

PSALM 140 – Prayer for Deliverance from Evil Men!

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GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH – William Williams (1745)-*Tabernacle Welsh Baptist Cardiff Choir*(2:15)

*Guide me O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
Feed me now and evermore. Feed me now and evermore*

*Open Thou the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield; Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.*

Psalm 140 is another psalm of David. It is basically a prayer for God's help from the enemies of David, which he seemed to have many. The prayer is for deliverance from the evil man and preservation from the violent man. The theme is similar to many of David's other psalms, in which he cried out to God in a time of trouble. This trouble seems to be slander against him, perhaps when he was a fugitive escaping from Saul's court.

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Psa 140:1 To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. Deliver me, O LORD (YHVH, YAWEH, Jehovah), from evil men; Preserve me from violent men,

- David lived in a day of violence. There were many who sought after his soul, many who were wanting to kill him. David was attacked by Saul, Doeg, Ahithophel, Shimei, and others; even Mordecai sitting humbly in the gate had his Haman; and our Lord, the Perfect One, was surrounded by those who thirsted for his blood. We may not, therefore, hope to pass through the world without enemies, but we may hope to be delivered out of their hands, and preserved from their rage, so that no real harm shall come of their cruelty. This blessing is to be sought by prayer, and expected by faith.

Psa 140:2 Who plan evil things in their hearts; They continually gather together for war.

Psa 140:3 They sharpen their tongues like a serpent; The poison of asps is under their lips. Selah

- They were seeking to destroy David with their tongue. It's amazing how destructive our tongues can be, how sharp they can cut in another person's heart. It is always a sad thing when a person uses their tongue to cut another person to ribbons or when a person uses their tongue in gossip to destroy another person's reputation or their life. David said they sharpened their tongues like a serpent, the poison of adders' is under their lips.
- In the case of slanderers, they so literally sting with their tongues, which are so nimble in malice, and so piercing and cutting, that it is by no means unjust to speak of them as sharpened. An asp's poison is under their lips." The deadliest of all venom is the slander of the unscrupulous. Some men care not what they say so long as they can vex and injure.

Psa 140:4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; Preserve me from violent men, Who have purposed to make my steps stumble.

- *Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked,....* From falling into their hands, and the weight of them); and from their laying hands on him, being men of power and authority;
- *Preserve me from the violent men:* or men, everyone of them;
- *Who have purposed to make my steps stumble.* To supplant him; to cause him to stumble and fall, to his disgrace and reproach. That they might take an advantage of him, and an occasion against him.

Psa 140:5 The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords; They have spread a net by the wayside; They have set traps for me. Selah

- David realizes that his life is in constant jeopardy, there were those who were seeking to trap him. In those days they would entrap animals by laying out the nets over a pit and then they would put bushes and dirt and all, so you weren't aware there was a pit. The animal would come bounding along, hit the net and go into the pit and the animal would be caught or trapped. David said that they set snares and traps for me. They hid the snare and spread their nets.

Psa 140:6 I said to the LORD: "You are my God; Hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.

- Here was David's stay and hope. He was assured that Jehovah was his God, he expressed that assurance, and he expressed it before Jehovah himself. That had need be a good and full assurance which a man dares to lay before the face of the heart-searching Lord. Because He is God He can hear us; because He is our God He will hear us. So long as the Lord does but hear us we are content. The answer may be according to His own will, but we do entreat to be heard a soul in distress is grateful to anyone who will be kind and patient enough to hearken to its tale, but specially is it thankful for an audience with Jehovah. The more we consider His greatness and our insignificance, His wisdom and our folly, the more shall we be filled with praise when the Lord attends unto our cry.

Psa 140:7 O GOD (YHVH, YAWEH, Jehovah), the Lord (Adoni), the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle.

- This is the only place in the Bible where this phrase is used in the Hebrew. The GOD you notice is in all capitals. It is signifying in the translators that the word is YAWEH in the Hebrew, which is usually translated LORD in all capitals in the English Bibles. O LORD the Lord, would not fly in the translation so the put GOD in all capitals to indicate to you that it is the Hebrew YAWEH. Thus, in Hebrew it is O YAWEH the Adoni. The Lord is the title there. That's the only time in the Bible that that phrase is used.
- Now the acknowledging of the Lord as my Lord who is my strength, has saved me. He shields me, covers me in the day of battle. "O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle." When he looked back upon past dangers and deliverances, the good man felt that he should have perished had not the Lord held a shield over his head. Wherefore let us fight a good fight, and fear no deadly wound: the Lord God is our shield, and our exceeding great reward.

