

2025-03-08 Meditation for Saturday after Ash Wednesday is now available at: <https://pgimf.org/meditations/>

[The opening theme song with a poetic paraphrase begins:]

Ich bete an die Macht der Liebe,
O Pow'r of love, all else transcending,
Die sich in Jesu offenbart;
In Jesus present evermore,
Ich geb' mich hin dem freien Triebe,
I worship thee, in homage bending,

Psalm 75

Lyrics: Translated by Myles Coverdale (1488-1569)

Music: Myles Birket Foster (1851-1922)

Artists: The Choir of Lincoln Cathedral, Colin Walsh (organ), Aric Prentice (dir.)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qph_hCGduM

Psalm 75

[The psalmist gives thanks to God:]

- 1 Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks; * yea, unto thee do we give thanks.
- 2 Thy Name also is so nigh; * and that do thy wondrous works declare.

[The psalmist speaks from God's perspective:]

- 3 When I receive the congregation: * I shall judge according unto right.
- 4 The earth is weak, and all the inhabitants thereof: * I bear up the pillars of it.
- 5 I said unto the fools, Deal not so madly; * and to the ungodly, Set not up your horn.
- 6 Set not up your horn on high, * and speak not with a stiff neck.

[We return to the psalmist's perspective: Even if the ungodly look to themselves and everywhere else for 'promotion', it won't be found. Only God is in charge.]

- 7 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, * nor yet from the south.

8 And why? God is the Judge; * he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

9 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; * it is full mixt, and he poureth out of the same.

10 As for the dregs thereof, * all the ungodly of the earth shall drink them, and suck them out.

11 But I will talk of the God of Jacob, * and praise him for ever.

[The psalmist possibly speaks once again from God's perspective:]

12 All the horns of the ungodly also will I break, * and the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

[Closing words to our theme song:]

O! dass diess jeder Sünder wüsste,

O! that every sinner would know this,

Sein Herz wohl bald dich lieben müsste.

His heart must soon surely love You.

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