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Psalm 92

1-22-13

Vs.1-4 give praise to God;

Vs. 5-9 remark about God's wisdom in dealing with enemies;

Vs. 10-15 observe God's refreshing for the righteous.

There is no historical setting, therefore no certain author for this Psalm. It is unchallenged, however, for its inclusion in the Book of Psalms.

Verses 1-4: Among the 23 times the phrase "sing praises" (**verse 1**) occurs in the Book of Psalms, the one that is quoted in the New Testament is [Psalm 18:49](#) (in [Romans 15:9](#)). There it refers to "singing" and not playing instruments with the singing (refer back to [Psalm 18:49](#) in these studies). Thus, by the inspired use of this phrase by the Apostle Paul, it would be natural to conclude that [Psalm 92:1](#) should also mean "sing praises" to the "Most High."

His "lovingkindness in the morning," and "faithfulness every night" (**verse 2**) show that 24/7, there is not a time He is not responsive to His faithful people. If 'instruments' (**verse 3**) is correctly translated, they were introduced to Old Testament worship by David ([2 Chronicles 29:26-27](#)). If these should be instructions to the singers, instead, this is no authority for musical instruments in the passage. Regardless, nothing in this verse is authorized in the New Testament for Christian worship. God's Creation is a marvel to be praised (**verse 4**).

Verses 5-9: God's "thoughts" (**verse 5**) are embedded in all He does. The Creation shows such planning, foresight, and intricacy that it has taken the several thousand years since it began for humans to "discover" some of what was in it all the time! "Wisdom" was with God in the Creation ([Proverbs 8:1, 22-31](#)), and for Evolutionists to extoll *chaos and chance* instead of God's wisdom is purely blasphemy and profanity! Indeed, the "senseless," "fool" (**verse 6**), "wicked," "workers of iniquity" (**verse 7**) may "flourish" on earth, they are to be "destroyed forever." God is NOT "the force" IN the Creation, He is the Deity over and above the Creation (**verse 8**; [Acts 14:14-17](#)), who's enemies will "perish" and be "scattered" as in [Matthew 25:31-33](#) describes (**verse 9**).

Verses 10-15: By contrast, the faithful are blessed with: "horn" (or *strength*), and selection by anointing (**verse 10**); "eyes" and "ears" (**verse 11**) that witness their enemies' destruction. "The righteous" flourish like "a palm," "a cedar" (**verse 12**), "planted in the house of the LORD" (**verse 13**), bearing good fruit



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throughout old age (**verse 14**), who can declare "the LORD is upright," "rock," with "no unrighteousness" (**verse 15**).

THOUGHT: When the wicked people flourish on earth, it is easy to overlook the righteous who also flourish, AND, not to notice the promise of God that the wicked will perish.

ALSO: "LORD" (Hebrew, *Jehovah*) is used 7 times, a number that often signifies completeness of God's work. Hence this Psalm could be God's final, complete statement of His disposition of Good and Evil.

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