

**Sermon Notes**

**Providence Community Church**

8-12-18 Ken Carlton

**Title: OH GOD, DECLARE WAR**

**Main Text:** Psalm 83

**Aim:** TO POINT OUR SOULS TO THE SOURCE OF PERSPECTIVE CORRECTION IN TIMES OF FEAR

**Sermon Description:** Psalm 83 concludes this section of the Psalms written by Asaph. He closes His hymnal with a divine call to arms against his enemies, and therefore the enemies of God. Asaph is not shy in invoking the judgements of God. He understands the multi-faceted glory of the Lord is demonstrated in decisive victory over His foes as well as through acts of merciful salvation. Asaph feels the threat and fear natural to those surrounded by terrifying forces, yet his song demonstrates a greater fear still. He is rest-assured that the forces surrounding Israel are no match for the armies of Yahweh. Asaph's prayer beseeches only one source of help in the face of desperation – the King of Kings, Maker and Sustainer of heaven and earth. Asaph's foreign policy is not confused or compromised by idolatrous humanism so common today, where men find confidence only in their own strength to influence disparate factions, or their capacity to threaten them into submission boasting overwhelming strength. Upon the answer to Asaph's prayer, the only object worthy of glory is the Lord Himself, the Most High over all the earth...

**Heading: ...IN THE CONTEXT OF SPIRITUAL CONFLICT, ASAPH EXPOUNDS...**

**1. THE CONSPIRACY** (Ps 83:1-8)

- a. Sovereign silence
- b. Anti-'Hesed'
- c. Indicted co-conspirators

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**2. VICTORIOUS PRECEDENT** (9-12)

- a. Deborah & Barak (Judges 4:12-24)
- b. Gideon & Midianites (Judges 7:19-25, 8:10-12)

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**3. DIVINE TACTICS** (13-15)

- a. Chaff
- b. Fire
- c. Hurricane

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**4. TERMS OF SURRENDER** (16-18)

- a. Blessing of shame
- b. Testimony of shame
- c. Glory by judgement (Acts 4:24-31)

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**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Conspiracy	Victory	Tactics	Surrender	History	Next week
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Ps 83:1-8	Ps 83:9-12	83:13-15	83:16-18	Judges 4:12-24	Gen 1:11-31

**FURTHER STUDY:** see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at [providencecrosslake.com](http://providencecrosslake.com)

**NEXT WEEK:** *Genesis 1:11-31*