

# Psalms 74:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually.

## Analysis

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**Forget not the voice of thine enemies** (אַל-תִּשְׁכַּח קוֹל צִרְיֶיךָ, al-tishkach kol tzorerekha)—Shakach means forget, ignore; kol is voice, sound; tzorerekha means your enemies, adversaries. **The tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually** (שִׁעוֹן קָמֶיךָ עֲלֶיךָ תָמִיד, she'on kamekha oleh tamid)—She'on is uproar, tumult, din; oleh means rising, ascending; tamid means continually, perpetually.

Psalm 74 is an Asaph psalm lamenting the temple's destruction (likely by Babylon in 586 BC). The enemies mocked God's name (v. 10), desecrated his sanctuary (vv. 3-7), and their arrogance grows daily. "Forget not" is urgent petition: "Don't ignore their blasphemy!" The escalating tumult demands divine intervention. This psalm teaches that God's people may appeal to his honor when their own cause seems lost.

## Historical Context

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The Babylonian destruction of Solomon's temple was Israel's greatest catastrophe. The sanctuary where God's glory dwelt was burned, the ark lost, priesthood disrupted, and people exiled. Psalm 74 captures this trauma, crying out for God to remember his covenant and vindicate his name.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. When injustice or blasphemy seems to escalate unchecked, how do you maintain faith in God's justice?
2. How does appealing to God's honor (not just our comfort) transform our prayers for intervention?
3. What does this verse teach about God's patience with blasphemers and his eventual vindication?

## Interlinear Text

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אֶל H408	תִּשְׁכַּח H7911	קוֹל H6963	צִרְיָהּ H6887	שָׂא וְ H7588	קוֹמ יָב H6965
	<b>Forget</b>	<b>not the voice</b>	<b>of thine enemies</b>	<b>the tumult</b>	<b>of those that rise up</b>
	עַל הַ H5927	תָּמִיד: H8548			
	<b>against thee increaseth</b>	<b>continually</b>			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 37:29** (Parallel theme): Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

**Psalms 65:7** (Parallel theme): Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.