

BOOK OF PSALMS

LESSON 4

BOOK THREE (PSALMS 73-89)

Psalm 73: The Tragedy of the Wicked and the Blessedness of Trusting in God (vs. 1-3, 14-17)

Psalm 74: A Plea for Relief from Oppressors (vs. 4-8, 11-12, 18-19, 22-23)

Psalm 75: Thanksgiving for God's Righteous Judgment (vs. 7, 10)

Psalm 77: The Consoling Memory of God's Redemptive Works (vs. 7-9, 10-15)

Psalm 79: Prayer for a Destroyed Nation (vs. 1-3, 5-7, 8-9)

Israel has suffered a devastating defeat at the hand of the Babylonians. The city has been attacked and the Temple literally destroyed.

Psalm 80: Prayer for Restoration (vs. 3, 7, 11-15, 18-19)

Psalm 82: A Plea for Justice (vs. 1-4, 8)

Psalm 84: The Blessedness of Dwelling in the House of God (vs. 1-2, 3-4, 10-11)

Psalm 85: Prayer that the LORD Will Restore Favor to the Land (vs. 1-4, 5-7, 10-13)

Psalm 86: Prayer for Mercy, with Meditation on the Excellencies of the LORD (vs. 1-5, 8-10, 15-17)

Psalm 88: A Prayer for Help in Despondency (entirety of psalm)

Psalm 89: Remembering the Covenant with David and Sorrow for Lost Blessings (vs. 2-5, 6-8, 14-15, 30-32, 34, 38-39, 46-48, 49-50)

Psalm 89 begins as a psalm of PRAISE and ends as a psalm of LAMENT!

Book Three, comprised of Psalm 73-89, embodies the life of Israel, both good and bad. Every emotion of humanity is found present within this third book.

Fittingly, Psalm 89 encapsulates all the emotions of this nation and their relationship with God. Ultimately, we still see both the mercies and grace of God. As usual, God is found to be FAITHFUL!!!