

HOW LONG WILL IT GO ON? (Psalm 94:3-13)

I. The actions of the wicked (vs. 3-6).

- A. The writer felt as if the wicked were winning.
 - 1. There were more of the wicked than there were of the righteous.
 - 2. When that is the case it always seem as if the ones who are greater in number are winning.
 - 3. We look around us and it is as if the wicked are winning.
 - a. There are more of them than us.
 - b. They seem to have more of everything than us.
 - c. Sadly, there are those who once belonged to Christ who followed the old adage, "If you can't beat them, join them."
- B. They spew out words that are harsh.
 - 1. The word "utter" means to spew forth as a fountain.
 - 2. That which is uttered are things that are harsh, unjust and unkind.
 - a. Our country is overrun with people who spew such filth out all the time.
 - b. You here it at the ballpark, at the grocery store, at the mall, in shows and movies.
 - c. People feel they can say anything toward others.
 - d. God's word is pointed about this (Colossians 3:8).
- C. They work iniquity and boast about it.
 - 1. Have you ever worked with someone who bragged about getting drunk the night or weekend before?
 - 2. People like this are proud of the sins they commit and brag about them and wonder why you don't do the same.
- D. They treat people of God with contempt.
 - 1. They oppress God's people with laws that hinder their ability to proclaim truth or worship as they should.
 - 2. They shout for their right to promote filth and to have our right to preach against it taken away from us.
 - 3. They abuse Christians with claims of bigotry and prejudice when it is simply standing for biblical ideals.
- E. They commit murder to promote their lifestyles.
 - 1. We see this all the time with abortion.
 - 2. In order to continue doing as they please an abortion is obtained so their lives are not hindered by a child.
 - 3. We are beginning to see this as more ideas of euthanasia are being advanced.
 - 4. A few years ago at a gay and lesbian march a sign was held up that said, "Bring back the lions."

II. The attitude of the wicked (vs. 7).

- A. The attitude of the wicked is that there is no God or at least no God who cares what they do.
- B. The agnostic says he doesn't know and you can't prove it and the atheist

- says there is no god at all.
- C. Others teach there is a God but He does not care what goes on in the world.
 - D. The idea that God will allow all to be saved and not condemn any wicked act is alive and well today.
 - 1. Universalists teach this.
 - 2. Really, Calvinism encourages this type thinking through its perseverance of the saints doctrine.
 - E. Notice God's attitude toward those that do evil (Romans 2:8-9).
 - 1. We are to abstain from every appearance of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22).
 - 2. God's face is against those that do evil (1 Peter 3:12).
 - F. Though the attitude is "God won't see or doesn't care," the truth is God does see and care as the Psalmist now points out.

III. **The award of the wicked (vs. 8-11).**

- A. So many wicked people think they can get away with whatever sin it is they enjoy committing.
 - 1. Thieves always believe they can get away with theft.
 - 2. Liars believe they won't get caught in their lies.
- B. The Psalmist reminds us that God knows all of the things we do as well as the evil and that He will award us according to our works.
- C. What is interesting about this is that the Psalmist knows that they believe there is either no God or that He does not care and He writes to show their foolishness.
 - 1. Surely the One that created our ears can hear.
 - 2. Surely the One that created our eyes can see.
 - 3. He chastises others, He will surely chastise you.
 - 4. He teaches knowledge to man, He will surely know our actions.
- D. God knows everything that goes on even our thoughts (vs. 11; Psalm 139:1, 7-12).
- E. We aren't getting anything past God.
 - 1. We all know or have known people who thought they could get away with anything.
 - 2. They can't with God (2 Corinthians 5:10; Proverbs 24:12).
- F. The thoughts of the wicked are vanity, thus their reward is such.
 - 1. God does not award useless thinking in a good way.
 - 2. The type of worship they offer is not accepted (Matthew 15:9) if offered at all.
 - 3. The lives they lead are not accepted by God and in reality, are useless because they are not spent seeking God and pleasing Him.

IV. **The answer for wickedness (vs. 10b-13).**

- A. There is only one answer that can combat wickedness and help the wicked to learn and that is to teach God's word to them.
- B. Notice that the Psalmist said a blessed man is the one who is taught God's law.
 - 1. This man learns what is not vain and what is useful in this life.

2. He learns that God is watching and seeing.
- C. The Bible is the tool that helps men learn these lessons.
- D. No doubt there are those among us who once believed like the wicked people of this Psalm.
1. They felt that God didn't see or care.
 2. At some point they were taught better out of God's word and converted.
 3. God's law converts the soul because it is practical in nature and from God (Psalm 19:7).