

Sermon Outline

When God Seems to be Asleep

Psalm 44

Introduction: Does God sleep? (Mt 8:23-27, Ps 121:4, Is 40:28)

Context: Order of the Psalter (Ps 42, 43)

The death of King Josiah (2 Chr 35:20-25)

I. Exposition of Psalm 44

vss. 1-3: Remembering God's mighty acts in ages past

vss. 4-8: God's mighty acts communicated from one generation to the next (Deut 4:1-9)

vss. 9-16: *Yet* – a radical shift in tone and content

God is the primary cause of the nation's suffering

vss. 17-22: Israel claimed innocence

vss. 23-26: A corporate plea for deliverance

II. Application:

1. Regularly rehearse the mighty acts of God (Rom 15:4)
2. Communicate God's mighty acts to the next generation
3. The need for Psalm 44 (Job, Eccl, etc.) in the Canon for us to understand the reality of life
4. Does God-ordered suffering have a place in your theology?