

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 83
“A Psalm When God’s Enemies Attack”

Read Psalm 83:1-5

Describes us TODAY!

- Anti-Christian **Media.** (Bill Mahr, Rosie, O’Donnel, Keith Olberman). Not RELIGIOUS persecution, but CHRISTIAN persecution!
- Anti-Christian **Activists.** (Homosexual activists, anti-religious activists, educational activists)
- Atheist **philosophers.**
- False Prophets. (Gay churches, clergy for abortion, clergy promoting racism)

I. Who is Orchestrating this? (Psalm 83:5)

A. SATAN. Eph 1:2 “The spirit who is now at work. . .”

B. 2 Cor 2:11 “Satan’s schemes

1. Greek νόημα = “thought, mind”
2. KJV = “devices”
3. Amp = “wiles and intentions”
4. Same word used in 2 Cor 4:4 “god of this age has blinded the *minds*”
5. 2 Cor 11:3 “*Eve deceived by the serpent. . .so your **minds** be corrupted. . .*”
6. 2 Cor 10:5 “*We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every **thought** to make it obedient to Christ.*”
7. IDEA here = INTELLIGENT PLAN!!!

C. **Eph 6:11** μεθοδείας

II. Where Does the Attack come from?

A. Earthly authorities. _ρχάς (Eph 6:12)

B. Powers of this dark world _ξουσίας

1. CHRISTIANS in the flesh (this dark world)
 - a. 2 Tim 2:24-26
 - b. 1 John 2:15-17
2. The WORLD SYSTEM. People who think through a SECULAR world view!
 - a. “Do what feels right”
 - b. “Trust yourself”
 - c. “Personal satisfaction above obedience and loyalty”
 - d. “Demand your rights”

C. Demonic powers. “Spiritual forces in heavenly realms”

1. WE are PRAYING

2. We are SHARING the gospel
3. We want to put an evangelistic DVD in every home in Vineland
4. Do we think Satan hasn't noticed?????????
 - a. SATURDAY
 - (1) Police.
 - (2) SATURDAY Phone call about "Soliciting"
 - (3) MONDAY phone call about "phonies"
 - b. FRIDAY - unforgiving attender
 - c. MONDAY - Satanic attack
5. Know that this is coming!

- D. Are you making a decision to live for the Lord?
 1. Do you think Satan is real?
 2. Do you think he has knowledge of your intentions?
 3. Do you think he will just let you alone to serve God?
- E. Are you making changes in your life/ family?
- F. Are you sharing the gospel??

III. Psalm 83:5. An ALLIANCE

- A. Edom = Palestinians
- B. Ishmael = Saudi Arabia
- C. Moab = Jordan
- D. Hagites = Iran
- E. Tyre = Lebanon

IV. Psalm 83:18 YHWH will deliver!!!