

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

VICTORY OVER FEAR

PSALMS 64

Text: Psalms 64:1

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¹ *Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: **preserve my life from fear** of the enemy.*

Introduction:

Most bible scholars tend to agree that the context of this psalm is either when David was betrayed by Doeg (1 Samuel 21) or when Ahithophel joined Absalom's rebellion against David (2 Samuel 15-17).

Either way, David is overwhelmed with the spirit of fear and seeks God for victory over this paralyzing, dreadful emotion.

Note:

1. THE PETITION OF FEAR (VS. 1-2)

Psalm 64:1-2

¹ Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy. ² Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:

Note David's petition:

A. A Petition to Hear (vs. 1)

Psalm 64:1

¹ Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

The word "hear" means to incline toward someone with intellectual understanding.

Voice implies an audible cry – to call aloud, to proclaim loudly.

David was in travail as he prayed to God.

Note not only this petition to hear but also:

B. A Petition to Help (vs. 1)

Psalm 64:1-2

¹ *Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: **preserve my life** from fear of the enemy.*

The psalmist wants the support to hold him up in spite of the attacks of the enemy.

Not only does the psalmist want to be held up in the attack but to hold up under circumstances that can create fear.

Fear is a formidable problem and we need God's help during these times.

Note not only this petition to hear and help but also:

C. A Plea to Hide (vs. 2)

Psalm 64:2

² ***Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked;** from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:*

David ask for God to shelter or hide him:

He desired for the Lord to hide him from:

- The Counsel of the Wicked

Those who were talking behind his back.

This serves as a good example for us to follow.

When we become to subject of discussion behind our back we should make our plea to the Lord not become spiteful or vengeful.

He also desires to be sheltered or hid from:

- The Conspiracy of the Wicked

Psalm 64:2

² Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; **from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:**

This insurrection action involves a noisy and large crowd of people revolting against the king.

Note not only The Petition of Fear but secondly:

2. THE PERSECUTION OF HIS FOES (VS. 3-6)

Psalm 64:3-6

³ *Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words: ⁴ That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not. ⁵ They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them? ⁶ They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep.*

The persecution of the psalmist is great, and he describes a number of things that bring a peril upon him in his troubles.

Note:

A. Their Speech (vs. 3)

Psalm 64:3

³ *Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words:*

Most often the wicked use a wicked tongue to aid their cause.

The psalmist compares their tongue to a sword and arrows in the injury their tongue causes.

Note not only their speech but also

B. Their Secrecy (vs. 4-5)

Psalm 64:4-5

⁴ *That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.* ⁵ *They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them?*

Evil advances itself often by secret actions.

Most often evil would not succeed if it did not conceal itself.

Many disguises are used to deceive people and keep evil objectives concealed.

Note not only their speech and secrecy but also:

C. Their Suddenness (vs. 4)

Psalm 64:4

⁴ That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: **suddenly do they shoot at him**, and fear not.

The effectiveness of evil is contributed to their suddenness.

This suddenness keeps one from preparing ahead of time to stop the evilness.

Note not only their speech, secrecy and suddenness but also:

D. Their Snares (vs. 5)

Psalm 64:5

⁵ *They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of **laying snares privily**; they say, Who shall see them?*

The wicked put out traps to ensnare the righteous thinking no one will see them and therefore the traps will be most effective.

Note not only their speech, secrecy, suddenness and snares but also:

E. Their Searching (vs. 6)

Psalm 64:6

⁶ ***They search out iniquities**; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep.*

Those who are evil do much research to come up with the best and most clever weapons to use in their attack on the righteous.

Wicked people invent a host of different ways to inflict injury on the righteous.

Note not only The Petition of Fear; and The Persecution of His Foes but lastly:

3. THE PROTECTION FROM HIS FRIEND (7-10)

Psalm 64:7-10

⁷ But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded. ⁸ So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away. ⁹ And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing. ¹⁰ The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

Note in this:

A. The Guarding of God (vs. 7-8)

Psalm 64:7-8

⁷ But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded. ⁸ So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away.

God intervened in David's fight and fear.

It's interesting that the enemy had arrows but God had only one arrow.

One arrow from God can destroy the multitude of arrows from the enemy.

If God be for us who can be against us.

Note not only the guarding of God but also:

B. The Gladness from God

Psalm 64:9-10

⁹ And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing. ¹⁰ The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

The fear that David once was experiencing is now turned to gladness.

Close:

Fear is a real emotion that often hinders and cripples us.

But God is able to take care of the enemy and replace fear with gladness.