

## **BEING THANKFUL FOR THE JUDGE**

### **PSALM 75**

Introduction:

We do not normally associate judgment and thanksgiving. The people of Israel had evidently experienced a demonstration of divine judgment that left them with a song of gratitude. It may have been the judgment that fell on the army of Assyria when they besieged Jerusalem during the reign of Hezekiah. There were a number of occasions in the history of the people of God that could have become the occasion for the thanksgiving.

In this hymn of gratitude the judgment of the Judge of all the earth is celebrated. It is an appropriate hymn for the church in every age. God is still the Judge of all the earth and of all men.

The words of the hymn can be understood of those divine moments in history where God acts in judgment, or they can be viewed prophetically of the final Day of Judgment that awaits all men.

- I. BECAUSE GOD JUDGES SOVEREIGNLY.
- II. BECAUSE GOD JUDGES RIGHTEOUSLY.
- III. BECAUSE GOD JUDGES REDEMPTIVELY.