

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

THE SHADOW OF THY WINGS

PSALMS 17

Text: Psalms 17:8

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⁸ *Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,*

Introduction:

In this Psalm David is praying. He is fleeing from Saul.

In his prayer we see what we should be seeking from God.

Note what David prays for.

1. HEAR ME

Psalm 17:1

¹ ***Hear the right***, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

Three time in this one verse he asks the Lord to hear him.

Notice verses 2-4

Psalm 17:2-4

² *Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.* ³ *Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.*

⁴ *Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.*

David had been falsely accused, but he would not attempt to defend himself before men. He simply rested his case before Heaven.

He looked to the Lord and said, "Lord, hear me."

Note not only did David pray for the Lord to hear him but also for the Lord to:

2. HOLD ME

Psalm 17:5

⁵ ***Hold up my goings in thy paths***, that my footsteps slip not.

David says, "Whatever it takes to keep me in Thy paths, hold me.

Are we willing to allow the Lord for God to hold us.

We live in a world that is out of hand and out of bounds.

We live in a world that is unleashed.

Of course, God ultimately hold the reigns of the universe in His hands, but if you read Romans chapter one, the Bible says He comes to a place where He gives people up.

He gives them up to a reprobate mind.

We are living in the kind of world.

We will not fear when we know that the Lord is holding us.

If we allow Him to hold us in place, to hold our goings, we will have so much less to apologize for and ask forgiveness for in this life.

No doubt David thought about fighting back

He was a brave man, a warrior, a valiant man, so he knew he had to pray, "Lord not only hear me, but hold me."

Notice lastly he prayed for the Lord to:

3. HIDE ME

Psalm 17:8

⁸ Keep me as the apple of the eye, **hide me under the shadow of thy wings,**

Note Colossians 3

Colossians 3:1-3

¹ *If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.* ² *Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.* ³ *For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.*

The Bible teaches us that every believer is hidden with Christ in God.

We can pray “Lord hide me somewhere where no one can find me.”

There is no geographical place of safety; this is not a matter of geography.

David was praying “Lord, hide me in Thee. Protect me.”

Note the last verse in this chapter.

Psalm 17:15

¹⁵ As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

David realized that we will never really be completely satisfied until we stand in the presence of the Lord.

The greatest life to live is the Christian life, but there is no full and final satisfaction until we see the face of the Lord.