we have the resources, the spiritual wherewithal to navigate what is coming.

1:15:08: And it's just amazing that Oif.

1:15:10: He's very transparent.

1:15:12: He nearly slept.

1:15:14: This great man of God, this great leader of the worship of the God of Israel, he nearly slipped because he got distracted with what's going on in this life.

1:15:25: Let's not do that, brethren.

1:15:26: Let's stay in the word.

1:15:28: Let's see the big picture, and let's declare his works and his glory forever and ever.

1:15:34: Let the praise of God.

1:15:37: The mighty Christ be on our lips forever because that's our job.

1:15:42: As we go through all of this chaos, people need to see pillars that, hey, you know what, all of this is just the beginning of sorrows.

1:15:49: We're, we're buckling up, we're ready, we're standing strong, and as all of this unfolds, you can look to us because we'll be looking to the scriptures.

1:15:59: None of the wicked will understand, but the wise shall understand.

1:16:03: We serve a mighty God, we serve a loving God.

1:16:07: He's committed to Israel.

1:16:09: We are first fruits Israel.

1:16:10: He's committed to us.

1:16:12: Let's be committed to him.
1:16:13: Let's be committed to each other.
1:16:15: Let's follow his clear command to love one another.
1:16:19: And let's not fall into the trap of Satan.
1:16:22: We end up betraying one another.
1:16:23: We end up pleading for Baal instead of declaring the glory of God.
1:16:28: God loves you, brethren.
1:16:29: Let's be true.
1:16:31: What a mighty God we serve.
1:16:32: Amen.
1:16:40: Just remember, brethren, don't get caught up in these false movements.
1:16:45: God is great.
1:16:46: Let's stay with the great God.