

PSALM 55 – Trust in God Concerning the Treachery of Friends!

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Psa 55:22a Cast your burden on the LORD,

I CAST ALL MY CARES UPON YOU! – Kelly Williard, Maranatha Chorus (2:51)

*I cast all my cares upon You I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet
And any time I don't know what to do I will cast all my cares upon You
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And any time I don't know what to do I will cast all my cares upon You
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And any time that I don't know what to do I will cast all my cares upon You
I will cast all my cares upon You*

PSALM 55 - David hears that Absalom is on his way. He hears that some of his chief counselors had joined with Absalom, including Ahithophel who was sort of the prime minister. The counsel of Ahithophel was highly valued because it was as the voice of God speaking for the people, having tremendous wisdom and counsel. David had confided so often in Ahithophel. Ahithophel had guided David and been a close associate to David, but Ahithophel has joined with Absalom. We know that Ahithophel was the grandfather of Bathsheeba, so he had reason to be upset with what David had done to his granddaughter, but that doesn't make rebelling, right, against King David and its impact on Israel. It seems like the force and the strength of Israel has turned with Absalom against David. So, David again, what do you do when you are in trouble? What do you do when you are overwhelmed by your enemies? You pray!

PSALM 55 - Cast Your Burden on the Lord - To the Chief Musician. With Stringed Instruments. A Contemplation of David

Psa 55:1 . Give ear to my prayer, O God, And do not hide Yourself from my supplication.

Psa 55:2 Attend to me, and hear me; I am restless in my complaint, and moan noisily,

- He is asking God to listen, to hear and to respond. Lord, pay attention, I am in trouble. Listen to me. I need help and I mourn in my complaint. The reason for the prayer.

Psa 55:3 Because of the voice of the enemy, Because of the oppression of the wicked; For they bring down trouble upon me, And in wrath they hate me.

- *Because of the voice of the enemy*, Who happens to be of my own household, my son Absalom. *because of the oppression of the wicked*: Those that have joined in there rebellion against me.
- ***For they bring down trouble upon me, And in wrath they hate me.*** Being in the position of the public eye is a very tenuous kind of a thing because the public is so fickle. Think of those baseball heroes, the homerun hitters and how when their name is announced, and they come up to bat everybody cheers; they are expecting something to happen. You know, hit one out of the park; put the game on ice. But let one of those fellows go into a batting slump and then when their name is announced they come up to bat and everybody boo's. They want them to perform; they want them to come through. When they fail to do so the adulation turns to hatred. David was a popular king, a good king, the people where singing the praises of David, he had killed his tens of thousands but now the turning. Those who were once praising him are now speaking evil against him and hate him.

Psa 55:4 My heart is severely pained within me, And the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

- *My heart is sore pained.* These kinds of things do bring real heartache. Family problems, children who are in rebellion and a turn of events causes real heartache.
- *My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.* Absalom was determined to kill his father. He knew that as long as David was alive he could not really establish himself in the kingdom because there were those who remained loyal to David. David remained a threat as long as he was alive. It was

determined by Absalom and Ahithophel and others that David should die. David figured that he was as good as dead.

Psa 55:5 Fearfulness and trembling have come upon me, And horror has overwhelmed me.

- *Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.* At one time this would not have been such a problem to David. He was extremely brave. He had tremendous confidence in God, and he was a fearless kind of a warrior. David is now in his older years. He is not so strong, the strength of his youth has failed, and he is out of condition. Thus, he knows he is not capable of defending himself as he once was. The man of strength, the power, the confidence, the courage is filled with fear, terror and trembling.

Psa 55:6 So I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.

- *And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.* A desire to escape. This is so typical of all of us when we are facing problems that we really do not know how to cope with. There's always that inner desire to escape. If I could just escape from here, if I somehow had wings of a dove and just escape. People seek to escape in many different ways. You cannot cope with the issues of life, so you escape compulsive gambling and compulsive eating, these things are escapes.

Psa 55:7 Indeed, I would wander far off, And remain in the wilderness. Selah

- Get away from my problems, get away from my troubles, and would not find me.

Psa 55:8 I would hasten my escape From the windy storm and tempest."

- *I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.* Now David is praying.

Psa 55:9 Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues, For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

- David was not kind in his prayers towards his enemies. That is putting it mildly. He did not have the advantage of the teaching of Jesus where he said, "If your enemy smites you on your cheek, turn the other cheek." My flesh likes David's way better than the way of Jesus. My old nature desires God's judgement and wrath to fall upon my enemies. O yes, I want God to be very merciful to me, but I want Him to be wrathful in His judgement against my enemies.
- *For I have seen violence and strife in the city.* What is new?

Psa 55:10 Day and night they go around it on its walls; Iniquity and trouble are also in the midst of it.

- The city of Jerusalem is in turmoil. The city of Jerusalem is divided. Law and order has more or less ceased as the troops of Absalom are moving towards Jerusalem. It has created a divided city. There are those within the city that have sided with Absalom. There are those who have sided with David. Those who have sided with Absalom are creating civil unrest. At night they are running around creating problems, rioting.

Psa 55:11 Destruction is in its midst; Oppression and deceit do not depart from its streets.

- Now David turns his thoughts toward Ahithophel, that man who had been so close, his confidant, his companion.

Psa 55:12 For it is not an enemy who reproaches me; Then I could bear it. Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me; Then I could hide from him.

Psa 55:13 But it was you, a man my equal, My companion and my acquaintance.

Psa 55:14 We took sweet counsel together, And walked to the house of God in the throng.

