

DELIVER ME O LORD

PSALMS 140

Text: Psalms 140:13

Psalms 140:1

¹ Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;

Introduction:

David reflects upon the perils that befall him because of his enemy, probably Saul, and He trusts in the protection of God.

Notice:

1. DAVID'S PRAYER REGARDING THE UNRIGHTEOUS (VS. 1-11)

A. What they do (vss. 1-5)

Psalms 140:1-5

¹ Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man; ² Which imagine mischiefs in *their* heart; continually are they gathered together *for* war. ³ They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison *is* under their lips. Selah. ⁴ Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings. ⁵ The proud have hid a snare for me, and

cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. Selah.

1. They imagine mischief in their heart
2. They gather together for war
3. They have sharp tongues
4. Poison is in their mouth
5. They try to ensnare David

B. What they deserve (vss. 6-10)

Psalms 140:6-10

⁶I said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD. ⁷O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle. ⁸Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; *lest* they exalt themselves. Selah. ⁹*As for* the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them. ¹⁰Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

1. Not to meet their desires
2. Not to further their devices
3. Let the mischief of their lips cover them

4. Burn them by coals of fire, be cast into the fire

5. Be thrown into deep pits

2. DAVID'S PRAYER REGARDING THE RIGHTEOUS (VS. 140:12-13)

A. The Recognition (vs.12)

Psalms 140:12

¹² I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, *and* the right of the poor.

1. The Lord will secure justice for them

2. The Lord will protect the rights of the poor

B. The Results (vs. 13)

Psalms 140:13

¹³ Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

1. Praise

2. Presence