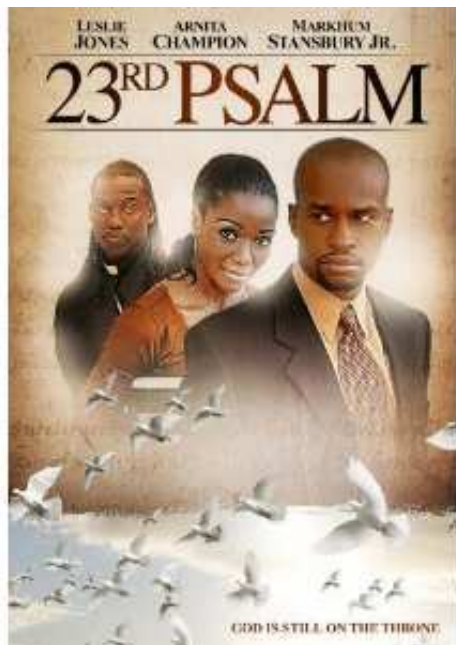


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A jaded, alcoholic detective, a homeless blind man, a harried ship-owner, a frustrated, greedy Pastor and a cynical doctor collide when someone murders a prostitute named Jessie [Arnita Champion]. Usually a film with in-your-face religious messages immediately turns me off. *23rd Psalm*'s layered Detective John Smith [Markhum Stansbury Jr.] and the drama surrounding Jessie's murder drew me in. As he battles his cravings for alcohol, Detective Smith's visions of Jessie provide momentum for solving the case. Initial interviews don't yield much information. Could there be hidden motivation to esteemed members of the community? The shop-owner, Pastor and doctor exhibit disdain for Jessie and her street walking ways. Detective Smith finds out that she'd embraced religion/ God and become known as the "Angel of the streets" for her healing powers. Of course without all the scripture quotations, religious hymns and prophesying, *23rd Psalm* would be a better movie.

Starring: Arnita Champion, Mister Jones, Fredrick Burns, Markhum Stansbury Jr.

Written and directed by: Christopher C. Odom

Studio: Vendetta Filmworks

Rating: PG-13

Running time: 88 minutes

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