

PSALMS 92 and 93

The Psalmist declares it is a good thing to give thanks to God. He particularly thanks Yahweh for the overthrow of the wicked and the sustaining of godly men. Although no event can be definitely cited as the occasion of this psalm, verse 4 seems to speak of some recent notable work of Yahweh. So a suggestion might be when Babylon fell into the hands of the Persians, and King Cyrus encouraged Israel to return to her land and rebuild the temple in Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 36:22-23). It was a song meant to be sung on the Sabbath, a time when work was forbidden and meditation upon the word of God was practiced. Let us do the same, for God has given us the day of rest for our own good welfare and for his own glory.

Psalm 92

A Psalm, a Song for the Sabbath day.

- 1 It is good to give thanks to YAHWEH and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
- 2 To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning and Your faithfulness by night,
- 3 with the ten-stringed lute and with the harp, with resounding music upon the lyre.
- 4 For You, O YAHWEH, have made me glad by what You have done,
I will sing for joy at the works of Your hands.

- 5 How great are Your works, O YAHWEH! Your thoughts are very deep.
- 6 A senseless man has no knowledge, nor does a stupid man understand this:
- 7 that when the wicked sprouted up like grass and all who did iniquity flourished,
it was *only* that they might be destroyed forevermore.
- 8 But You, O YAHWEH, are on high forever.
- 9 For, behold, Your enemies, O YAHWEH, for, behold, Your enemies will perish;
all who do iniquity will be scattered.

- 10 But You have exalted my horn like *that of* the wild ox;
I have been anointed with fresh oil.
- 11 And my eye has looked *exultantly* upon my foes,
my ears hear of the evildoers who rise up against me.
- 12 The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree, he will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
- 13 Planted in the house of YAHWEH, they will flourish in the courts of our God.
- 14 They will still yield fruit in old age; they shall be full of sap and very green,
- 15 to declare that YAHWEH is upright; *He is* my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Psalm 93 is without title or name of author, but its theme is stated clearly in the very first line. Leupold calls it "The Psalm of Omnipotent Sovereignty." Despite all opposition,

Yahweh reigns supreme.

Psalm 93

- 1 YAHWEH reigns, He is clothed with majesty;
YAHWEH has clothed and girded Himself with strength;
indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved.
- 2 Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.
- 3 The floods have lifted up, O YAHWEH, the floods have lifted up their voice,
the floods lift up their pounding waves.
- 4 More than the sounds of many waters, *than* the mighty breakers of the sea,
YAHWEH on high is mighty.
- 5 Your testimonies are fully confirmed;
holiness befits Your house, O YAHWEH, forevermore.

PRAYER

O God most high, your works are glorious, and your thoughts are very deep. Make our tongues and hearts instruments of your praise, that we may tell of your mercy early in the morning and of your faithfulness when we lie down. Keep us from having fellowship with the world, lest we be tempted to wickedness, but grant that we may be rooted and grounded in love to you, through the mercies and merits of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.