

The Treatment of the Righteous

Psalm 94:12-23

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I. The LORD trains His people. *Psalm 94:12*

"Chastening is the evidence of the Father's love. Satan wants us to believe that the difficulties of life are proof that God does not love us, but just the _____ is true." (Wiersbe)

- I always think about the LORD's correction as being similar to a parent _____ a child from running out in front of a bus because they failed to look both ways before crossing the street.

II. God's rest and protection. *Psalm 94:13-15*

"As Christians, we understand there is no rest for the soul _____ from Christ." (Hughes) **1 John 4:18-19**

- People who received **rest** are those who not only heard the Gospel that was preached, but also mixed it with _____!

The LORD will protect and give His followers _____ **rest, even before** He finally comes back and sets up His kingdom.

III. God's comfort. *Psalm 94:16-19*

When you feel like your footing in life is giving out, reach out to the _____ One who understands you and is ready to offer His grace and mercy in your time of need. ***Psalm 103:13***

- Not only does the LORD use trials and correction to grow us, but He also uses our experiences to equip us to be able to offer _____ to others who experience the same trials we have.

IV. The LORD defends His people. *Psalm 94:20-23*

"The ancient world groaned under such _____ of the sanctity of Law and the modern world is not free from them." (Maclaren)

- The closer we get to the End Times, the more the _____ of the world toward God's people will become evident. **2 Peter 3:3-4**

V. Practical Application.

Those who place their trust in the LORD look to Him and are confident He is our _____ - _____ help in times of trouble. ***Psalm 46:1-2***

- *"Never become satisfied with religious activity rather than a personal, vibrant, and growing _____ with Jesus Christ."* (Blackaby) ***Romans 8:31-37***

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read ***Psalm 94:12***. Discuss some ways we can be corrected by the LORD. *What is the difference between punishment and discipline? Why do we resist the chastening from the LORD?*
Proverbs 3:11-12, Isaiah 53:6, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 12:3-11
2. Read ***Psalm 94:13-15***. *What is spiritual rest that we receive from the LORD? When can we access spiritual rest? What is the promise for God's people during the End Times within these verses?*
Psalm 37:28, Matthew 25:33-41, Hebrews 4:1-2, 1 John 4:18-19
3. Read ***Psalm 94:16-19***. *What would life be like if you didn't know the LORD? Discuss some time from your past when you felt your footing slip out from underneath you, but the Lord was there to catch you. What does the LORD expect us to do after He comforts us?*
Psalm 103:13, 2 Corinthians 1:3-5, Ephesians 6:13
4. Read ***Psalm 94:20-23***. *Why does the world hate God's people? How can we prepare to represent Him well during persecution?*
John 15:18-19, Ephesians 6:10-18, 1 Peter 4:12-14, 2 Peter 3:3-4
5. Discuss the quote from Henry Blackaby, *"You may be tempted to turn to substitutes. These substitutes aren't necessarily bad things. They might include serving in the church, doing good deeds, or reading Christian books. Never become satisfied with religious activity rather than a personal, vibrant, and growing relationship with Jesus Christ."*
6. Discuss the Practical Application of the sermon.
Psalm 46:1-2, Romans 8:31-37