

PSALM 7 – Prayer and Praise for Deliverance from Slandering Enemies!

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A SHIELD ABOUT ME – Maranatha Singers

Thou, O Lord, art a shield about me. You're my glory, You're the lifter of my head
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Psalms 7:1-17 – In You Do I Take Refuge - A Meditation (Shiggaion) Of David, Which He Sang to the LORD

Concerning the Words of Cush, a Benjamite. Even the sorest, most difficult, of evils may furnish occasion for a Psalm. What a blessing would it be if we could turn even our most disastrous event into a theme for song, and so turn the tables upon our real enemy. Luther, once said, "David made Psalms; we also will make Psalms and sing them as well as we can to the honor of our LORD, to spite and mock the devil!" The occasion, "concerning the words of Cush, a Benjamite," cannot be readily identified from the historical books; however, whoever this was or whatever the name represented, some enemy had obviously been falsely charging David (**Shimei; 2Sa 16:5; 2Sa 19:16**).

Song of the Slandered (Falsely Accused) Saint!

Vs. 1-2 David States Danger and Offers Prayer (For all who have "daggers" in their back!)

Psa 7:1 O LORD my God, in You I put my trust; Save me from all those who persecute me; And deliver me,

- All believers will receive attacks of slander from enemies during their walk with the LORD. Jesus certainly did, big time! Are we greater than our Master?

Psa 7:2 Lest they tear me (my soul) like a lion, Rending me in pieces, while there is none to deliver.

- LORD, protect me from this very dangerous situation that he is in. A very vicious attack of slander and false accusation by this man, who apparently was intent on doing considerable damage to David.

Vs. 3-5 David Avows His Innocence

Psa 7:3 O LORD my God, if I have done this: If there is iniquity in my hands,

Psa 7:4 If I have repaid evil to him who was at peace with me, Or have plundered my enemy without cause,

Psa 7:5 Let the enemy pursue me and overtake me; Yes, let him trample my life to the earth, And lay my honor in the dust. Selah (What do You think about that?)

- Notice the first thing he does. He prays! An old saying, I have rarely regretted something I didn't say! Especially when we're being slandered in that kind of situation, we need to be most careful not to repay evil for evil, for we will regret it!
- It's his way of saying, oh God, You know I'm innocent of any accusations of wrongdoing.

Vs. 6-7 David Pleads For the LORD to Arise in Judgment

Psa 7:6 Arise, O LORD, in Your anger; Lift Yourself up because of the rage of my enemies; Rise up for me to the judgment You have commanded!

- David had been anointed by Samuel to be king, but there is a whole process going on here.

Psa 7:7 So the congregation of the peoples shall surround You; For their sakes, therefore, return on high.

- LORD, will you rule over all of this?

Vs. 8-9 David's Appeal is Heard by the LORD

Psa 7:8 The LORD shall judge the peoples; Judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, And according to my integrity within me.

- Likely in his younger years, David then he calls on God to rise up and vindicate him, not for his own sake but for the sake of the people, lest this wicked man come to reign.
- He's not saying he is perfect or sinless, he's just saying he's innocent of these charges.
- We should all be able to say that. We're in a sad state if the accusations against us are true!
- **1Pe 2:20** *For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.*

Psa 7:9 Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, But establish the just; For the righteous God tests the hearts and minds (The reins, the deepest part of our being).

Vs. 10-13 The LORD Clears David and Threatens the Wicked

Psa 7:10 My defense (mawgane – my buckler, my shield) is of God, Who saves the upright in heart.

- He is not saying, if you're upright, you'll never have a problem! This is earth! That's heaven!
- The upright in heart need God to be their Buckler and Shield!

Psa 7:11 God is a just judge, And God is angry with the wicked every day.

- ***Eze 33:11 Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'***

Psa 7:12 If he does not turn back, He will sharpen His sword; He bends His bow and makes it ready.

- God wants the wicked to turn back because He loves them. He loves us! He loves you! May we not let the enemy tell us differently!

Vs. 13-16 The Slanderer is Seen in a Vision Bringing a Curse Upon His Own Head

Psa 7:13 He also prepares for Himself instruments of death; He makes His arrows into fiery shafts.

- David calls on God to bring an end to the wickedness of the wicked.
- This is not our home. We are to be salt and light!

Psa 7:14 Behold, the wicked brings forth iniquity; Yes, he conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood.

Psa 7:15 He made a pit and dug it out, And has fallen into the ditch which he made. (Like Haman)

Psa 7:16 His trouble shall return upon his own head, And his violent dealing shall come down on his own crown.

- So, he was confident that the LORD would defend him in this situation and turn the tables on this Cush the Benjamite. We're not to do bring trouble on their heads, it's to be done by the LORD

V. 17 David Retires from Trial Singing a Hymn of Praise to His Righteous God

Psa 7:17 I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness, And will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

- Here is the great lesson of the Psalm, I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness. No matter what anyone else is doing to us in our lives, God is always righteous He is always worthy of our praise!
- ***I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness, And will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High. (El Elyon -The Most High God)***
- So, the lesson of Psalm 7 here: We must never allow slander in our lives against us to ever silence our song to God and our worship of God. That's the worst thing that can happen is to think and to do: Now, we're going to fight fire with fire. We're going to get even and do the whole thing.
- ***No weapon formed against Thee shall prosper and every tongue that riseth against Thee in judgment Thou shalt condemn! Is. 54:17***

SUMMARY:

- **This is a wonderful Psalm for anyone who is slandered, falsely accused! Let the LORD defend you. Pray and praise Him as David did! LORD, I want to trust You! The righteous are never forsaken!**

YOU'RE MY GLORY - Terry MacAlmon

You're my glory and the lifter of my head. You're my glory and the lifter of my head. for Thou oh, Lord are a shield for me my glory and the lifter of my head. (repeat)

When the terror of the enemy seems to rise all around me. still I, I will not be afraid. Oh, for there is One greater. He's my shield and my defender and He will stand beside me till the death.

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