

*Finding Yourself in the Psalms*  
*Psalm 94*  
***A Psalm About God's Hatred***  
***or "A Psalm For Believers Surrounded by Evil***

Did I title this correctly?

"The Bible speaks of God's anger more than 100x" (Ray Pritchard, "Stealth Attack" 66).  
VENGEANCE - WRATH

(Isaiah 61:8) "*For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and iniquity. In my faithfulness I will reward them and make an everlasting covenant with them.*"

(Zechariah 8:17) "*do not plot evil against your neighbor, and do not love to swear falsely. I hate all this,*" declares the Lord."

(Malachi 2:16) "*I hate divorce,*" says the Lord God of Israel, "*and I hate a man's covering himself with violence as well as with his garment,*" says the Lord Almighty. *So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith.*"

(Proverbs 6:16-19) "*There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who utters life, and one who spreads strife among brothers.*"

We minimize God's GRACE to the degree that we deny His VENGEANCE  
LET'S BE CLEAR - It is GOD who avenges.  
ON EARTH - He has chosen HUMAN GOVERNMENT to carry out justice  
**Rom 13:1-4**

We must apply Psalm 94 on a *spiritual level*

Christopher Hitchens, "God is not Great" - CNN last night re. Jerry Fallwell  
BEYOND BLASPHEMOUS "God is not Great"

"Why would God allow someone to stand in the middle of a thunderstorm and holler, I DARE YOU TO STRIKE ME?"

**Psalm 94.**

**I. The Righteous Plea for God's Justice. 94:1-3**

A. Request: "RISE UP O God"

B. Question: "How Long, O God?"

1. (Psalm 6:3) "*My soul is in anguish. How long, O Lord, how long?*"

2. (Psalm 35:17) "*O Lord, how long will you look on? Rescue my life from their ravages, my precious life from these lions.*"

3. (Psalm 90:13) "*Relent, O Lord! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.*"

4. (Revelation 6:10) "*They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?"*"

II. **The Righteous Pain over the Arrogance of the Wicked.** 94:4-11

- A. The Actions of the Wicked. 94:4-6
  - 1. Their WORDS. 94:4
  - 2. Their PERSECUTION of God's People. 94:5
  - 3. Their OPPRESSION of the poor. 94:5
  
- B. The Arrogance of the Wicked. 94:7-11
  - 1. Their CLAIM: "They say the Lord does not see." 94:7
  - 2. The ANSWER: "it is foolish to talk back to the creator!"
    - a. *Illus - "God created me Gay"*
    - b. They make some reference to His power to create, but deny His authority to Govern!

III. The Righteous Praise God for His Care. 94:12-15

- A. A DIFFERENCE between the RIGHTEOUS and the WICKED is that God disciplines the RIGHTEOUS. 94:12.
  - 1. The Unrighteous are not sons.
  - 2. **Hebrews 12:7-11**
  
- B. FIVE PROMISES to remember when living in an age of evil
  - 1. The Lord will Not Reject His People. 94:14
    - a. ISA 43:2-4
  
  - 2. Judgment is coming. 94:15
    - a. (Matthew 12:36) "But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken."
  
  - 3. God will Support you. 94:3
    - a. *Illus - King David*
    - b. (Psalm 37:23-24) "*If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.*"
  
  - 4. God will Comfort you when you are anxious. 94:19
  
  - 5. The Wicked Will be Judged by God. 94:23

IV. The Righteous Promise To Trust in the Lord. 94:16-23

- A. 16-17
- B. 22