

## God my comforter (psalms 94)

Message 8: [You are my anchor series](#).

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### Introduction

In [the previous message](#) of this “You are my Anchor” series, I covered that God disciplines or chastens the child he loves and this discipline is often through suffering or hardship.

**That message was great news**, because as I explained, painful as discipline is, it has the purpose of humbling you and the scriptures say: *God stands against the proud, but favors the humble. James 4: 6 (CEB)*. This means God’s discipline protects you from becoming his enemy while positioning you to receive his favor – his grace, blessing, anointing, protection, and ETERNAL LIFE.

**Now here is even better news** - while we are going through hardship or affliction, for example those of our brothers and sisters experiencing persecution in countries like India and Pakistan, God actually comforts us and the holy scriptures say:

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. (2 Cor. 1:3-4)*

God is not only the “Father of mercies” – which means he shows us compassion or forgiveness when we deserve PUNISHMENT but as the “God of ALL comfort” he is our ultimate comforter – teaching us what comfort is, so that we can extend the same comfort to those who need it – for example those who mourn.

This is not the only place where we see the Lord as a comforter of his people, many other scriptures show us this for example:

*Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed. Isaiah 40: 1-2 (NIV).*

*The Lord upholds all those [of His own] who fall and raises up all those who are bowed down. Psalm 145: 14 (AMP).*

*The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. Isaiah 61: 1-3 (NIV).*

In the message the Lord has given me for you, I am however speaking about a particular way in which God can be our comfort – **when we are attacked by enemies.**

What happens when you are suffering because evil people are attacking you? How do you find comfort during such a time?

God has given us the gift of Psalm 94. It is a prayer to God for justice. We are asking for God's judgment to fall on our enemies.<sup>1</sup> In praying for this justice, we receive comfort from God that vengeance is not ours – but his to repay.

### Psalm 94

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is a God who avenges.

O God who avenges, shine forth.

<sup>2</sup>Rise up, Judge of the earth;

pay back to the proud what they deserve.

**Verses 1-2.** Right from the start – when we are angry, we can trust that God is a God who avenges, it is one of his characteristics. So, we can call on him to come and judge on our behalf, to pay back the proud – who are attacking us the humble. How do we know God avenges? God himself said it, when ALL his glory passed before Moses, he said this about himself:

*maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.” Exodus 34: 7 (NIV).*

Because God himself has said he does not leave the guilty unpunished, we can confidently pray “*Rise up judge of the earth – pay back the proud!*”

<sup>3</sup>How long, LORD, will the wicked,  
how long will the wicked be jubilant?

<sup>4</sup>They pour out arrogant words;  
all the evildoers are full of boasting.

<sup>5</sup>They crush your people, LORD;  
they oppress your inheritance.

<sup>6</sup>They slay the widow and the foreigner;  
they murder the fatherless.

<sup>7</sup>They say, “The LORD does not see;  
the God of Jacob takes no notice.”

**Verses 3-7.** In these verses, the psalmist is laying out before God the cry of the righteous against the wicked:

1. The wicked use cruel words to cut and oppress the heart of the innocent;
2. They mistreat the vulnerable – showing no compassion for those who should be protected. How many stories have you heard of the powerful who steal the land of the poor?
3. They are boastful and think they will never be punished – that is why they say “The Lord does not see.” This is the case with many oppressors today, under the spirit of the Antichrist: they persecute Christians, mistreat the poor, burn

down our Churches and even kill others. Because they have power, they feel they are immune from suffering and because God is long suffering and does not punish immediately, they think he does not see what they do and this is what makes them arrogant but the next verses of Psalm 94 show they are fools!

- <sup>8</sup> Take notice, you senseless ones among the people;  
you fools, when will you become wise?  
<sup>9</sup> Does he who fashioned the ear not hear?  
Does he who formed the eye not see?  
<sup>10</sup> Does he who disciplines nations not punish?  
Does he who teaches mankind lack knowledge?  
<sup>11</sup> The LORD knows all human plans;  
he knows that they are futile.

- <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the one you discipline, LORD,  
the one you teach from your law;  
<sup>13</sup> you grant them relief from days of trouble,  
till a pit is dug for the wicked.  
<sup>14</sup> For the LORD will not reject his people;  
he will never forsake his inheritance.  
<sup>15</sup> Judgment will again be founded on  
righteousness,  
and all the upright in heart will follow it.

