

*O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again.*

*Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.*

*Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment. (Psalms 60)*

He is displeased, not with His faithful remnant, but with this wicked generation of God-deniers. He has not cast us off in reprobation, but in His accompanying power in our preaching and witnessing. He "does not go out with our armies." We still love Him and serve Him (not perfectly, of course), but with no less zeal, heart and purity than we did when He blessed our labors more with conviction of sinners.

What shall we then do? We shall keep the Banner (that which marks us as Bible-believing, God-fearing Christians) high - in the sun and in the breeze - because it is truth, and that the elect shall be saved. And we will entreat Him to turn to us again when this day is past. It is the same God Who shall surely bring us through to triumph.

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