

Psalm 94: Rise Up.

1-7: A prayer that **God** would avenge the **jubilant** wicked. Because God is the **Judge of the earth**, it is He who must repay **the wicked**. To justify his request, the psalmist lamented the oppression that the proud insolently inflict on the righteous. The speech of the wicked is **arrogant**. They oppress God's **people**, His **inheritance**, convinced that **the LORD...pays no attention to them**.

8-11: He was amazed that the wicked had not **become wise** - God knows their **futile** plans and efforts to oppress the righteous. The logic here is simple but forceful: **He who** created the human **ear** surely can **hear**; **He who formed the eye** surely can see; etc.

12-15: A person God may **discipline** is **blessed** because he is taught **from the Law**. Even though a believer is oppressed by wicked people, he can take comfort that God can use such oppression to **teach** him and that God will give him rest from adversity when **the wicked** are destroyed.

16-19: After asking **who** would **stand** on behalf of his cause **against** sinners, the writer acknowledged that his security was from **the LORD**. When his **foot** was **slipping**, God's **consolation** quieted his anxious heart and gave him **joy**.

20-23: The **corrupt throne** have no part with God. So the psalmist trusted in **the LORD**, his **Fortress, Rock, and Refuge**, knowing that the Lord **will repay them for their sins** by destroying **them**.

***Proverbs 29:2b** - When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.*

Psalm 95: Come.

1-2: An invitation to **sing** praises **to the LORD**. He is designated here as **the Rock of our salvation**, a figure of security. They had experienced some much deliverance, for which they were to give **thanksgiving**.

3-5: He is **the great God and King above all creation**.

6-7a: Worship: bow down, kneel, because we're His.

7b-11: **Today**; immediacy and urgency of the opportunity. They must not resist God's **voice** calling them to trust and obey. To **harden** one's heart meant to refuse to obey. Disobedience and unbelief prevents many from God's rest.

The incident referred to here is the people's murmuring at Rephidim (Exodus 17: Numbers 20:1-13). So God swore that they could not **enter** the land, but must perish in the wilderness. The younger generation would enter the Promised Land.

This passage is quoted in Hebrews 3:7-11 as a warning for Christians who through unbelief forfeit God's rest too.

***Hebrews 3:12-13** - Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*

Psalm 96: Sing.

1-6: Sing, bless His name, proclaim the good news, declare His glory, his wonders among the people. For He is great; creator, He's full of honour and majesty, strength and beauty.

7-10: Give to the LORD glory, strength, offering, worship, tremble and declare His reigns.

11-13: Let the heavens rejoice, the earth be glad, the sea roar, the fields be joyful, the trees rejoice because the LORD is coming.

Revelation 19:11 - *Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.*

Revelation 22:12-13 - *"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.'"*

Psalm 33:1 - *Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful.*