- <sup>16</sup> Who will rise up for me against the wicked?  
Who will take a stand for me against  
evildoers?  
<sup>17</sup> Unless the LORD had given me help,  
I would soon have dwelt in the silence of  
death.  
<sup>18</sup> When I said, "My foot is slipping,"  
your unfailing love, LORD, supported me.  
<sup>19</sup> When anxiety was great within me,  
your consolation brought me joy.

**Verses 8-11.** These verses are showing us that God is not like us. Most of us when we see an injustice for example, we seek to act immediately. God is not like us. The scriptures say: *"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways. Isaiah 55: 9.*

What this calls for is patience and a realization that just because God is silent or does not seem to act, does not mean he doesn't see the persecution or doesn't hear the cries of the innocent, he is the creator – he is OMNIPRESENT and he judges things at the right time.

**Verses 12-15.** These are verses that open the understanding for the righteous. They teach us to realize that even if we are suffering at the hands of the wicked – it is not in vain. We start to realize that even suffering has a purpose - God uses it to discipline us and in the process we learn God's character. In times of discipline, God is teaching us patience - to wait on him for when he acts, when he will finally grant us relief from the days of trouble.

**Verses 16-19.** These are verses which help you see God my comforter. Even when the wicked stand up against me, I do not fight for myself – God does it - HE STANDS up for me. He helps me when the wicked lay a trap to trip me. The Lord holds me when I slip. As if that is not enough, he not only helps me with the outside enemy. He helps me with the inside enemy – my fears. Hallelujah and Praise be to God my comforter who doesn't leave me in fear, he consoles me in my suffering and consoles me with joy. No wonder the scriptures say: *"The joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8: 10.*

- <sup>20</sup> Can a corrupt throne be allied with you—  
a throne that brings on misery by its decrees?  
<sup>21</sup> The wicked band together against the  
righteous  
and condemn the innocent to death.  
<sup>22</sup> But the LORD has become my fortress,  
and my God the rock in whom I take refuge.  
<sup>23</sup> He will repay them for their sins  
and destroy them for their wickedness;  
the LORD our God will destroy them.

**Verses 20-23.** These verses are showing the end of the matter.

Because God is good -and the scriptures say a *good tree cannot bear bad fruit (Matthew 7: 18)*, it means God who is good can never be on the side of bad and so because of that, all those who are wicked will be defeated by God the just judge. He is the one who is my fortress for when the wicked try to destroy me, it's not me they are fighting against, they are fighting against God's son and God protects his family. The Lord once warned Egypt:

*I told you, "Let my son go, so he may worship me." But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son.'" Exodus 4: 23 (NIV).*

God my father and my comforter WILL DESTROY anyone who holds his child captive and so you too can take comfort from my experience and knowing this you can take comfort when you hear the Lord Jesus' words to all you who are suffering:

*Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5: 11-13 (NIV).*

Amen!

### **The Message Jesus wants me to pass on to you**

When our Lord Jesus was on this earth and was about to leave his disciples to die on the cross, they were heartbroken and sorrowful. To console them, he promised them ANOTHER comforter like him. He told them:

*If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever. John 14: 15-16 (KJV).*

This comforter is the promised Holy Spirit whom all those of us who put their hope in God received when we repented of our sins and believed in the Lord Jesus. This Jesus, my Lord and my God came to this earth and he became like us human beings. He even experienced sorrow, for example when he was going to die on the cross – his heart was so full of sorrow. Thanks be to God – his father who sent an angel to strengthen him and even when he eventually died, God didn't leave him in the

grave for 3 days later, by the power of the Holy Spirit – the comforter, Jesus was raised from the dead and is now seated at the right hand of God his father and he is ever interceding for those who put their trust in him. Do you want someone to intercede for you? Who better than our Lord, God my comforter?

If you want to receive the Father of all Comforts in your life, pray this prayer to become a Christian:

*"God of heaven, I confess that I am a sinner and have been one since birth, but I have heard that you can make me new, and you sent your son Jesus to die for me. He rose again and it is he who can give me his Holy Spirit. Please forgive me and welcome me into your Kingdom, teach me how to follow you. In Jesus' name, Amen."*

Lord Jesus come – Maranatha!

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<sup>i</sup> <https://bible-studys.org/psalm-94/>