

Psalm 140:1-13 **Acknowledging past help from Yahweh – Seeking protection from evil men**

Prayer for Deliverance from Evil Men

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ Deliver me, O Yahweh (LORD), from evil men; Preserve me from violent men,
² Who plan evil things in *their* hearts; They continually gather together *for* war.
³ They sharpen their tongues like a serpent; The poison of asps *is* under their lips.

Selah

- ⁴ Keep me, O Yahweh (LORD), from the hands of the wicked; Preserve me from violent men, Who have purposed to make my steps stumble.
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

- ⁶ I said to Yahweh (the LORD): "You *are* Eliy (my God); Hear the voice of my supplications, O Yahweh (LORD).
⁷ O Yahweh (GOD) Adonay (the Lord), the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle.
⁸ Do not grant, O Yahweh (LORD), the desires of the wicked; Do not further his *wicked* scheme, *Lest* they be exalted.

Selah

- ⁹ "As *for* the head of those who surround me, Let the evil of their lips cover them;
¹⁰ Let burning coals fall upon them; Let them be cast into the fire, Into deep pits, that they rise not up again.
¹¹ Let not a slanderer be established in the earth; Let evil hunt the violent man to overthrow *him*."

- ¹² I know that Yahweh (the LORD) will maintain The cause of the afflicted, *And* justice for the poor.
¹³ Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name; The upright shall dwell in Your presence.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Deliver me, O Yahweh (LORD), from evil men; Preserve me from violent men, Who plan evil things in *their* hearts; They continually gather together *for* war. They sharpen their tongues like a serpent; The poison of asps *is* under their lips.

[Psalm 140:1-3]

- ✧ David described the evil violent men from whom he seeks divine protection.

- ✧ Keep me, O Yahweh (LORD), from the hands of the wicked; Preserve me from violent men, Who have purposed to make my steps stumble.
The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords; They have spread a net by the wayside; They have set traps for me. [Psalm 140:4-5]
- ✧ Again David prayed for Yahweh to protect him from the violent wicked who are determined to make him stumble and from the proud who set traps for him.
- ✧ I said to Yahweh (the LORD): "You *are* Eliy (my God); Hear the voice of my supplications, O Yahweh (LORD).
O Yahweh (GOD) Adonay (the Lord), the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle.
Do not grant, O Yahweh (LORD), the desires of the wicked; Do not further his *wicked* scheme, *Lest* they be exalted. [Psalm 140:6-8]
- ✧ David acknowledged Yahweh as Eliy and asked Him to hear his supplications.
- ✧ Yahweh Adonay has been his strength and salvation in battle.
- ✧ David prayed that Yahweh frustrate the desires of the wicked lest they feel exalted.
- ✧ "As for the head of those who surround me, Let the evil of their lips cover them; Let burning coals fall upon them; Let them be cast into the fire, Into deep pits, that they rise not up again.
Let not a slanderer be established in the earth; Let evil hunt the violent man to overthrow *him*." [Psalm 140:9-11]
- ✧ David suggested the form of punishment he seeks for his adversaries.
- ✧ He prayed that Yahweh not allow a slanderer to be established in the earth.
- ✧ He also suggested the judgment desired against the violent men.
- ✧ I know that Yahweh (the LORD) will maintain The cause of the afflicted, *And* justice for the poor.
Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name; The upright shall dwell in Your presence. [Psalm 140:12-13]
- ✧ David expressed his confidence that Yahweh will support the afflicted and bring justice for the poor.
- ✧ The Saints will praise the Name of Yahweh as the upright dwell in His presence.