

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: OUR WARLORD

Main Text: Psalm 76

Sermon Description: The fourth installment in this grouping of 10 psalms of Asaph brings us worship themes inspired by triumph in war. Here in Ps 76, we find the enemies of our God and His Christ magnifying His wisdom and strength as they are conquered by the King of Kings. It is certainly a fruitful meditation to consider the content of these songs, but it would perhaps yield a richer understanding and appreciation still to visit occasions in redemptive history for which this hymn is fitting. We will touch upon 2 such occasions briefly alongside Ps 76 today; one historic and one prophetic example. By way of introduction, recall a moment in Israel's history appropriate for this song in the defeat of the Assyrians upon Hezekiah's intercession in II Kings 19:9-13. Notice the categories which structure the anthem of our psalm are all present in this narrative. 1st (9-13) Sennacherib defies the covenant domain. 2nd (14-19) The posture of the people illustrated in Hezekiah's appeal to the name of the Lord. 3rd (21-28) A decree of supreme government issued from heaven. 4th (32-37) Fallout of the enemy as they are despoiled and destroyed. These themes area all present in Psalm 76. Let us note them in context of the song of Asaph...

Heading: ...IN APPRECIATING SALVATION, ASAPH CALLS US TO CONSIDER...

1. COVENANTAL DOMAIN (Ps 76:1-2)

- a. Where is it (Heb 6:9-7:1) b. What is it c. Prophetic occasion (Rev 19:11-14)

2. ENEMY FALLOUT (3-6)

- a. Comprehensive victory (Is 54:17) b. Despoiled c. Prophetic occasion (I Cor 15:24-27, Rev 19:15-18)

3. SUPREME GOVERNMENT (7-9)

- a. Reverence demanded (Heb 12:18-21) b. Justice & salvation (Ps 89:14) c. Occasion (Rev 19:16-21)

4. POSTURE OF THE PEOPLE (10-12)

- a. Overruling Providence b. Suzerain tribute c. Magi prophets (Mat 21:1-6, 9-11) (Rev 21)

AIM: THAT WE MAY HEED THE TRIUMPHAL EXPLOITS OF CHRIST AS A CALL TO WORSHIP.

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Overview	Domain	Supreme government	Enemy fallout	In Christ	In Christ
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Ps 76	II Kings 19:9-19	II Kings 19:21-28	II Kings 19:32-37	I Cor 15:24-27	Rev 19:11-21

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NEXT WEEK: ...John 12:36-41... Isaiah saw Jesus!