

Reading Through Psalm - My Thoughts and Comments

Psalm 21: 9; 11-12; 13

New International Version

At the time of your appearing you will make them like a fiery furnace. In his wrath the Lord will swallow them up, and his fire will consume them.

The Message

*With a fistful of enemies in one hand and a fistful of haters in the other,
You radiate with such brilliance that they cringe as before a furnace.*

For the first time in the presentation of the Psalms, the scripture deals with the anger of God (or wrath). God can be jealous as the Bible indicates and can also be angry. When the Hebrews worshiped idols, God was mad; when a married couple lied to the church about their tithe, God was mad; and where there is evil, God is mad.

If you hate something, the thought or sight of it can make you mad or angry; and God hates evil - so should we! **Though evil remains with us and even in us at times, God is ever present to be right to wrong, to turn evil into good, and hate into love.** Each of us must make a decision and perform the action to trust in God - to receive Jesus as Lord. In making this decision and receiving Jesus as Lord, we then begin to clearly understand and recognize evil where ever it occurs.

Though they plot evil against you and devise wicked schemes, they cannot succeed...

*All their evil schemes, the plots they cook up, have fizzled—every one.
You sent them packing; they couldn't face you.*

Though evil is present in the world and among people, Jesus offers a "way of escape" or a means by which evil can be identified and treated; but we must trust God in such matters that, while evil still exists and is present, the power of God is greater and will ultimately succeed... and evil will be no more.

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Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength; we will sing and praise your might.

Show your strength, God, so no one can miss it. We are out singing the good news!

In trusting in God that his power is unmatched and his love being endless, **we are set free - free from the result of sin, or death.** Praise God that there is a way over death through Jesus Christ.

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