

# Bible Study

## Quick recap

Michael led a Bible study discussion focused on Psalm 76, exploring themes about fearing God and understanding His true power and authority. He shared personal reflections about how humans often follow their preferences rather than God's will, using examples of racial prejudice he experienced growing up and connecting this to broader societal divisions among Christians. The conversation emphasized how people fear earthly authorities like presidents and kings more than the Creator who can control all things, including natural forces like the sun and weather. Michael prayed for repentance and a deeper understanding of God's greatness, acknowledging humanity's tendency to disrespect and question God while fearing created things more than their Creator.

## Next steps

### Michael

- Check on Kenny after the meeting, as he hasn't heard from him in a couple of days. 📅

## Summary

### Following Preferences vs True Faith

Michael shared his thoughts about how following personal preferences can contradict true faith, using an example from his past about racial prejudice among Christians. He discussed how even missionaries who travel internationally might be following their own preferences rather than God's will, and highlighted how Americans claim to be Christians while still being divided by preferences. The conversation concluded with Michael sharing a prayer he had in the shower about surrendering to God's will rather than following personal preferences.

### God's Power and Divine Judgment

Michael discussed a scripture passage about God's power and judgment, drawing parallels between God's control over natural forces and the way people would alter their behavior in response to visible dangers like bears in the woods. He reflected on how people often don't consider God's presence in the same way they would avoid potential danger from wildlife, emphasizing the scripture's message about God's overwhelming power and the futility of human defense systems against divine judgment.

## **Fearing God vs Human Authorities**

Michael discussed a biblical lesson about fearing God rather than human authorities, using the example of Nebuchadnezzar to illustrate how even powerful leaders are subject to God's will. He reflected on how people often respect earthly leaders more than the divine creator, questioning whether this represents disrespecting God's authority. The conversation ended with Michael challenging others to consider who they truly fear and respect in their lives.

## **Prayer for Divine Reverence**

Michael led a prayer where he expressed repentance for humanity's fear of creation while failing to fear its creator. He acknowledged human ignorance and asked for help in giving God the reverence and fear that is due. The prayer concluded with a request to see God for who He truly is.