

## IN PRAISE OF GOD'S PROXIMITY IN SPITE OF OUR PROBLEM WITH PRIDE

**INTRO:** *The Psalms were Israel's inspired hymnal. We don't know the tunes to which they were sung, but like any worship song, the words are the most important feature. Christians may be comforted in knowing that God is always **near**, but do they also recognize the inherent problem with His nearness? Psalm 75 addresses the important and pernicious issue of **pride**.*

- I. Christians are blessed to have a God who is \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_ (1).**  
*Knowing that God is always near to us is a true blessing. He knows our joys and sorrows, answers prayer, and fights against our enemies.*
- II. God's \_\_\_\_\_ means that He is an attentive \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (2-8).** *Pride is the basis for all sin, and God hates pride (Cf. Proverbs 6:16-19; 16:18; 29:23).*
- III. Pursue \_\_\_\_\_ before the \_\_\_\_\_ Judge of human \_\_\_\_\_ (9-10).** *If God will judge our enemies for their pride, will not God, because of His nearness, discipline His beloved children when they demonstrate the same attitude?*
- A. \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*All of us will be tempted in this area (Cf. Genesis 3:6; Matthew 4:5-7; 1 John 2:15).*
- B. \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*We need others to lovingly confront us in this error, and we should not be defensive (Cf. Proverbs 27:6).*