

# O God Why Have You Cast Us All Away?

PSALM 74 - Ninehouse

Major



1. O God, why have you cast us all a - way? —  
 2. Re - mem - ber your own peo - ple, those you love, —  
 3. Do not for - get Mount Zi - on, where you dwelt;  
 4. O God, your foes with loud and an - gry roars —  
 5. They bold - ly set your ho - ly house a - blaze,  
 6. We see no signs; we have no proph - ets left, —  
 7. How long, O God, will en - e - mies yet scoff? —



O why have we for - ev - er been re - ject-ed?  
 your her - it - age, your cho - sen con - gre - ga - tion,  
 draw near to its per - pet - ual des - o - la - tions.  
 right in your tem - ple raised their hea - then ban - ners,  
 de - filed the dwell - ing of your name so glo - rious.  
 not e - ven one by whom your word is spo - ken.  
 Will the re - vil - ing of your name cease nev - er? —



Why do you leave your sheep all un - pro - tect-ed —  
 by you re - deemed and saved from con - dem - na - tion  
 See the de - struc - tion which the hos - tile na - tions  
 de - stroyed your house with hatch - ets and with ham - mers,  
 They boast - ed that their might would be vic - to - rious  
 Is then the bond with you for - ev - er bro - ken?  
 Will you hold back your strong right hand for - ev - er? —



and — let your an - ger smoke from day to day?  
 in — your good pleas - ure, shown from heaven a - bove.  
 brought on the place where once your peo - ple knelt.  
 and — smashed the carv - ings that were there be - fore.  
 and — burned each place where you re - ceived our praise.  
 How — long shall we of com - fort be be - reft?  
 With - draw it from your bos - om. Cut them off!

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8. Yet you, O God, my King from days of old,  
throughout the earth worked wonders of salvation.  
The sea you split wide open for your nation  
and broke the heads of dragons fierce and bold.

9. The heads of proud Leviathan you crushed,  
its flesh as food on desert beasts bestowing.  
You, LORD, broke open fountains ever-flowing  
and dried up streams where mighty waters rushed.

10. Yours is the day, yours also is the night;  
sun, moon, and stars have you set in the heavens.  
To all the earth you boundaries have given;  
the seasons you established by your might.

11. Remember, LORD, the scoffing of your foes;  
hear how your name is taunted by the wicked!  
Yield not your dove to beast of field and thicket;  
do not forget your children in their woes.

12. Look to the covenant! Hold it in regard,  
for terror reigns in all the land's dark places.  
Let the downtrodden not endure disgraces,  
and may the needy praise your name, O LORD.

13. Rise up, O God, rise and defend your cause.  
Ignore the taunting of your foes no longer;  
do not forget their shouts of raging anger,  
the uproar which continues without pause.