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Worship Service
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Summer in the Psalms

Lesson Ten • Psalm 17

Painful Supplication

Joyful Satisfaction and Painful Supplication Are the Portion of the Godly.

Persecution **RESULTS** in painful supplication to be rescued.

Persecution Is Hard to Preach and Practice in the West...for Now!

Are everyday trials persecution? Is pushback for being a jerk persecution?

Persecution is due to godly **INTEGRITY** not fleshly iniquity.

*"Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."
2Timothy 3:12*

How to Pray When Persecuted

1. Integrity: **SEARCH** My Heart, O Lord!

Psalm 139:23-24

Let the Lord Judge Your Life When Under Attack.

- Lord, are my **MOTIVES** above reproach? (v. 3a)
- Lord, is my **MOUTH** above reproach? (v. 3b)
- Lord, is my **MANNER** of life above reproach? (vv. 4-5)

2 Corinthians 10:3-5; 1 Peter 4:19

Has the Lord Judged Your Life to Be Above Reproach?

"You have tried me and found nothing evil;" (v. 3a CSB)

2. Invocation: **KEEP** Me Safe, O Lord!

Our Prayer for Protection

- **SHOW** me the wonder of Your loyal love. (v. 7)

- **SECURE** me as the apple of Your eye. (v. 8a)

- **SHELTER** me under the shadow of Your wings. (v. 8b)

Psalm 36:7; 57:1-3; 63:6-8; Ruth 2:12; Matthew 23:37

Our Need for Protection

God's enemies seek to *brutally slaughter* His people with *hard hearts* and *proud mouths* as they carry out *sneaky strategies* like *proawling lions*. (vv.9-12)

- Their ungodliness should **CONTRAST** with our godliness.
- Our ultimate enemy is not human but **DEMONIC**.
Ephesians 6:12; 1 Peter 5:6-11

3. Intervention: **DELIVER** Me, O Lord!

Humble Demands for Divine Intervention

- **POWERFULLY** rescue me. (vv. 13-14a)
- **PUNISH** the rebellious. (v. 14b)
- **PROTECT** me regardless of life or death. (v. 15)

David's Hope for Life After Death

- Resurrection: *Standing up from the dead!*
- Transformation: *Sharing in God's likeness!*
- Glorification: *Seeing God face-to-face!*

David's Hope Is Now Being Fulfilled by the Greater David!

Romans 8:35-39

The Risen King, Jesus Christ, saves the godly by escape in this life or by endurance unto death. Either way He is able sympathize and save us. Because for the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.