

Psalm 17:1-15

David desires Yahweh to hear his prayer & deliver him from his enemies

Prayer with Confidence in Final Salvation

A Prayer of David.

1 Hear a just cause, O Yahweh (Lord), Attend to my cry; Give ear to my prayer which is not from deceitful lips.

2 Let my vindication come from Your presence; Let Your eyes look on the things that are upright.

3 You have tested my heart; You have visited me in the night; You have tried me and have found nothing; I have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

4 Concerning the works of men, By the word of Your lips, I have kept away from the paths of the destroyer.

5 Uphold my steps in Your paths, That my footsteps may not slip.

6 I have called upon You, for You will hear me, O El (God); Incline Your ear to me, and hear my speech.

7 Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust in You From those who rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,

9 From the wicked who oppress me, From my deadly enemies who surround me.

10 They have closed up their fat hearts; With their mouths they speak proudly.

11 They have now surrounded us in our steps; They have set their eyes, crouching down to the earth,

12 As a lion is eager to tear his prey, And like a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O Yahweh (Lord), Confront him, cast him down; Deliver my life from the wicked with Your sword,

14 With Your hand from men, O Yahweh (Lord), From men of the world who have their portion in this life, And whose belly You fill with Your hidden treasure. They are satisfied with children, And leave the rest of their possession for their babes.

15 As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.

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Facts Revealed:

✧ Hear a just cause, O Yahweh (Lord), Attend to my cry; Give ear to my prayer which is not from deceitful lips.

Let my vindication come from Your presence; Let Your eyes look on the things that are upright. [\[Psalm 17:1-2\]](#)

✧ David is well aware that Yahweh hates every form of deceit.

✧ He desires that Yahweh view his prayer as from an upright heart, acknowledging that his justification is a gift of grace from the Lord Most High on whom he depends.

✧ You have tested my heart; You have visited me in the night; You have tried me and have found nothing; I have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

Concerning the works of men, By the word of Your lips, I have kept away from the paths of the destroyer.

Uphold my steps in Your paths, That my footsteps may not slip. [Psalm 17:3-5]

- ✧ Here David recognized that Yahweh has tested him in his secret times and has found nothing against him.
- ✧ David has chosen to keep his words pure and free from deceit and sin.
- ✧ David has followed the commandments of Yahweh and avoided the ways of evil.
- ✧ David is dependant on Yahweh to guide his steps on the right path so he will not slip.
- ✧ I have called upon You, for You will hear me, O El (God); Incline Your ear to me, and hear my speech.
Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust in You From those who rise up against them.
Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,
From the wicked who oppress me, From my deadly enemies who surround me. [Psalm 17:6-9]
- ✧ David is confident that El will hear his prayer yet he asked specifically for God to hear his prayer and show His loving kindness.
- ✧ David acknowledged that Yahweh is the One who saves those who trust in Him from the wicked who rise up against them.
- ✧ David feels surrounded by deadly enemies, and desires Yahweh to hide him from them under the shadow of His wings and cherish him as the apple of God's eye.
- ✧ They have closed up their fat hearts; With their mouths they speak proudly.
They have now surrounded us in our steps; They have set their eyes, crouching down to the earth,
As a lion is eager to tear his prey, And like a young lion lurking in secret places. [Psalm 17:10-12]
- ✧ David described the enemies that surround him as proud crouching lions.
- ✧ Peter describes the devil in similar terms. [1 Peter 5:8-11]
- ✧ Arise, O Yahweh (Lord), Confront him, cast him down; Deliver my life from the wicked with Your sword,
With Your hand from men, O Yahweh (Lord), From men of the world who have their portion in this life, And whose belly You fill with Your hidden treasure. They are satisfied with children, And leave the rest of their possession for their babes. [Psalm 17:13-14]
- ✧ David calls for Yahweh to deliver him from his wicked enemies.
- ✧ Yahweh may use His Sword which is the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17, Hebrews 4:12)
- ✧ He may also use the hand of men whose portion is in this life to deliver David.
- ✧ Yahweh has filled them with hidden treasure, they are satisfied with children and leave their possessions for their babes.
- ✧ As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness. [Psalm 17:15]
- ✧ Like Job, David is confident he will personally see Yahweh with his eyes, and expects to be raised in the likeness of Yahweh. [Job 19:25-27, 1 John 3:2-3]