

Series: Pathway Throught the Psalms

# LORD, WHO IS LIKE UNTO THEE

## PSALMS 35

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Introduction:

Psalms 35 is another prayer of David. Certainly we can deduct from the Psalms that David was a man of prayer.

Could that be part of the reason that David was considered a man after God's own heart?

In this prayer David appeals to God to send judgment upon the enemies of God, and the persecutors of His righteous people.

We certainly see a proper pattern for us to follow as well.

How often do we try to take things out of God's hands and take measures ourselves?

We must remember: When we face the wrath of man for living a godly life, they are not opposing us, they are opposing God.

Note verse 7:

***Psalm 35:7***

*<sup>7</sup> For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul.*

David didn't take matters into his hands he asked God for help.

Remember:

***Romans 12:19***

*<sup>19</sup> Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*

In this prayer though David asks God to take care of his enemies, in reality David was praying that God would take care of the enemies of God.

Note:

# 1. DAVID'S PETITION

David petitions the Lord for three things.

Notice

## A. David's Plea

### ***Psalm 35:1***

*<sup>1</sup> Plead my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.*

We see the desperation in David's words.

David had absolutely no one except the Lord to turn to.

He turned to God to plead his case.

David was pleading for assistance.

David knew he could not match the strength of his enemies so he pled with the Lord for assistance.

Notice not only David's plea but also:

## B. David's Protector

### **Psalm 35:2-3**

*<sup>2</sup> Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help. <sup>3</sup> Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.*

The reason many people do not call upon God is because they do not have a clear picture of God.

Note David's description:

David sees God as a great Warrior, who could protect him.

David know that God was able to protect him and so he asks God to protect him.

Remember:

### **James 4:2**

*<sup>2</sup> Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet **ye have not, because ye ask not.***

How we think of the Lord makes a big difference in the way we call upon God.

David was going through one of his most trying times in his life.

During that time David saw God as a Warrior who was able to protect him.

Notice not only David's Plea and Protector but also:

### C. David's Plan

So often when Christians pray, they are so vague in the prayers that they do not know what they want from God.

Note David's the 7 specifics in his Petition

#### ***Psalm 35:5-8***

<sup>5</sup> ***Let them be as chaff*** before the wind: ***and let the angel of the LORD chase them.*** <sup>6</sup> ***Let their way be dark and slippery:*** and ***let the angel of the LORD persecute them.*** <sup>7</sup> *For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul.* <sup>8</sup> ***Let destruction come upon him at unawares;*** and ***let his net that he hath hid catch himself:*** ***into that very destruction let him fall.***

These things that David asked for may seem malicious or harsh, but it's because we cannot feel the pain and duress he was feeling.

We are only bystanders, reading of the trial.

It is easy for us to judge David as being harsh when we don't feel any of the pain he felt.

Illustration:

A family member who is murdered. It may disturb us, but the family wants retaliation.

Notice David's Plea, Protector, and Plan but also:

#### D. David's Pleasure

#### ***Psalm 35:9***

*<sup>9</sup> And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.*

Note David's reaction when God does what David ask.

Also note David's joy was not in the suffering of his enemies.

His joy was in the Lord, Who took care of him.

We should never find joy in the destruction of others, but in the salvation given to us.

Note verse 10:

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David rejoiced in the Lord of justice.

Close:

David provides us with an example when things become troubling.

He didn't take matters into his hands he placed them into God's hands.

David saw God as his protector, able to protect him from his enemies.

When we pray let's pray with specifics.

And when God grants our petition may we be joyful in the Lord's salvation, protection, and provisions, not in the judgment and destruction of others.