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Psalm 74:1-2

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against the sheep of your pasture?

Remember your congregation,  
which you have purchased of old,  
which you have redeemed  
to be the tribe of your heritage!  
Remember Mount Zion,  
where you have dwelt.

Psalm 74:3

Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins;  
the enemy has destroyed  
everything in the sanctuary!

Psalm 74:4-6

Your foes have roared  
in the midst of your meeting place;  
they set up their own signs for signs.

They were like those who swing axes  
in a forest of trees.

And all its carved wood they broke down  
with hatchets and hammers.

Psalm 74:7-8

They set your sanctuary on fire;  
they profaned the dwelling place of your name,  
bringing it down to the ground.

They said to themselves,  
“We will utterly subdue them”;  
they burned all the meeting places of God  
in the land.

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Psalm 74:9-11

We do not see our signs;  
there is no longer any prophet,  
and there is none among us  
who knows how long.

How long, O God, is the foe to scoff?  
Is the enemy to revile your name forever?  
Why do you hold back your hand,  
your right hand?  
Take it from the fold of your garment  
and destroy them!

Psalm 74:12-14

Yet God my King is from of old,  
working salvation in the midst of the earth.

You divided the sea by your might;  
you broke the heads  
of the sea monsters on the waters.  
You crushed the heads of Leviathan;  
you gave him as food  
for the creatures of the wilderness.

Psalm 74:15-17

You split open springs and brooks;  
you dried up ever-flowing streams.

Yours is the day, yours also the night;  
you have established  
the heavenly lights and the sun.

You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth;  
you have made summer and winter.

Psalm 74:18-19

Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs,  
and a foolish people reviles your name.

Do not deliver the soul of your dove  
to the wild beasts;

do not forget the life of your poor forever.

Psalm 74:20-21

Have regard for the covenant,  
for the dark places of the land  
are full of the habitations of violence.

Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;  
let the poor and needy praise your name.

Psalm 74:22-23

Arise, O God, defend your cause.  
Remember how the foolish scoff  
at you all the day!

Do not forget the clamor of your foes,  
the uproar of those who rise against you,  
which goes up continually!

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“I’ll knuckle down and work harder!”

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## PRACTICAL UNBELIEF

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| – God will fail me             | He won't provide!   |
| – I will fail God (and others) | They won't forgive! |
| – I have run out of time       | It's too late!      |

If only it were all so simple!  
If only there were evil people somewhere  
insidiously committing evil deeds,  
and it were necessary only to separate them  
from the rest of us and destroy them.

But the line dividing good and evil  
cuts through the heart of every human being.  
And who is willing to destroy  
a piece of his own heart?

~Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn  
*The Gulag Archipelago*

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,  
he is a new creation.

The old has passed away;  
behold, the new has come.

All this is from God,  
who through Christ reconciled us to himself  
and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;  
that is, in Christ God was  
reconciling the world to himself,  
not counting their trespasses against them,  
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ,  
God making his appeal through us.  
We implore you on behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.

For our sake he made him to be sin  
who knew no sin,  
so that in him we might become  
the righteousness of God.

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Mark 9:24

“I believe; help my unbelief!”



1 Peter 5:6-11

Humble yourselves, therefore,  
under the mighty hand of God  
so that at the proper time he may exalt you,  
casting all your anxieties on him,  
because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:6-11

Be sober-minded; be watchful.

Your adversary the devil prowls around  
like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Resist him, firm in your faith,  
knowing that the same kinds of suffering  
are being experienced by your brotherhood  
throughout the world.

1 Peter 5:6-11

And after you have suffered a little while,  
the God of all grace,  
who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ,  
will himself restore, confirm, strengthen,  
and establish you.

To him be the dominion forever and ever.  
Amen.