

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 64
A Psalm for the Righteous Who Suffer Persecution

Read Psalm 64

Why aren't we under the kind of attacks that David faced?

I. We're Defeated and Accept It

- A. We've been beaten so long that we just line up for our next beating
- B. We've given up trying to live a separated life. "It's no use."

II. We're Desensitized and Don't Know It

- A. The ATTACKS are there, we just don't recognize them as attacks
 - 1. TV,
 - 2. Education,
 - 3. Evolution,
 - 4. Foul language,
 - 5. Idolatry,
 - 6. God haters,
 - 7. False teaching,
 - 8. blasphemy,
 - 9. nakedness,
 - 10. perversion

III. We've Deserted and Don't Care

- A. No one is shooting at us because we are "OUT OF UNIFORM"
- B. **Civil war battles. The guy carrying the flag ALWAYS GETS SHOT. The next soldier picked up the flag, knowing how dangerous it was.**
- C. **TODAY. NO ONE WANTS TO PICK UP THE FLAG. There is NO HONOR.**
- D. We've let the colors fall.

IV. Why is there no conflict? Why don't we share David's experience?

- A. Has the world suddenly become righteous?
- B. Is there no battle in the Christian life?
Matthew 10:5, 21-24, 34-39
- C. Are we at peace?
Jeremiah 14:11-16; 23:16-17
- D. Has God's plan changed?
 - 1. 2 Tim 3:12
 - 2. 1 Peter 2:20-23

V. A CALL to COUNTER-CULTURE CHRISTIANITY

Parents - CONFESSION.

Teens - COMMITMENT.

Teen boys - stand.

Men, find one of these boys. Find out their name, school.. Pray with them tonight.

Teen girls - stand.

Ladies, find one of these girls. Find out their name, school. Pray with them tonight.