

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

MY DEFENSE IS OF GOD

PSALMS 7

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¹⁰ *My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.*

Introduction:

Bible historians tell us this psalm was written by David as the result of slander from Cush the Benjamite.

Probably he was the one who accused David to Saul of treason and caused the heart of Saul to become enraged.

Note:

1 Samuel 24:9

⁹ *And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?*

1 Samuel 26:19

¹⁹ *Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If the LORD have stirred thee up against me, let him accept an offering: but if they be the children of men, cursed be they before the LORD;*

for they have driven me out this day from abiding in the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Go, serve other gods.

David felt like he was being crushed by this man Cush.

Remember:

- Believers can be Battled by Others
- Believers can be Betrayed by Others
- Believers can be Belittled by Others

Note:

1. HIS PAINFUL INDICTMENT (VS. 1-2)

Psalm 7:1-2

¹ O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me: ² Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.

Notice:

A. David's Trust – *"O Lord my God, in thee do I put my trust"*

- In spite of the somber mood of this psalm, David quickly proclaimed that he had found comfort in God.
- Certainly the only way we can make it when people falsely accuse us is to place our trust in the Lord.

Notice not only David's Trust but also:

B. David's Trouble – *“Save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me”*

- David's cry to God is one for rescue and deliverance from the enemy.
- The word “persecute” literally means to pursue or to run after with hostile intent.
- David felt as though he was the prey of a vicious enemy.
- Sometimes we can feel as though the devil is hot on the trail – such was the feeling of David.

Notice not only David's Trust and Trouble but also:

C. David's Tearing – *“Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver”*

- David likened his enemy to a lion who could pounce and tear hi to pieces.
- Certainly our enemy is like a lion that walks about seeking whom he may devour; but we should that in this passage David had a certain person in mind.
- People too can and will hurt us – literally crushing us to pieces.

Note not only “His Painful Indictment” but also:

2. HIS PRESUMED INNOCENCE (VS. 3-5)

Psalm 7:3-5

³ O LORD my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands; ⁴ If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy:) ⁵ Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah.

Note:

A. He Carefully Examined His Ways – *“If I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands; If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me...”*

- David did what we all need to do when we are falsely accused; he examined his life to see if there was anything he did to bring the evil.
- None of us are perfect, and there are two sides to every battle.
- What made David a man after God’s own heart was his willingness to see his failures and do what he needed to do to get things right.
- If David was at fault, he wanted the enemy to find him, fight him, and finish him.

Psalm 7:5

⁵ Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah.

Note not only “His Painful Indictment” and “His Presumed Innocence” but also:

3. HIS POWERFUL INTERVENTION (VS. 6-10)

Psalm 7:6-10

⁶ Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded. ⁷ So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for

their sakes therefore return thou on high. ⁸ The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me. ⁹ Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins. ¹⁰ My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

Note:

A. The Lord Discerns

- The Lord knows who is at fault and vengeance belongs to Him
- We shouldn't take the judgment of God into our own hands – He judges fairly.

B. The Lord Defends – *“My defense is of God”*

- Though David was being crushed he knew that the Lord was indeed his defense.
- The Lord is our refuge, our high tower, our shield, our buckler, and the horn of our salvation.
- If God be for us who can be against us?

Close:

Our enemies will go to great lengths to aggravate, accuse, and assault our testimony. When we are feeling crushed we should place our trust in the Lord, knowing that He can and will defend us during such moments of great spiritual pressure.