

PSALM 35 – The LORD the Avenger of His People!

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Psa 35:18 I will give You thanks in the great assembly; I will praise You among many people.

GIVE THANKS – Maranatha Music (2:25)

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (2X)
And now let the weak say, "I am strong", Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us (2X)
Give thanks (2X)*

PSALM 35 – The LORD the Avenger of His People!

This is a psalm that David wrote during the days of the persecution, possibly during the time of pursuit by King Saul, or in the days of Absalom's rebellion. It is David's powerful appeal to a righteous God to execute judgment upon the enemies of God and the persecutors of His righteous people. Be hard on them, LORD who are bad to you and to me! Be good those who are good to you and to me! David's imprecatory prayer is not only personal but prophetic. David's persecution pictures the remnant of Israel during the Tribulation period. The cry for righteous judgment will be answered when the Lord Jesus Christ comes the second time. He will execute judgment and will deliver God's elect.

PSALM 35 - A Psalm of David. Great Is the Lord

Psa 35:1 Plead my cause, O LORD, with those who strive with me; Fight against those who fight against me.

- You take up my cause.

Psa 35:2 Take hold of shield and buckler, And stand up for my help.

- Stand with me, LORD. You take up your shield and buckler. Let's go at after them, let's go get them.

Psa 35:3 Also draw out the spear, And stop those who pursue me. Say to my soul, "I am your salvation."

- Lord, be on my side now. LORD, stand with me! We're standing against these enemies and these that are fighting. Now listen what he says he wants the LORD to do.

Psa 35:4 Let those be put to shame and brought to dishonor Who seek after my life; Let those be turned back and brought to confusion Who plot my hurt.

- He wants God to confound them; to put them to shame; to turn them back and confuse them.

Psa 35:5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, And let the angel of the LORD chase them.

- He is saying, Blow them away, God! Yes! When they would thresh the wheat, they would put it on the rock, trampling on it to get the chaff off of the kernel. Then when the wind would blow, they'd throw it up in the air. They'd just take and throw handfuls up in the air and the chaff would blow away. It's light and it would just blow away in the wind. The wheat would drop back down on the rock. So, he says, Blow them away, God. I like that!
- Let the angel of the LORD chase them. Go after them.

Psa 35:6 Let their way be dark and slippery, And let the angel of the LORD pursue them.

- You notice all these let, let, let. This is what he wants the LORD to do.

Psa 35:7 For (the reason for these requests) without cause they have hidden their net for me in a pit, Which they have dug without cause for my life.

- Now he gives the reasons why he wants the LORD to do it. They've set the net over the pit. They put the leaves to camouflage it. They're trying to trap me, LORD.
- Which they have dug without cause for my life. They've dug this pit and they're trying to trap me.

Psa 35:8 Let destruction come upon him unexpectedly, And let his net that he has hidden catch himself; Into that very destruction let him fall.

- Lord, catch him in his own net! Right into that very destruction, let him fall!

Psa 35:9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD; It shall rejoice in His salvation.

- If You do this, LORD, my soul shall be joyful in the LORD! Man, You just blow them away! Let them fall in the pit and I'm just going to be back there saying, Alright, God, go for it! My soul shall rejoice in You, LORD!

Psa 35:10 All my bones shall say, "LORD, who is like You, Delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, Yes, the poor and the needy from him who plunders him?"

- All my bones, in which being my skeleton, talks about my whole being.
- shall say, "LORD, who is like You, Delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, Yes, the poor and the needy from him who plunders him? Really the forces of evil that prevail here in the United States are too strong for us. They are so well entrenched. They are so well organized, but, too often, we're not dedicated to the cause as we should be. And that's the big difference. Commitment. They're strong! They're organized, they're committed. They are in positions of power. Thus, we need the Lord! We need the Lord to deliver us

from those who are too strong for us. From those that would plunder us!

Psa 35:11 Fierce witnesses rise up; They ask me things that I do not know.

- Fierce, violent, false witnesses rise up! That's the problem, they don't care about the truth. They ask me things that I do not know. The accusations that have been made, I didn't even know about them.

Psa 35:12 They reward me evil for good, To the sorrow of my soul.

Psa 35:13 But as for me, when they were sick, My clothing was sackcloth; I humbled myself with fasting; And my prayer would return to my own heart.

