

A PRAYER OF DESPERATION

PSALMS 28:1-9

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In our desperate situations we have the option to pray to carry us to victory.

1. FOR THE LORD TO LISTEN TO HIM – vv. 1-2

a) Pay Attention To My Petition – vv. 1-2a - *With no one to turn to, David address his petition to the Lord. Psalm 4:3; 18:3; 18:6; 20:9 He said if God doesn't intervene, he has nowhere else to go, he will end up in the grave.*

b) Pay Attention To My Posture - v. 2b

Lifting of the hands was an outward sign of humility and dependency. *Exodus 25:22; Numbers 7:89*

2. SO THE LORD WOULDN'T LEAVE HIM – vv. 3-5

David knowing, he didn't do anything to deserve this kind of treatment asks God to not leave him to the fate of someone who is wicked. *Psalms 26*

Wicked people won't get away with wickedness. God will eventually catch up with them and tear them down. A wicked person is one who knows right from wrong; has knowledge of God, but refuses to line up their lives with His truth, and is hell-bent on running their own lives and doing their own thing.

3. SO THE LORD COULD LIFT HIM – vv. 6-9

a) Through Answered Prayer – v. 6 God has turned his desperation into a declaration & proclamation of salvation, that caused jubilation! *Psalms 116:1-2; 118:5-9*

b) Through Available Power – v. 7a David recognized his inability to sustain, protect and help himself, then discovered that when he called on the Lord, he was empowered with Gods strength and protection and help. *Psalm 16:2 I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good besides You."*

c) Through Awesome Praise – v. 7b David went from petitioning God to praising God. From desperation's valley to dancing in victory! *Psalms 30:11-12; Proverbs 29:6*

d) Through Advocating For Other People – 8-9 David is simply giving props to other people who found themselves in some desperate situations and discovered that the Lord strengthens and saves others as well. **CARRY: It is a verb. It means take or support from one place to another; convey; transport** *Deuteronomy 1:31; Isaiah 40:11; Isaiah 46:3; Isaiah 63:9*