

Calling Down God's Wrath Psalm 94

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Finally words we can speak to God that express how many of us feel right now with all that is going on in our world! **We can call out God's wrath!**

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How would you use the words of this Psalm, and other "imprecatory" Psalms, **as prayer language offered up to God in your life right now?**

Would these words be used rightly, or would they be used to simply try to get God to bring about our own personal agendas? To get God to see things our way & to do what we don't have the power to do ourselves?

Let me share 6 takeaways from this Psalm for how we can use these words in our prayer life - honestly and rightfully speaking these words to God.

- **These words give us license to call out to God for justice!**

We should not be indifferent to evil. We ought to call sin for what it is!

The ways of the wicked are an abomination to a Holy God!

God is the right one to turn to with our plea for justice to prevail.

- **These words give us reassurance that God does see/hear/care & He will respond to the evil in this world! – Vs. 3-11**

Nothing is going unseen/unheard/unrevealed – God knows it all.

The question is do we trust Him, that He has a plan in all of it?

God is not surprised or caught off guard by what is happening in our world, & that should give us a level of relief knowing that these things are only happening because God is allowing them to happen – for a purpose.

- **These words give us an eternal perspective of the destiny of the wicked!**

The wicked may prosper now, but their prosperity is temporary!

God promises us in His Word that when Jesus returns everything will be revealed and there will be a reckoning! We all will have to give an account!

It is far better to suffer now unjustly, than to suffer for all eternity in hell!

- **These words do NOT give us license to seek out revenge on others!**

There is a difference between vengeance and revenge!

There is a difference between God being an avenger and us taking matters into our own hands! **"Vengeance is mine declares the Lord!"**

This doesn't mean we do nothing, but what we do & how we do it matters!

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Many of us are waiting for God to act, to avenge now, but that may not be His timing. Are we ok with that?

Many have lost their lives doing what is right. Many suffer for taking the right stand. **Is it worth it if there is no payoff in this life?**

What does having an eternal perspective mean to/for you?

- **These words do NOT account for what God has already done in Christ!**

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