

PSALM 7

In this Psalm David cries out to God against the unjust attacks of one Cush, a Benjamite. The time frame isn't given to us. Some believe that it was during the time that David was on the run for king Saul, but that cannot be certain. What is certain is that David was being slandered and was feeling oppressed. How many times in our own lives have others misunderstood or misrepresented us and caused us distress? David went to His Lord, God Most High. Who do we turn to?

1. David's plea for deliverance

- a. God was his refuge (He was the focus of David's confidence) - Prv 18:10
- b. He asked for rescue from his pursuers, who like a lion might tear him to pieces.
Life can look bleak now and then. Who is your refuge?

2. David cries out against the false accusations of his foe.

- a. He had been accused if doing evil to him who was at peace with him.
- b. He had been accused of robbing ("plundering") an enemy for no cause.
- c. David swears his innocence in the matter (If guilty, let my enemy overtake me...").
When you are slandered or misunderstood, on whom do you lean?

3. David calls on God to rise up and confront his enemies

- a. He calls on god to decree justice (judgment). (Rom 12:9-21/Lk 6:27-36 justice is His, our part is to trust Him and love our neighbor as ourselves).
- b. He pictures God in the midst of the congregation (assembled people's)
 - He asks God to render judgment (whose right it is alone to judge - Jas 4:11-12).
 - And he asks to be judged himself in accordance with his integrity and righteousness. Note that David wasn't sinless, just innocent of the accusations leveled against him. That is all he claimed here.
- c. He trusted God' omniscience and justice (Jer 17:9-10).
 - To cause an end to the violence of the wicked.
 - To make the righteous secure (Rom 8:28-39).

3. David declared his dependence upon God. Most High

- a. His Shield and Savior of the upright ("straight, correct, righteous). (Ps 1:6)
- b. The righteous Judge who deals with sin on a daily basis. Either way, he was determined to leave things in God's hands - e.g., 1 Sam 24, 26.
 - If things didn't change soon, David was confident that God would act.
 - God is powerful to render judgment, his weapons always ready.
- c. Those who plot and foment evil will ultimately entrap themselves.

David closes with a statement of thanksgiving and praise to The Lord Most High

