



Psalm 79

Communal Lament complaining that the nations have defiled the Temple in Jerusalem and murdered the holy people, leaving their corpses unburied.

David observes that the righteous God tests minds and hearts. He knows what every person is thinking and He discerns the thoughts and motives of every person's heart. (Psalm 139:1,3, 23-24: I Samuel 16:7).

In Chronicles, it is said that Asaph was a descendant of Gershon the son of Levi and he is identified as a member of the Levites. He is also known as one of the three Levites commissioned by David to be in charge of singing in the house of Yahweh.

Prayer: End the Evil of Those who are Wicked.

I come to you for protection. O Lord my God. Save me from my persecutors—rescue me! End the evil of those who are wicked and defend the righteous. Psalm 7:1, 9-11

God had not abandoned Asaph because of Asaph's sin of envying the wicked. He was still with Asaph. Their relationship had not been severed. Asaph felt as if he'd almost fallen away from faith because of bitterness (Psalm 73:2), but God did not let him fall.

Psalm 79 is titled A Psalm of Asaph, though it was clearly written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonian armies.

Meaning of Psalm 79:9: Giving Praise and Glory to God.

Psalm 79:8 Commentary That God would not remember against them their former iniquities.

The mercy of God is rich plenteous, and abundant ; many are the acts, and manifold the instances of it: and there is a heart of compassion, and a tenderness expressed in it: and which is free, and comes before the merits of man, goes before them and is not caused by them and the phrase denotes the early and timely.

What is concise in Psalm 79?

God's own people defiled it by their sins, therefore he suffered their enemies to defile it by their insolence. They desired that God would be reconciled. Those who desire god's favor as better than life, cannot but dread his wrath as worse than death.

79:11 Those who persist in ignorance of God and neglect of prayer, are the ungodly. How unrighteous soever men were, the Lord was righteous in permitting them to do what they did.

Main theme: God's vengeance upon those who have trashed His people.

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