

Psalm 143:1-12 **Prayer of a Disheartened Spirit – Request for Revival**

An Earnest Appeal for Guidance and Deliverance

A Psalm of David.

¹ Hear my prayer, O Yahweh (LORD), Give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, *And* in Your righteousness.

² Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous.

³ For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in darkness, Like those who have long been dead.

⁴ Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; My heart within me is distressed.

⁵ I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands.

⁶ I spread out my hands to You; My soul *longs* for You like a thirsty land.

Selah

⁷ Answer me speedily, O Yahweh (LORD); My spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, Lest I be like those who go down into the pit.

⁸ Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You.

⁹ Deliver me, O Yahweh (LORD), from my enemies; In You I take shelter.*

¹⁰ Teach me to do Your will, For You *are* Elowhaay (my God); Your Spirit *is* good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

¹¹ Revive me, O Yahweh (LORD), for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

¹² In Your mercy cut off my enemies, And destroy all those who afflict my soul; For I *am* Your servant.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Hear my prayer, O Yahweh (LORD), Give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, *And* in Your righteousness.
Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous. [[Psalm 143:1-2](#)]
- ✧ David asked to be heard in his prayer, but not in Judgment.
- ✧ No one is righteous in the sight of Yahweh. [[Psalm 14:1-3](#), [53:1-3](#), [Romans 3:10-18](#)]
- ✧ For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in darkness, Like those who have long been dead.

Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; My heart within me is distressed.

[Psalm 143:3-4]

✧ David described the cause of his deep distress.

✧ I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands.

I spread out my hands to You; My soul *longs* for You like a thirsty land. [Psalm 143:5-6]

✧ In distress, David takes time to meditate on the works of Yahweh and is encouraged to reach out to Him in prayer.

✧ Answer me speedily, O Yahweh (LORD); My spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, Lest I be like those who go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You. [Psalm 143:7-8]

✧ David called on Yahweh to hear his prayer speedily.

✧ Without God's help, David's spirit would be like the dead.

✧ David expressed his faith in Yahweh and asked to hear His loving kindness in the morning.

✧ David prayed for Divine guidance as he lifts his soul to Yahweh.

✧ Deliver me, O Yahweh (LORD), from my enemies; In You I take shelter.*

Teach me to do Your will, For You *are* Elowhaay (my God); Your Spirit *is* good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

Revive me, O Yahweh (LORD), for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

In Your mercy cut off my enemies, And destroy all those who afflict my soul; For I *am* Your servant. [psalm 143:9-12]

✧ David repeated his request for shelter from his enemies.

✧ He repeated his request for divine guidance and revival for the sake of the reputation of Yahweh.

✧ David called for divine destruction of his enemies because he is a servant of Yahweh.