Psa 140:8 Do not grant, O LORD, the desires of the wicked; Do not further his wicked scheme, Lest they be exalted. Selah

- I entreat You not to let the wicked have their way. Even though they dare to pray to You, do not hear their prayers against innocent men. Assuredly the Lord Jehovah will be no accomplice with the wicked; their desires shall never be His desires. If they thirst for blood He will not gratify their cruelty. "Further not his wicked device." They are so united as to be like one man in their wishes; but do not hear their prayers. Though hand join in hand, and they desire and design as one man, yet do not lend them the aid of Your providence.
- Do not permit their malicious schemes to succeed. The Lord may allow success to attend the policy of the wicked for a time for wise reasons unknown to us, but we are permitted to pray that it be not so. The petition "Deliver us from evil" includes and allows such supplication. "Lest they be exalted." If successful, the wicked are sure to grow proud, and insult the righteous over whom they have triumphed, and this is so great an evil, and so dishonoring to God, that the Psalmist uses it in his pleading as an argument against their being allowed to prosper. The glory of the wicked is opposed to the glory of God

Psa 140:9 "As for the head of those who surround me, Let the evil of their lips cover them;

- Lord, turn their evil back on them. Throughout the Bible it is interesting how many times the Lord turned the evil back on the person who was devising it. I think especially of the case of Haman who built the gallows ninety feet high to swing Mordecai in the eyes of all the people and how that the Lord turned things on him and Haman swung from his own gallows that he had built. How many times the enemies will come against you as a child of God, but God will just turn their devices against them and you escape? That is basically what David is praying for

Psa 140:10 Let burning coals fall upon them; Let them be cast into the fire, Into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

- David wasn't really that generous or kind with his enemies. He surely didn't pray that God would bless them, but that God would really take care of them.

Psa 140:11 Let not a slanderer be established in the earth; Let evil hunt the violent man to overthrow him."

- *Let not a slanderer be established in the earth."* For that would be an established plague, a perpetual curse. Men of false and cruel tongues are of most use when they go to fatten the soil in which they rot as carcasses: while they are alive they are the terror of the good, and the torment of the poor. God will not allow the specious orators of falsehood to retain the power they temporarily obtain by their deceitful speaking. They

may become prominent, but they cannot become permanent. They shall be disendowed and disestablished in spite of all that they can say to the contrary. All evil bears the element of decay within itself; for what is it but corruption? Hence the utmost powers of speech are insufficient to settle upon a sure foundation the cause which bears a lie within it. “

- *Let evil hunt the violent man to overthrow him.*” He hunted the good, and now his own evil shall hunt him. He tried to overthrow the goings of the righteous, and now his own unrighteousness shall prove his overthrow. As he was violent, so shall he be violently assaulted and hunted down. Sin is its own punishment. A violent man will need no worse doom than to reap what he has sown. It is horrible for a huntsman to be devored by his own hounds; yet this is the sure fate of the persecutor.

Psa 140:12 I know that the LORD will maintain The cause of the afflicted, And justice for the poor.

- It’s always good to know certain basic things about God. There are a lot of time when we are facing uncertain situations in life and it looks like maybe the enemy is prevailing, like maybe we are going to go under and surely there is no way that we can see out of this. So it is just good to know basic things about God. I know that God is good! I know that God loves me! I know that God is more powerful than any power on earth! I know that God cares for me and I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted and the right of the poor.

Psa 140:13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name; The upright shall dwell in Your presence.

- *“Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name.”* The former Psalm had its “surely,” but this is a more pleasing one. As surely as God will slay the wicked he will save the oppressed, and fill their hearts and mouths with praises. Whoever else may be silent, the righteous will give thanks; and whatever they may suffer, the matter will end in their living through the trial, and magnifying the Lord for his delivering grace. On earth is long, and in heaven for ever, the pure heart shall sing unto the Lord. How loud and sweet will be the songs of the redeemed in the millennial age, when the meek shall inherit the earth, and delight themselves in the abundance of peace!
- *“The upright shall dwell in Your presence.”* Thus shall they give thanks in the truest and fullest manner. This abiding before the Lord shall render to him “songs without words,” and therefore all the more spiritual and true. Their living and walking with their God shall be their practical form of gratitude. Sitting down in holy peace, like children at their father’s table, their joyful looks and language shall speak their high esteem and fervent love to Him who has become their dwelling-place. How high have we climbed in this Psalm - from being hunted by the evil man to dwelling in the divine presence; so does faith raise up the saint from the lowest depths to heights of peaceful repose.

HE IS LORD - Brooklyn Tabernacle (3:15)

*He is Lord. He is Lord. He has risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Every knee shall bow. Every tongue confess. That Jesus Christ is Lord! (2X)
He’s my Lord!.....*

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