

PSALM 57 – Prayer for Safety from Enemies!

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I EXALT THEE!– Kim Walker (3:47)

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PSALM 57 - We may read the words and yet not know the secret joy of David, which he had locked up in this golden casket. When he fled from Saul in the cave. This is a song from the bowels of the earth, and like Jonah's prayer from the bottom of the sea, it has a taste of the place. The poet is in the shadow of the cave at first, but he comes to the cavern's mouth at last, and sings in the sweet fresh air, with his eye on the heavens, watching joyously the clouds floating therein. We have here prayer, 1-6, and praise, 7-11. The hunted one takes a long breath of prayer, and when he is fully inspired, he breathes out his soul in jubilant song! He ends the day with prayer! He begins the day in praise! Is that what we do when we are "in the cave"?

PSALM 57 - *To the Chief Musician. Set to "Do Not Destroy" (Psalms 57,58,59,75) a Michtam of David When He Fled from Saul into the Cave.*

Vs. 1-6 – The Prayer!

Psa 57:1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me! For my soul trusts in You; And in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, Until these calamities have passed by.

- Remember that beautiful psalm that has brought so much comfort? "He that dwells in the secret place of the most high shall abide beneath the shadow of the Almighty." My dwelling place, where is it? In the shadow of God. David said, "In the shadow of your wings I will make my refuge."
- ***Until these calamities have passed by.*** What calamities David was facing. So, Lord I am just going to hide in the shadow of your wings, I will make that my place of refuge.

Psa 57:2 I will cry out to God Most High, To God who performs all things for me.

Psa 57:3 He shall send from heaven and save me; He reproaches the one who would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth His mercy and His truth.

- David really despaired of his life. He came to the place where he said I know that one-day Saul is going to do me in. I know that one day it is going to be over, Saul is going to get me. He really despaired. Saul was seeking to swallow him up.

Psa 57:4 My soul is among lions; I lie among the sons of men Who are set on fire, Whose teeth are spears and arrows, And their tongue a sharp sword.

- *My soul is among lions:* These characters that are with me with heavy beards look like a bunch of shaggy lions.
- *I lie among the sons of men Who are set on fire,* These guys are a rough rugged group of guys. They were the thugs that had gathered to David, those who were in trouble and in debt. They were a tough bunch.
- *Whose teeth are spears and arrows, And their tongue a sharp sword.* I imagine that David had to separate a lot of these guys with their squabbles with each other, they were just that kind of guys.

Psa 57:5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let Your glory be above all the earth.

- ***Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;*** What a contrast with a bunch of guys that I'm surrounded with.
- ***Let Your glory be above all the earth.*** Again, turning from the situation and turning to God, getting your mind upon him "O God be exalted above the heavens; let your glory be above the earth." Turning my heart and my mind to God is such a cure for discouragement, for despair.

Psa 57:6 They have prepared a net for my steps; My soul is bowed down; They have dug a pit before me; Into the midst of it they themselves have fallen. Selah

- *They have prepared a net for my steps;* The way that they trapped animals in those days was with a net. They would set up this net and you would hit this rope and the whole net would come and wind around the animal and catch it. They were doing this for David. They were setting nets, or they were digging pits and then they would cover over the pit. So, as you are running along, down into the pit with no way out. They had dug pits to trap David. have set nets for David.
- ***Into the midst of it they themselves have fallen.*** All right. have fallen in their own traps that they have laid for David.

Vs. 7-11 – The Praise!

Psa 57:7 My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise.

- In another psalm David prayed an interesting prayer, he said, "Unite my heart, O Lord, to worship Thee." of the problems that we have is a divided heart. So many times, my heart is divided towards my desires than towards God's will I find myself with a divided heart. I want to do what God wants done and yet I also want to do what I want done. David said, "Lord, unite my heart. Give me a singleness of heart." The problem is an unstable heart constantly changing. Gung-ho one day for the Lord, gung-ho the next day for the flesh. I know so many people who have this problem of the divided heart or the unstable mind. James tells us that a man who has an unstable mind is unstable in all of his ways. That we need to have a fixed course.

Psa 57:8 Awake, my glory! Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn.

- Literally it is I will wake up the morning! These are the things that you put down in the times of discouragement, you let them rest.

Psa 57:9 I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing to You among the nations.

Psa 57:10 For Your mercy reaches unto the heavens, And Your truth unto the clouds.

Psa 57:11 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let Your glory be above all the earth.

- A beautiful theme for David's song, "I will sing of the glory of God. I will sing of the mercy of God, of the truth of God."

SUMMARY:

- Even at an early age, about 23 years old, what a great picture of David's faith and closeness to the LORD, even in the times of being hunted and now trapped in a cave with the hunter, Saul and his men!
- We note this time in David's life of preparation for his promised kingship of Israel. How preparation of the intended vessel, is beautifully prepared by God!
- We see David confidently in the LORD ending the day in prayer and beginning the day in praise!
- How encouraging this Psalm is for us in times of "being in the cave!"

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