

Psalms – A Lament

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Introduction

Turn

Trust

Complain

Ask

Next Week – Psalm 45 – Pastor Jude

Psalm 44 ESV

To the choirmaster. A Maskil of the Sons of Korah.

¹ O God, we have heard with our ears,
our fathers have told us,
what deeds you performed in their days,
in the days of old:
² you with your own hand drove out the
nations,
but them you planted;
you afflicted the peoples,
but them you set free;
³ for not by their own sword did they win the
land,
nor did their own arm save them,
but your right hand and your arm,
and the light of your face,
for you delighted in them.
⁴ You are my King, O God;
ordain salvation for Jacob!
⁵ Through you we push down our foes;
through your name we tread down those
who rise up against us.
⁶ For not in my bow do I trust,
nor can my sword save me.
⁷ But you have saved us from our foes
and have put to shame those who hate
us.
⁸ In God we have boasted continually,
and we will give thanks to your name
forever. *Selah*
⁹ But you have rejected us and disgraced us
and have not gone out with our armies.
¹⁰ You have made us turn back from the foe,
and those who hate us have gotten spoil.
¹¹ You have made us like sheep for slaughter
and have scattered us among the
nations.
¹² You have sold your people for a trifle,
demanding no high price for them.

¹³ You have made us the taunt of our
neighbors,
the derision and scorn of those around us.
¹⁴ You have made us a byword among the
nations,
a laughingstock among the peoples.
¹⁵ All day long my disgrace is before me,
and shame has covered my face
¹⁶ at the sound of the taunter and reviler,
at the sight of the enemy and the
avenger.
¹⁷ All this has come upon us,
though we have not forgotten you,
and we have not been false to your
covenant.
¹⁸ Our heart has not turned back,
nor have our steps departed from your
way;
¹⁹ yet you have broken us in the place
of jackals
and covered us with the shadow of
death.
²⁰ If we had forgotten the name of our God
or spread out our hands to a foreign god,
²¹ would not God discover this?
For he knows the secrets of the heart.
²² Yet for your sake we are killed all the day
long;
we are regarded as sheep to be
slaughtered.
²³ Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?
Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!
²⁴ Why do you hide your face?
Why do you forget our affliction and
oppression?
²⁵ For our soul is bowed down to the dust;
our belly clings to the ground.
²⁶ Rise up; come to our help!
Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast
love!