- Ahithophel how could you? I thought you were a friend. It's always a troublesome thing, a sad thing, a tragic thing when someone that you had really taken into your confidence, one that you really counted as a close brother, a real friend, one that you had trusted that would stand beside you through thick or thin, when one like that turns from you to become your enemy not just to leave you but to become an enemy to you is extremely hurtful. David was pained by this. His son is in rebellion against him and his close acquaintance, notice David does not call him a friend here because he thought he was a friend, but it proves he was not a friend he was only an acquaintance, has also turned.

Psa 55:15 Let death seize them; Let them go down alive into hell, For wickedness is in their dwellings and among them.

- No prayers for mercy, Lord just wipe them out.

Psa 55:16 As for me, I will call upon God, And the LORD shall save me.

- Here again David is filled with despair, it looks hopeless. It is like when the Ziphites had reported to Saul that David was there, he called to the Lord, “Hear me Lord, attend to me, listen now” then he ends up with confidence. The Lord will help me, the Lord will be with me! I will praise the Lord. The same kind of a pattern. He pours out his soul, pours out his complaint to the Lord, and lays out this problem, the hurt and all that he feels. Then he speaks with confidence, “I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.”

Psa 55:17 Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice.

- *Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray.* He really spent all day in prayer.
- *and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.* The great confidence that David had in God.

Psa 55:18 He has redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was against me, For there were many against me.

- I have seen God’s deliverance in the past. He has delivered me. David was not at all unfamiliar with problems and trouble. Heavy scrapes but God had shown Himself faithful and had delivered him.

Psa 55:19 God will hear, and afflict them, Even He who abides from of old. Selah. Because they do not change, Therefore they do not fear God.

- They have not really had any real problems thus they do not fear God. Their lives have never really been disrupted they have never really been disturbed. It seems like things have always gone well for them and smooth; thus, they do not fear God because they have had no changes.

Psa 55:20 He has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him; He has broken his covenant.

- *He has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him; He has broken his covenant.* David was not at war, but Ahithophel put his hand against David when David was at peace with him. David loved him.
- *He has broken his covenant.* The covenant with David.

Psa 55:21 The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, But war was in his heart; His words were softer than oil, Yet they were drawn swords.

- *The words of his mouth were smoother than butter.* He speaks one thing with his mouth, smooth-flattering words with his mouth but in his heart there is something different. David realizes that now. Those that say oh, you are so wonderful you need to watch out for.
- *His words were softer than oil, Yet they were drawn swords.* They were intended to cut. Using the tongue as an instrument for cutting, his words were like a drawn sword to cut. Now David, I think, is talking to himself.

Psa 55:22 Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

- *Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you.* Family problems, a rebellious son, a burden to David. A friendship gone awry. A close confident turning himself against David. which caused David a real burden. His life is being threatened. The people, so many have turned against him. It was a real burden to the heart of David.
- The Bible tells us that we are not to be filled with cares. Jesus warns us about the cares of this life, how they could choke out fruitfulness. The cares of this life could so absorb us that we will not be ready when the Lord returns. Cast your cares upon him. Those things that are a problem, cast them on the Lord. Take your cares, according to Paul, and make them your prayers. The Lord will establish you.

Psa 55:23 But You, O God, shall bring them down to the pit of destruction; Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; But I will trust in You.

- It was true. Ahithophel was soon dead. Absalom was soon dead. Absalom was only in his forties;

Psa 55:23b - But I will trust in You.

WE WILL NOT BE SHAKEN - Bethel Music (5:33)

*For we trust in our God And through His unfailing love
We will not be shaken (3X)*

*For we trust in our God And through His unfailing love
We will not be shaken (3X)*

*Though the battle rages We will stand in the fight Though the armies rise up against us on all sides
We will not be shaken (3X)*

*For in the hour of our darkest day We will not tremble, we won't be afraid Hope is rising like the light of
dawn Our God is for us He has overcome*

*For we trust in our God And through His unfailing love
We will not be shaken (3X)*

*For we trust in our God And through His unfailing love
We will not be shaken (3X)*

*All those against Him will fall For our God is stronger He can do all things No higher name we can call
For Jesus is greater We can do all things (2x)*

*For we trust in our God And through His unfailing love
We will not be shaken (3X)*

*For we trust in our God And through His unfailing love
We will not be shaken (3X)*

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Charles Haddon Spurgeon :: Morning and Evening

May 26th — Morning Reading

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee." — Psalm 55:22

Care, even though exercised upon legitimate objects, if carried to excess, has in it the nature of sin. The precept to avoid anxious care is earnestly inculcated by our Saviour, again and again; it is reiterated by the apostles; and it is one which cannot be neglected without involving transgression: for the very essence of anxious care is the imagining that we are wiser than God, and the thrusting ourselves into His place to do for Him that which He has undertaken to do for us. We attempt to think of that which we fancy He will forget; we labour to take upon ourselves our weary burden, as if He were unable or unwilling to take it for us. Now this disobedience to His plain precept, this unbelief in His Word, this presumption in intruding upon His province, is all sinful. Yet more than this, anxious care often leads to acts of sin. He who cannot calmly leave his affairs in God's hand, but will carry his own burden, is very likely to be tempted to use wrong means to help himself. This sin leads to a forsaking of God as our counsellor, and resorting instead to human wisdom. This is going to the "broken cistern" instead of to the "fountain;" a sin which was laid against Israel of old. Anxiety makes us doubt God's lovingkindness, and thus our love to Him grows cold; we feel mistrust, and thus grieve the Spirit of God, so that our prayers become hindered, our consistent example marred, and our life one of self-seeking. Thus want of confidence in God leads us to wander far from Him; but if through simple faith in His promise, we cast each burden as it comes upon Him, and are "careful for nothing" because He undertakes to care for us, it will keep us close to Him, and strengthen us against much temptation. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee."

**PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH/PERSECUTED CHURCH; SCHOOLS; POLICE OFFICERS/MILITARY;
ISRAEL:**