

## **PSALM 17 – Prayer With Confidence in Final Salvation!**

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### **IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL** – Bliss/Stafford – Billy Graham Crusade Choir 2:36

*When peace like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say. It is well, it is well, with my soul*

*Refrain: It is well (it is well) With my soul (with my soul) It is well, it is well with my soul*

*And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, Even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)*

### **PSALM 17 – A Prayer of David! – Hear, Hold, Hide, Deliver!**

This is a prayer thought to be offered to the Lord at a time when he was being pursued by Saul. From the style of the psalm, it would seem to be one of David's earlier psalms, where in his early life, he had a tremendous faith in God. In the earlier psalms, he is prone to ask God to look upon his righteousness and to bless him and all because of his righteousness. In the later years, after David had slipped and fallen a few times, no longer was he asking God to remember him for his righteousness' sake, but he was asking God to deal with him according to God's mercy. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

### **PSALM 17 - In the Shadow of Your Wings – A Psalm of David**

***Psa 17:1 Hear a just cause, O LORD, Attend to my cry; Give ear to my prayer which is not from deceitful lips.***

- The psalmist begins apprehensively that he may not be heard, pleading times for a hearing – ***“Hear, Attend, Give ear”!***
- ***“not from deceitful lips”*** – Lips of deceit are detestable to man and much more to God

***Psa 17:2 Let my vindication come from Your presence; Let Your eyes look on the things that are upright.***

- Having grown bold by the influence of prayer, the Psalmist now asks the Judge of all the earth to give sentence upon his case.
- He like an innocent man has no desire to escape the inquiry, but even invites and asks for judgment, not secretly by would have the results become known to all.

***Psa 17:3 You have tested my heart; You have visited me in the night; You have tried me and have found nothing; I have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.***

- It is most assuring to be able to appeal immediately to the LORD, calling upon Him, our Judge, to be a witness for our defense.

***17:4 Concerning the works of men, By the word of Your lips, I have kept away from the paths of the destroyer.***

- David is bringing forth his innocence, not that he is free from sin, but that there is a great opposition to me, a persecution of me, that isn't the result of known, deliberate sin within his life. My life and my actions are not worthy of what people are doing to me here.
- God's word is our power against temptation. It is so important that we be fortified inwardly by the word of God.

***17:5 Uphold my steps in Your paths, That my footsteps may not slip.***

- Here is the petition of David. It is a prayer of David and the prayer begins by asking God to give a correct equal judgment in the case.

***Psa 17:6 I have called upon You, for You will hear me, O God; Incline Your ear to me, and hear my speech.***

- David is praying to God for an audience that God will listen.

***Psa 17:7 Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust in You From those who rise up against them.***

- What a wonderful reminder here! God will save by His right hand those that put their trust in Him. Whenever, we try to defend ourselves for false accusations and charges, God will allow us to do that, but how limited we are in our own capability. If we will commit our defense to the Lord, He will defend us! The Lord is our defender and our shield.

***Psa 17:8 Keep me as the apple (the pupil, the little man) of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,***

- When someone gets really close, you can see your reflection as a little man. You've got to be very close to see that.

- God is going to keep him when he is very close to Him.

***Psa 17:9 From the wicked who oppress me, From my deadly enemies who surround me.***

- Hide me from the wicked who would oppress me. Many times, as David was fleeing from Saul, he was trapped. They had him. And yet the Lord delivered him.

***Psa 17:10 They have closed up their fat hearts; With their mouths they speak proudly.***

***Psa 17:11 They have now surrounded us in our steps; They have set their eyes, crouching down to the earth,***

***Psa 17:12 As a lion is eager to tear his prey, And like a young lion lurking in secret places.***

- My enemies are ready to pounce on me. They're setting ambushes for me wherever I go.

***Psa 17:13 Arise, O LORD, Confront him, cast him down; Deliver my life from the wicked with Your sword,***

***Psa 17:14 With Your hand from men, O LORD, From men of the world who have their portion in this life, And whose belly You fill with Your hidden treasure. They are satisfied with children, And leave the rest of their possession for their babes.***

- Deliver me from the kind of person who lives their life abundantly, richly, in this world, but never recognizes that that abundance comes from God.
- David is saying I would rather have virtually nothing, by comparison and have a relationship with You, than to have all of the riches that they have and not to acknowledge You as a part of that! We get more pleasure out of almost nothing the we see as a gift from God and recognized as such, than the richest gift that any person could ever have, and not to acknowledge God as the source!

***Psa 17:15 As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.***

- ***1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.***
- God is an artist working in our lives, molding, shaping, chiseling and forming us.
- David is recognizing that all of the turmoil that he is going through is worth it! That in that day to come, he will be standing in the very presence of God, seeing His face in righteousness! ***Rom\_8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.***
- Living our lives to hear that final, ***Mat. 25:21 Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.***
- This alone will satisfy David! It will satisfy us, ultimately when we see Him face to face! We need to remember, "the best is yet to come!"
- ***(2 Cor. 3:18) But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.***
- ***(1 John 3:1-3) Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. [2] Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. [3] And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

- David attributes his deliverance to the hand of God. He was trapped. He had had it. But yet the Lord delivered him. So, I will love the Lord.
- We may think what could every become of His working in us. But our lives are indeed taking shape. He is forming us into His image. What are we going to be like? Just look at Jesus.
- We will be satisfied in the glorious day when we awake in His likeness!

#### **HAVE THINE OWN WAY – Pollard/Stebbins - Maranatha Music**

*1 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.*

*Mold me and make me after Thy will, While I am waiting, yielded and still.*

*2 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today!*

*Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now, As in Thy presence humbly I bow.*

*3 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!*

*Power, all power, surely is Thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.*

*4 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway!*

*Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me.*

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