Psalm 74

Ut quid, Deus?

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O GOD, wherefore art thou absent from us so long: why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of thy pasture? 2. O think upon thy congregation:

whom thou hast purchased and redeemed of old. 3. Think upon the tribe of thine inheritance: and mount Si-on, wherein thou hast dwelt. 4. Lift up thy feet, that thou mayest ut-terly destroy ever-y en-emy: which hath done evil in thy sanctu-ary. 5. Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy congregations: and set up their banners for tokens. 6. He that hewed timber afore out of the thick trees: was known to bring it to an ex-cellent work. 7. But now they break down all the carved work thereof: with ax-es and hammers. 8. They have set fire up-on thy holy places: and have de-filed the dwelling- place of thy Name, even un-to the ground. 9. Yea, they said in their hearts, Let us make havock of them al-together: thus have they burnt up all the houses of God in the land. 10. We see not our tokens, there is not one prophet more: no, not
one is there among us, that understandeth any more. 11. O God, how long shall
the adversary do this dishonour: how long shall the ene-my blaspheme thy
Name, for ever? 12. Why withdrawest thou thy hand: why pluckest thou not thy
right hand out of thy bosom to consume the enemy? 13. For God is my King of
old: the help that is done upon earth he doeth it himself. 14. Thou didst
divide the sea through thy power: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in
the waters! 15. Thou smitest the heads of Leviathan in pieces: and gavest him
to be meat for the people in the wilderness. 16. Thou broughtest out fountains
and waters out of the hard rocks: thou driedst up mighty waters. 17. The
day is thine, and the night is thine: thou hast prepar-ed the light and
the sun. 18. Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made sum-
mer and winter. 19. Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy hath rebuked:
and how the foolish people hath blasphemed thy Name. 20. O de liver not the
soul of thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the enemies: and forget not the
congregation of the poor for ever. 21. Look upon the covenant: for all the earth
is full of darkness and cruel habitations. 22. O let not the simple go away
ashamed: but let the poor and needy give praise unto thy Name. 23. Arise, O
God, maintain thine own cause: remember how the foolish man blasphemeth
thee daily. 24. Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the presumption of
them that hate thee increaseth ever more and more. Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is
now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen