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COMMUNITY CHURCH

"Lament for a Defeated People"

Psalm 44

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Confidence in God (44:1–3)

For the choir director. A Maskil of the sons of Korah.

¹ O God, we have heard with our ears,

Our fathers have told us

The work that You did in their days,

In the days of old.

² You with Your own hand drove out the nations;

Then You planted them;

You afflicted the peoples,

Then You spread them abroad.

³ For by their own sword they did not possess the land,

And their own arm did not save them,

But Your right hand and Your arm and the light of Your presence,

For You favored them.

Confidence in God (44:4–8)

⁴You are my King, O God; Command victories for Jacob.

⁵Through You we will push back our adversaries;

Through Your name we will trample down those who rise up against us.

⁶For I will not trust in my bow, Nor will my sword save me.

⁷But You have saved us from our adversaries,

And You have put to shame those who hate us.

⁸In God we have boasted all day long,

And we will give thanks to Your name forever. Selah.

Complaint to God (44:9–12)

**⁹ Yet You have rejected us and brought us to dishonor,
And do not go out with our armies.**

**¹⁰ You cause us to turn back from the adversary;
And those who hate us have taken spoil for themselves.**

**¹¹ You give us as sheep to be eaten
And have scattered us among the nations.**

**¹² You sell Your people cheaply,
And have not profited by their sale.**

Complaint to God (44:13–16)

**¹³ You make us a reproach to our neighbors,
A scoffing and a derision to those around us.**

**¹⁴ You make us a byword among the nations,
A laughingstock among the peoples.**

**¹⁵ All day long my dishonor is before me
And my humiliation has overwhelmed me,**

**¹⁶ Because of the voice of him who reproaches and reviles,
Because of the presence of the enemy and the avenger.**

Confession of Fidelity (44:17–22)

**¹⁷ All this has come upon us, but we have not forgotten You,
And we have not dealt falsely with Your covenant.**

**¹⁸ Our heart has not turned back,
And our steps have not deviated from Your way,**

**¹⁹ Yet You have crushed us in a place of jackals
And covered us with the shadow of death.**

**²⁰ If we had forgotten the name of our God
Or extended our hands to a strange god,**

²¹ Would not God find this out?

For He knows the secrets of the heart.

**²² But for Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.**

Cry for Deliverance (44:23–26)

²³ Arouse Yourself, why do You sleep, O Lord?

Awake, do not reject us forever.

²⁴ Why do You hide Your face

And forget our affliction and our oppression?

²⁵ For our soul has sunk down into the dust;

Our body cleaves to the earth.

²⁶ Rise up, be our help,

And redeem us for the sake of Your lovingkindness.





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