

Songs for Summer

THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 83

A Song. A Psalm of Asaph. O God, do not keep silence; do not hold your peace or be still, O God! ² For behold, your enemies make an uproar; those who hate you have raised their heads. ³ They lay crafty plans against your people; they consult together against your treasured ones. ⁴ They say, "Come, let us wipe them out as a nation; let the name of Israel be remembered no more!" ⁵ For they conspire with one accord; against you they make a covenant-- ⁶ the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites, ⁷ Gebal and Ammon and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; ⁸ Asshur also has joined them; they are the strong arm of the children of Lot. Selah

⁹ Do to them as you did to Midian, as to Sisera and Jabin at the river Kishon, ¹⁰ who were destroyed at En-dor, who became dung for the ground. ¹¹ Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna, ¹² who said, "Let us take possession for ourselves of the pastures of God." ¹³ O my God, make them like whirling dust, like chaff before the wind. ¹⁴ As fire consumes the forest, as the flame sets the mountains ablaze, ¹⁵ so may you pursue them with your tempest and terrify them with your hurricane! ¹⁶ Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek your name, O LORD. ¹⁷ Let them be put to shame and dismayed forever; let them perish in disgrace, ¹⁸ that they may know that you alone, whose name is the LORD, are the Most High over all the earth.

Next Week: Psalm 84

July 11, 2021

TALK SHEET

1. Describe some current circumstances that would make people think God is silent or holding his peace. (1)
2. In verse 3, God's people are called his "treasured ones." Can we use that label for the church? If so, how does it change the way you feel about yourself? Explain.
3. Verses 9-11 have some historical people. Do a quick search on their names and read their stories? What stands out to you?
4. In your own words, what is his prayer request in verses 13-15?
5. What effect does the emphasis on "shame" in the last three verses have on you? What does shame add to this prayer?
6. Pray using the opening petition. "God do not be silent..."