

**PSALMS**  
**Book Three**  
**Psalms 75**

***For the director of music. [To the tune of] "Do not Destroy." A Psalm of Asaph. A song.***

**1. We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks, for Your Name is near; men tell of Your wonderful deeds (*"amazing, surpassing"*). (Prv 18:10)**

- a. You say, "I choose the appointed time; it is I who judge uprightly" (e.g., Is 11:1-5).
- b. When the earth and all its people quake (*"softens, melts, dissolves"*), it is I who hold its pillars firm (Col 1:17, Her 1:3).
- c. To the arrogant (*"proud, boastful"*) I say, 'Boast no more,' and to the (*"wicked/ungodly"*), 'Do not lift up your horns. (1 Sam 2:2-4; Ps 27:2, 94:1-11, Prov 3:31-35)
  - Do not lift your horns against heaven (*"on high," i.e., arrogantly, self-importantly* etc.);
  - do not speak with outstretched neck (*"arrogant, unrestrained pride, contempt"*).

**2. No one from the east or the west or from the desert (*south*) can exalt a man. But it is God who judges:**

- a. He brings one down, He exalts another. (Ps 46, 49, 2 Sam 5:11-12)
- b. In the hand of the LORD is a cup full of foaming wine mixed with spices.
  - He pours it out, and all the wicked of the earth drink it down to its very dregs.
  - As for me, I will declare this forever; I will sing praise to the God of Jacob.
  - I (the LORD?) will cut off the horns of all the wicked, but the horns of the righteous will be lifted up.

***God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble***  
**James 4:6**

***Do you thank God for being who He is, for His faithful love that sustains us, for His judgments, for His perfect will? "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thess 5:18***

***Do you understand that He opposes the arrogant, proud and ungodly? He wants us to love Him and our neighbor and to be gracious toward others. If we don't, He can and will "regulate." Those He loves He disciplines. Heb 12:4-12***

## Psalm 75

Vs 1: "We give thanks to You for Your Name is near..." His name reveals Him and His works to men. Consider some of the names of God and what they tell us about Him:

<i>Jehovah (Yahweh) Jireh (The LORD will provide)</i>	<i>Jehovah Shammah (The LORD is There)</i>
<i>Jehovah Nissi (The LORD my Banner)</i>	<i>Jehovah Tsidkenu (The LORD our Right.)</i>
<i>Jehovah Shalom (The LORD send Peace)</i>	<i>Most High</i>
<i>El (God)</i>	<i>Fear of Isaac</i>
<i>Lahai Roi - (the Living One Who Sees Me)</i>	<i>Jehovah / Yahweh- (I Will Be What I Will Be)</i>
<i>El Elyon - God Most High</i>	<i>El Shaddai - (God Almighty)</i>
<i>Judge</i>	<i>Living One</i>
<i>Lord of Lords</i>	<i>LORD of LORDS</i>
<i>Holy One of Israel</i>	<i>Heavenly Father</i>
<i>Eternal</i>	<i>Almighty</i>
<i>Father of Lights</i>	<i>Spirit</i>
<i>Son</i>	<i>Son of God</i>
<i>Counselor</i>	<i>Willing Spirit</i>
<i>Holy Spirit</i>	<i>Eternal Spirit</i>
<i>Power of the Highest</i>	<i>Spirit of Adoption</i>
<i>Spirit of Christ</i>	<i>Spirit of Counsel</i>
<i>Spirit of Power</i>	<i>Spirit of Holiness</i>
<i>Spirit of Glory</i>	<i>Spirit of God</i>
<i>Spirit of Grace</i>	<i>Spirit of the Lord God</i>
<i>Spirit of Might</i>	<i>Spirit of Prophecy</i>
<i>Spirit of Understanding</i>	<i>Spirit of the Son</i>
<i>Adam</i>	<i>Advocate</i>
<i>Alpha and Omega</i>	<i>First and the Last</i>
<i>Beginning and the End</i>	<i>Messiah</i>
<i>Apostle of our Profession</i>	<i>Arm of the LORD</i>
<i>Author and Perfecter of our Faith</i>	<i>Consolation of Israel</i>
<i>Capstone</i>	<i>Creator</i>
<i>Rising Son</i>	<i>Christ of God</i>
<i>Jesus</i>	<i>Lamb of God</i>

Asaph praised Him for who He is and what He does - His name (He Himself) is near! And people tell of His wonders ("extraordinary, powerful, marvelous - i.e., supernatural). He is amazing.

Vs 2: "When I choose the appointed time.." (or "When I shall receive the congregation"). God is the one who sets the days/times for judgement. He and He alone (2 Pet 3:1-9). And He judges with equity/uprightness.

Vs 3: When everything is shaken, He is our Rock. See Psalm 46 and Luke 6:46-49. He created all things and holds them together.

Vs 4-6: The boastful and wicked are not to promote themselves or exert their supposed power, exalting themselves against others or treating them with contempt. "Horn" here means strength.

Vs 7: Promotion/exaltation comes from God. David recognized this (2 Sam 5:11-12)

Vs 8: Mankind will "drink" the judgment appointed for them - to the dregs. He works in/through all things to achieve His will (Ps 11:5-7, Ps 60:3, Jer 25:12-38). Judgment rests with God alone.

Vs 9-10: The text is unclear at this point - either the psalmist is committing to uphold God's judgements or (As I think likely), the LORD is again speaking.