

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

NO MAN CARED FOR MY SOUL

PSALMS 142

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Introduction:

David has been promised good things, but hasn't received them yet. Been ordained of God by the Prophet Samuel He is to be King of all Israel to have power, influence, wealth, a life of comfort, servants to wait on him.

For nearly 20 years he has had the promise one day David will be king! But.... Saul is still king, not only that, Saul is MAD. Anything sets him off. Not only is Saul mad but he is also jealous. Because of this David is on the run hiding in a cave for his life.

He is living in a cave with a band of 400 men, most of which were people that no one wanted around, those in debt, and discontented.

That brings us to the situation we have read about in our Text.

Sermon Content:

1. DAVID'S CONDITION (VS 1)

Psalm 142:1

¹ I cried unto the LORD with my voice; with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication.

A. Dark Days

1. Dreams vanished
2. Promise of God appeared broken

B. Dangerous Times

1. Saul is after his head

C. Deserted

1. Lonely

We consider not only David's Condition but secondly:

2. DAVID'S CRY (VS 2-6)

Psalm 142:2-6

² I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble. ³ When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me. ⁴ I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul. ⁵ I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living. ⁶ Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

A. Speaks of His Distress (vs 2)

B. Seeks for Deliverance (vs 6)

We consider David's Condition and Cry but note thirdly:

3. DAVID'S CONFIDENCE (VS 7)

Psalm 142:7

⁷ Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

Application:

1. There are many today who are in darkness, looking to the right and the left but no man cares for their soul.

Acts 26:15-18

¹⁵ And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. ¹⁶ But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; ¹⁷ Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, ¹⁸ To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

1 Peter 2:9

⁹ But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew

forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

2. Someone has to care.

Ezekiel 3:15

¹⁵ Then I came to them of the captivity at Telabib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days.

Matthew 9:36

³⁶ But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Mark 6:34

³⁴ And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

Jude 1:22

²² And of some have compassion, making a difference:

Close:

Will you be willing to care for someone's soul?