

# *The Psalmist speaks about Communal Oppression*



*Hymns  
Royal psalms  
Individual thanksgiving  
Individual laments  
Communal laments*

*Reading: Psalm 94*

# *Plea to the Lord about the Proud*

*Reading: v 1-7*

- abuse
- brutality
- coercion
- cruelty
- despotism
- dictatorship
- domination
- injustice
- maltreatment
- persecution
- suffering
- autocracy
- calamity
- compulsion
- conquering
- control
- fascism
- force
- hardness
- harshness
- injury
- severity
- subjection
- torment



# *Plea to the Lord about the Proud*

- *The plea v 1-3*
  - *Rise up, judge and avenge*
- *The basis for the plea v 4-7*
  - *The oppressors..*
    - *Boasting evildoers*
    - *Crushers of God's people*
    - *Slayers of the widow, alien, and fatherless*
    - *Arguing that the Lord doesn't see or act*



# Plea to the Lord about the Proud

## • *Imprecatory Psalm Interpretation*

- *Vengeance appealed for is not personally enacted, rather of God*
- *These pleas are based on God's absolute and unchanging nature*
  - *Omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, glorious*
  - *Holy, righteous, pure, perfect*
  - *Love, purposeful*
  - *Good, peace, joyous,*
  - *Gracious, merciful, forgiving, patient*
  - *Judge, wrath, avenger*
  - *Etc*
- *They are premised on His covenant promises*
- *These pleas are made with the understanding that God's ways are not our ways, nor is His timing ours. This psalm type is an evangelism act through its written warning, and the plea often follows the social actions already tried to remedy the injustice.*



# *Preaching to the Foolish about the Lord*

*Reading: v 8-15*

- Rebuttal to their thinking v 8-11*
- Reassurance to God's people v 12-15*
- Review of destiny of the senseless v 12-15*



# *Praise to the Lord about himself*

*Reading: v 16-end*

- *Who will rise up against the evil ones?*
- *The LORD was the help in his rescue*
- *The LORD's love supported him*
- *The LORD's consolation brought joy*
- *The LORD's reign is righteous*
- *The LORD is my rock, fortress, and refuge*
- *The LORD will punish the wicked*
- *The LORD took the penalty for sin on Himself on the cross*



## *Applications for us!*

- *Deeper understanding of our Lord via this psalm type*
- *Renewed vision of God's call to holy and just leadership*
- *Responsibility to the evil ones*
  - *Identify their senseless beliefs that lead to their evil behavior*
  - *Witness to them of the character, call, and blessings of belief*
- *Understanding God's Word, Will, and Ways*