- What a difference! Here they are against me, turned against me. And yet when they were sick, here I was visiting and praying for them.

Psa 35:14 I paced about as though he were my friend or brother; I bowed down heavily, as one who mourns for his mother.

- I was there, I was there to help them and to sorrow with them.

Psa 35:15 But in my adversity they rejoiced And gathered together; Attackers gathered against me, And I did not know it; They tore at me and did not cease;

Psa 35:16 With ungodly mockers at feasts They gnashed at me with their teeth.

- They've turned against me.

Psa 35:17 Lord, how long will You look on? Rescue me from their destructions, My precious life from the lions.

- Lord, how long will You look on? LORD don't just stand there. Look and do something. I like that.

Psa 35:18 I will give You thanks in the great assembly; I will praise You among many people.

- Now You get them, Lord!

Psa 35:19 Let them not rejoice over me who are wrongfully my enemies; Nor let them wink with the eye who hate me without a cause.

- The idea of my enemies saying, ha-ha, we got that guy. Winking with their eyes at each other.

Psa 35:20 For they do not speak peace, But they devise deceitful matters Against the quiet ones in the land.

Psa 35:21 They also opened their mouth wide against me, And said, "Aha, aha! Our eyes have seen it."

- That *Aha, aha*, must have been a real thing of derision. They don't have curse words in Hebrew. If they want to curse, they have to use English. But this term *Aha*, that was about as bad as you could say. If you would say, say, *Aha, aha*, it was really, it was just really about the worst thing you could say! So, David says here, they also opened their mouth wide against me, saying, *Aha, aha.*" They said that dirty word against me.

Psa 35:22 This You have seen, O LORD; Do not keep silence. O Lord, do not be far from me.

Psa 35:23 Stir up Yourself, and awake to my vindication, To my cause, my God and my Lord.

Psa 35:24 Vindicate me, O LORD my God, according to Your righteousness; And let them not rejoice over me.

- It is looking pretty bleak for David at this point.

Psa 35:25 Let them not say in their hearts, "Ah, so we would have it!" Let them not say, "We have swallowed him up."

- But let them not say in their hearts, *Ah, so would we have it*: let them not say, *We have swallowed him up*. Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together who rejoice at my hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonor that magnify themselves against me.

Psa 35:26 Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion Who rejoice at my hurt; Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor Who exalt themselves against me.

Psa 35:27 Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

- Let the others be confused and blown away. But Lord, those that are on my side, let them be glad and rejoice.

Psa 35:28 And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness And of Your praise all the day long.

- David is saying, this is what I'll do, LORD, You just get me out of this one and take care of them, blow them away and I'll just praise you, Lord, all day long. And don't wait too long, do it pretty fast here, Lord, if You don't mind.

SUMMARY:

- David is singing a song that we know too well! It is an Old Testament song, there are many truths in it.
- But in the New Testament the LORD tells us, pray for those who spitefully use you. Turn the other cheek. Go the extra mile!
- We are certainly in a greater measure of light than David was, with regard to God's grace and His forgiveness, in what He has done on our own behalf!
- We understand! We're the same kind of person that David is! But remember, hold on to this.
- ***Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!"*** "The LORD says, hold on to this! You hold on to Me! I've got you! I've got your back; your side; your front; over you; under you! That's a great thing for the LORD to say to our soul! It minimizes human activity around us. It's good thing!

CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED - Cody Carnes: (5:02)

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Were creation suddenly articulate With a thousand tongues to lift one cry
Then from north to south and east to west We'd hear Christ be magnified
Were the whole earth echoing His eminence His name would burst from sea and sky
From rivers to the mountain tops We'd hear Christ be magnified
(Chorus) **O Christ be magnified Let His praise arise** Christ be magnified in me
O Christ be magnified From the altar of my life Christ be magnified in me

When every creature finds its inmost melody And every human heart its native cry
O then in one enraptured hymn of praise We'll sing Christ be magnified (O be lifted high, Jesus) (Chorus)

I won't bow to idols I'll stand strong and worship You If it puts me in the fire I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too
I won't be formed by feelings I'll hold fast to what is true If the cross brings transformation Then I'll be crucified
with You 'Cause death is just the doorway Into resurrection life If I join You in Your sufferings Then I'll join
You when You rise And when You return in glory With all the angels and the saints My heart will still be singing
And my song will be the same. (Chorus – 2x)

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