

## Psalm 93 Confidence in catastrophe



In the midst of turmoil – which this psalm obviously includes – it is all too easy to start our prayer with our problems. But this psalm, which, helpfully, is undated and therefore of very general application, first starts with a reminder of what will never change: the person and character of God himself. Everything else might be very fluid, but *here* is dependable security.

### ➤ **The foundation to build upon (1-2)**

Several times in this psalm, thoughts are repeated and extended, for dramatic effect. But even the initial claim, that *the Lord reigns*, is huge. And yet ... is that more difficult to believe when the world is in its current crisis? What is this verse insisting we understand *and believe*?

And the various crises that might assault us ... is it ever going to be “the end of the world”? Does the end of v1 link with Genesis 8:21-22?

Does the world's “established” (1) depend upon *God's* “established *from of old*”, and “from everlasting” (2)?

### ➤ **And now for the problem (3)**

“Floods” is literally “rivers”, but the “roaring” could be the sound of torrents in flood, or the *pounding* of the waves of the sea. What have you been ... or are you being ... or could you be ... *pounded* with? Isn't it just normal and sensible to be scared? So what should you do?

### ➤ **Now, let's compare (4)**

How does this help, *practically*?

### ➤ **And therefore ...? (5)**

So there is more to God than mere might. What else?

And there is more to God than merely accurate knowledge. If his “decrees” (or “testimonies”) are trustworthy ... shouldn't we *trust* them? And so on ...

So think through the various aspects of what you know about God. Are there implications of each of these for our lives?