Psalm 75
God Humbles the Proud but Exalts the Righteous.
A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.
We give thanks to You, God, we give thanks,
For Your name is near;
People declare Your wondrous works.
2 “When I select an appointed time,
It is I who judge fairly.
3 The earth and all who inhabit it are unsteady;
It is I who have firmly set its pillars. Selah
4 I said to the boastful, ‘Do not boast,’
And to the wicked, ‘Do not lift up the horn;
5 Do not lift up your horn on high,
Do not speak with insolent pride.’”
6 For not from the east, nor from the west,
Nor from the desert comes exaltation;
7 But God is the Judge;
He puts down one and exalts another.
8 For a cup is in the hand of the Lord, and the wine foams;
It is well mixed, and He pours out of this;
Certainly all the wicked of the earth must drain and drink its dregs.
9 But as for me, I will declare it forever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
10 And He will cut off all the horns of the wicked,
But the horns of the righteous will be lifted up.

Paul’s observations and insights

We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions

- What questions were provoked within you?
- Did anything confuse you?
- Did anything move you emotionally?
- Did God instruct you to do something?
- Did you gain any insight into God’s character?

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1. How does God bring us into humility?

2. Do you like to say nice things to God’s face?

3. What is God’s Name?

4. What are the wonderful works of God?

5. How hard is it to wait for God to judge the wicked?

6. Will there be any miscarriage of justice in God’s judgement?

7. What makes someone unsteady in what they do?

8. What does ‘the pillar’ God has set represent?

9. Is it possible to take charge of ourselves and not do what we are doing?

10. Asaph said to the enemy, ‘do not boast’

11. ‘Do not lift up your horn’.

12. What is it to express ‘insolent pride’?

13. What is it to ‘exalt’ someone?

14. How hard will it be for God to send those He loves into hell?

15. How might God put someone down?

16. How might God lift someone up?

17. The ‘cup in the hand of the Lord’, is to say judgement is imminent.

18. For God to poor out His judgement, is for Him to pass sentence upon a person.

19. Drinking God’s judgement, is to accept His judgement is deserved and due.

20. How do you become wicked?

21. Singing empowers - how does it do that?

22. Making a reference to Jacob, is to look to God to uphold the Jacob blessings.

23. The idea of cutting someone off is to cast them out of God’s presence.

24. The horn is your own representation as to who you are.

25. What does God look like?

Take Home

- This a hymn expressing confidence in God.

- Even when arrogant worldly powers threaten security.

- God Himself declares, ‘I will not fail to judge the wicked’, but it will be in His own time. Even when there has been an upsurge in evil and the whole moral order of the world crumbles.

- God’s promises still guarantee stability.
- The term Horn is a symbol of strength and the basis for personal boasting.
- The arrogant foolishly boast in themselves and what they can do.
- God is the one who lifts the horn of the righteous.
- The cup of foaming wine conveys judgment, God is the one who will judge the wicked.
- He even compels the wicked to drink up every drop of His wrath.
- The Christians cup of judgment has been taken away by Christ’s sacrificial death.
- The wise person trains themselves up, in order to look at trials and tribulation from God's perspective.
- Gods’ intention for all His Children is to bless them for all of eternity.