

Behold His Wrath
Behold His Glory, part 5 | Psalm 76 | David Platt – MBC Pastor-Teacher

Psalm 76:1 – 12, “In Judah God is known; his name is great in Israel. His abode has been established in Salem, his dwelling place in Zion. There he broke the flashing arrows, the shield, the sword, and the weapons of war. Selah. Glorious are you, more majestic than the mountains full of prey. The stouthearted were stripped of their spoil; they sank into sleep; all the men of war were unable to use their hands. At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both rider and horse lay stunned. But you, you are to be feared! Who can stand before you when once your anger is roused? From the heavens, you uttered judgment; the earth feared and was still, when God arose to establish judgment, to save all the humble of the earth. Surely the wrath of man shall praise you; the remnant of wrath you will put on like a belt. Make your vows to the Lord your God and perform them; let all around him bring gifts to him who is to be feared, who cuts off the spirit of princes, who is to be feared by the kings of the earth.”

2 Kings 18:32b – 35, “. . . And do not listen to Hezekiah when he misleads you by saying, ‘The Lord will deliver us.’ Has any of the gods of the nations ever delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? Who among all the gods of the lands have delivered their lands out of my hand, that the Lord should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?”

2 Kings 19:22 – 28, “Whom have you mocked and reviled? Against whom have you raised your voice and lifted your eyes to the heights? Against the Holy One of Israel! By your messengers you have mocked the Lord, and you have said, ‘With my many chariots I have gone up the heights of the mountains, to the far recesses of Lebanon; I felled its tallest cedars, its choicest cypresses; I entered its farthest lodging place, its most fruitful forest. I dug wells and drank foreign waters, and I dried up with the sole of my foot all the streams of Egypt.’ Have you not heard that I determined it long ago? I planned from days of old what now I bring to pass, that you should turn fortified cities into heaps of ruins, while their inhabitants, shorn of strength, are dismayed and confounded, and have become like plants of the field and like tender grass, like grass on the housetops, blighted before it is grown. But I know your sitting down and your going out and coming in, and your raging against me. Because you have raged against me and your complacency has come into my ears, I will put my hook in your nose and my bit in your mouth, and I will turn you back on the way by which you came.”

2 Kings 19:32 – 37, “‘Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the king of Assyria: He shall not come into this city or shoot an arrow there, or come before it with a shield or cast up a siege mound against it. By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and he shall not come into this city, declares the Lord. For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake and for the sake of my servant David.’ And that night the angel of the Lord went out and struck down 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians. And when people arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. Then Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went home and lived at Nineveh. And as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, Adrammelech and Sharezer, his sons, struck him down with the sword and escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.”

GOD IS INFINITELY WORTHY OF OUR WORSHIP.

Psalm 76:1 – 2, “In Judah God is known; his name is great in Israel. His abode has been established in Salem, his dwelling place in Zion.”

GOD IS GLORIOUS ABOVE ALL.

Psalm 76:3 – 6, “There he broke the flashing arrows, the shield, the sword, and the weapons of war. Selah. Glorious are you, [O God,] more majestic than the mountains full of prey . . . At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both rider and horse lay stunned.”

Psalm 76:10, “Surely the wrath of man shall praise you; the remnant of wrath you will put on like a belt.”

GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER ALL.

GOD IS TO BE FEARED BY ALL.

Psalms 76:7 – 8, “But you, you are to be feared! Who can stand before you when once your anger is roused? From the heavens you uttered judgment; the earth feared and was still.”

Psalms 76:11 – 12, “. . . bring gifts to him who is to be feared . . . who is to be feared by the kings of the earth.”

GOD IS THE JUST JUDGE OF ALL.

Psalms 76:8, “From the heavens you uttered judgment; the earth feared and was still, when God arose to establish judgment.”

WE ARE INFINITELY DESERVING OF GOD’S WRATH.

WE HAVE DENIED THE GLORY OF GOD.

Romans 3:23, “All of us have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

WE HAVE DENOUNCED THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD.

WE HAVE FAILED TO FEAR GOD.

Genesis 19
Numbers 15
2 Samuel 6
Acts 5:1 – 10

WE HAVE DARED TO JUDGE GOD.

WE NEED GOD TO SAVE US FROM GOD.

AT THE CROSS, GOD EXPRESSED HIS WRATH TOWARD SIN.

AT THE CROSS, GOD ENDURED HIS WRATH AGAINST SIN.

Psalms 75
Isaiah 51
Jeremiah 25
Revelation 14

AT THE CROSS, GOD HAS ENABLED SALVATION FOR SINNERS.

Psalms 76:9, “. . . God arose to establish judgment, to save all the humble of the earth.”

TURN TODAY FROM YOUR SIN AND YOURSELF.

Psalms 76:11, “Make your vows to the LORD your God and perform them; let all around him bring gifts to him who is to be feared.”

Hosea 10:12, “Break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.”

TRUST IN JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR AND LORD.

HUMBLE YOUR HEART IN HOLY AWE BEFORE GOD.