

Daily Encouragement from Gordon – Saturday 13th June

Psalm 76

1 God is renowned in Judah;
in Israel his name is great.
...and in Roundhay!

2 His tent is in Salem,
his dwelling-place in Zion.

... again, this is two-fold. God dwells in heaven but also in his body, the church.

3 There he broke the flashing arrows,
the shields and the swords, the weapons of war.

David's war was physical. Ours is spiritual. God is always the victor.

4 You are radiant with light,
more majestic than mountains rich with game.

Word pictures try to show the glory of God. He is more wonderful than we can imagine!

5 The valiant lie plundered,
they sleep their last sleep;
not one of the warriors
can lift his hands.

6 At your rebuke, God of Jacob,
both horse and chariot lie still.

7 It is you alone who are to be feared.

There is only one creator God, maker and sustainer of all things. He only died for our salvation, and has become our heavenly father. And he is Judge and Lord for eternity.

Who can stand before you when you are angry?

8 From heaven you pronounced judgment,
and the land feared and was quiet –

9 when you, God, rose up to judge,
to save all the afflicted of the land.

10 Surely your wrath against mankind brings you praise,
and the survivors of your wrath are restrained.

11 Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfil them;
let all the neighbouring lands
bring gifts to the One to be feared.

His name is great amongst us, so we long for others to know him too.

12 He breaks the spirit of rulers;
he is feared by the kings of the earth.

The Sovereignty of God is cause for praise. It assures us he is in control. It encourages us to be bold in serving him. It makes us want to share him with others.

While there are aspects we don't understand, what we do understand means we can trust him totally.

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