Psalm 64
God’s Defense Of His Own

Intro: David is the human author of this Psalm. While we do not know when he penned it, it appears to have been before he had the power of suppression. Whatever time it would be traumatic because of the nature of his enemies, but God will come to his rescue.

I. THE WICKEDNESS OF HIS FOES.
A. Psa. 64:1-6 “Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy. 2Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity: 3Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words: 4That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not. 5They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them? 6They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep.”

B. Prayer in the face of difficulties.
1. The need for prayer in our lives.
   a. Eph. 6:18 “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints”
   b. Col. 4:2 “Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving”
   c. 1 The. 5:17 “Pray without ceasing.”
2. 1 Pet. 5:7 “Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.”
3. We are not to make God just for the adverse times of our lives but also for the good.

C. God is our protector.
1. God, the Creator of life, has the power to sustain that life.
2. Psa. 118:6 “The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?”
3. Heb. 13:5-6 “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”

D. Enemies
1. They plot.
   a. The secrecy involved.
      (1) This is the way evil men work.
      (2) They make their plans (plot) in secret so no one will know what is happening.
         (a) They cannot defend what they do so secrecy is vital.
         (b) Then they begin working their plans in secret.
      (3) The Boston/Crossroad movement worked this way for years.
   b. The encouragement (fellowship) involved.
      (1) Association is always important.
         (a) 1 Cor. 15:33 “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.” ASV “Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals.”
         (b) They build themselves up to do evil.
      (2) They plan, devise, ways of destroying the righteous.
(3) We need one another’s association to encourage each other:
   (a) In doing what God’s will.
   (b) In the attacks against us.

2. After plans are laid they openly rebel (insurrection).
   a. They pounce suddenly to catch the righteous off-guard.
   b. We have many today who rebel against the authority of the elders, the government, etc.
      (1) Heb. 13:17 “Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.”
      (2) Rom. 13:1-2 “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.”

3. They use the tongue to destroy.
   a. Notice the power of the tongue.
   b. Jam. 3:5-6, 8 “Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.... But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.”
   c. They will lie, slander, invent whatever is necessary to harm and destroy. Their speech is designed to wound and cause pain.
   d. We need to be careful:
      (1) That we do not gossip, talebearing and backbiting.
      (2) That we do not give an ear to those who would do such.

4. They have no fear (do not believe they will be caught).
   a. They think that all their secrecy will enable them to carry out their plans.
   b. They do not even fear God and His retribution.

II. THEIR OVERTHROW.

A. Psa. 64:7-9 “But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded.
   5So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away.
   6And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.”

B. God will take vengeance
   1. Rom. 12:19 “Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.”
   2. 2 The. 1:6-9 “Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;”
   3. God will avenge the righteous speedily. Luke 18:7-8 “And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with
them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”

C. **Reap what you sow**
1. Gal. 6:7-8 “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”
2. They were trying to devour the righteous. Gal. 5:15 “But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.”

D. **Result of God’s vengeance**
1. The people fear.
   a. Mat. 10:28 “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”
   b. Heb. 10:30-31 “For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”
2. They recognize it is the just judgment of God.
   a. 2 The. 1:6 “Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;”
   b. Rev. 16:7 “And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.”
3. Cause obedience to God.
   a. Ecc. 12:13-14 “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.”
   b. Heb. 12:28 “Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.”

III. **The Godly Rejoice.**
A. **Psa. 64:10** “The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.”
B. **Rejoice.**
1. Phi. 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.”
2. They have been delivered from the hands of the evil.
   a. There is mutual rejoicing.
   b. Rom. 12:15 “Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.”
3. We have been delivered from sin.
C. **Their faith is strengthened (trust in God is stronger).**
1. They will realize that God does not turn His back on us.
2. Heb. 13:5-6 “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”

Conclusion: What comfort can be gained in knowing that God will be with us and fight against our foe. Heb. 13:5-6 “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such
things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. "So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Let us not be fearful because we know that right will prevail.