

Psalms 35:1-28 **Deliver Me From My Adversaries – Shame the Wicked  
I Will Praise You Publically**

*The LORD the Avenger of His People*

A Psalm of David.

- <sup>1</sup> Plead *my cause*, O Yahweh (LORD), with those who strive with me; Fight against those who fight against me.
- <sup>2</sup> Take hold of shield and buckler, And stand up for my help.
- <sup>3</sup> Also draw out the spear, And stop those who pursue me.  
Say to my soul, "I *am* your salvation."
- <sup>4</sup> Let those be put to shame and brought to dishonor Who seek after my life;  
Let those be turned back and brought to confusion Who plot my hurt.
- <sup>5</sup> Let them be like chaff before the wind, And let the angel\* of Yahweh (the LORD) chase *them*.
- <sup>6</sup> Let their way be dark and slippery, And let the angel of Yahweh (the LORD) pursue them.
- <sup>7</sup> For without cause they have hidden their net for me *in* a pit, *Which* they have dug without cause for my life.
- <sup>8</sup> Let destruction come upon him unexpectedly, And let his net that he has hidden catch himself; Into that very destruction let him fall.
- <sup>9</sup> And my soul shall be joyful in Yahweh (the LORD); It shall rejoice in His salvation.
- <sup>10</sup> All my bones shall say, "Yahweh (LORD), who *is* like You, Delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, Yes, the poor and the needy from him who plunders him?"
- <sup>11</sup> Fierce witnesses rise up; They ask me *things* that I do not know.
- <sup>12</sup> They reward me evil for good, *To* the sorrow of my soul.
- <sup>13</sup> But as for me, when they were sick, My clothing *was* sackcloth; I humbled myself with fasting; And my prayer would return to my own heart.
- <sup>14</sup> I paced about as though *he were* my friend *or* brother; I bowed down heavily, as one who mourns *for his* mother.
- <sup>15</sup> But in my adversity they rejoiced And gathered together; Attackers gathered against me, And I did not know *it*; They tore *at me* and did not cease;
- <sup>16</sup> With ungodly mockers at feasts They gnashed at me with their teeth.
- <sup>17</sup> Adonay (Lord), how long will You look on? Rescue me from their destructions, My precious *life* from the lions.
- <sup>18</sup> I will give You thanks in the great assembly; I will praise You among many people.
- <sup>19</sup> Let them not rejoice over me who are wrongfully my enemies; Nor let them wink with the eye who hate me without a cause.

<sup>20</sup> For they do not speak peace, But they devise deceitful matters Against *the* quiet ones in the land.

<sup>21</sup> They also opened their mouth wide against me, *And* said, "Aha, aha! Our eyes have seen *it*."

<sup>22</sup> *This* You have seen, O Yahweh (LORD); Do not keep silence.

O Adonay (Lord), do not be far from me.

<sup>23</sup> Stir up Yourself, and awake to my vindication, To my cause, Elohay (my God) and Adonay (my Lord).

<sup>24</sup> Vindicate me, O Yahweh Elohay (LORD my God), according to Your righteousness; And let them not rejoice over me.

<sup>25</sup> Let them not say in their hearts, "Ah, so we would have it!" Let them not say, "We have swallowed him up."

<sup>26</sup> Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion Who rejoice at my hurt; Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor Who exalt themselves against me.

<sup>27</sup> Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let Yahweh (the LORD) be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

<sup>28</sup> And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness *And* of Your praise all the day long.

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Facts Revealed:

✧ Plead *my cause*, O Yahweh (LORD), with those who strive with me; Fight against those who fight against me.

Take hold of shield and buckler, And stand up for my help.

Also draw out the spear, And stop those who pursue me.

Say to my soul, "I *am* your salvation." [Psalm 35:1-3]

✧ David cried out to Yahweh for help against his very present enemies.

✧ Let those be put to shame and brought to dishonor Who seek after my life;

Let those be turned back and brought to confusion Who plot my hurt.

Let them be like chaff before the wind, And let the angel\* of Yahweh (the LORD) chase *them*.

Let their way be dark and slippery, And let the angel of Yahweh (the LORD) pursue them.

For without cause they have hidden their net for me *in* a pit, *Which* they have dug without cause for my life.

Let destruction come upon him unexpectedly, And let his net that he has hidden catch himself; Into that very destruction let him fall. [Psalm 35:4-8]

✧ Not only did David cry out for help, but he suggested how he desired the help to materialize.

✧ Because their attacks are coming without cause.

✧ And my soul shall be joyful in Yahweh (the LORD); It shall rejoice in His salvation.

All my bones shall say, "Yahweh (LORD), who *is* like You, Delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, Yes, the poor and the needy from him who plunders him?" [Psalm 35:9-10]

- ✧ David expects to be joyful in Yahweh and rejoice in His Salvation for being delivered from those who are too strong for him.
- ☆ Fierce witnesses rise up; They ask me *things* that I do not know. They reward me evil for good, *To* the sorrow of my soul.

But as for me, when they were sick, My clothing *was* sackcloth; I humbled myself with fasting; And my prayer would return to my own heart. I paced about as though *he were* my friend *or* brother; I bowed down heavily, as one who mourns *for his* mother. [Psalm 35:11-14]

- ✧ David made a contrast between his adversaries and himself.
- ✧ They bring fierce witnesses as they return evil for good to the sorrow of David's soul.
- ✧ When they were sick, David put on sackcloth, humbled himself with fasting and prayer.
- ✧ David grieved over their infirmity as for a close friend or for a brother or his mother.
- ☆ But in my adversity they rejoiced And gathered together; Attackers gathered against me, And I did not know *it*; They tore *at me* and did not cease; With ungodly mockers at feasts They gnashed at me with their teeth. [Psalm 35:15-16]
- ✧ When David was facing adversity, his adversaries gathered together attacking him with ungodly mockery and malicious words. (sounds like Job's comforters).
- ☆ Adonay (Lord), how long will You look on? Rescue me from their destructions, My precious *life* from the lions. I will give You thanks in the great assembly; I will praise You among many people. [Psalm 35:17-18]
- ✧ Sometimes it seems that God is looking on but not acting.
- ✧ David asked, "How Long."
- ✧ David promised to give thanks and praise Adonay openly when He acts to rescue him.
- ☆ Let them not rejoice over me who are wrongfully my enemies; Nor let them wink with the eye who hate me without a cause. For they do not speak peace, But they devise deceitful matters Against *the* quiet ones in the land. They also opened their mouth wide against me, *And* said, "Aha, aha! Our eyes have seen *it*." *This* You have seen, O Yahweh (LORD); Do not keep silence. O Adonay (Lord), do not be far from me. Stir up Yourself, and awake to my vindication, To my cause, Elohay (my God) and Adonay (my Lord). Vindicate me, O Yahweh Elohay (LORD my God), according to Your righteousness; And let them not rejoice over me. Let them not say in their hearts, "Ah, so we would have it!" Let them not say, "We have swallowed him up." Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion Who rejoice at my hurt; Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor Who exalt themselves against me. [Psalm 35:19-26]
- ✧ David acknowledged that Yahweh is fully aware of the attitude and behavior of his enemies and asked Yahweh to act against them.
- ✧ David suggested the result will put them to shame and dishonor.
- ☆ Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let Yahweh (the LORD) be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness *And* of Your praise all the day long. [\[Psalm 35:27-28\]](#)

- ✧ David desires that the righteous looking on will see it and shout for joy and be glad resulting in praise to Yahweh magnifying His name who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.
- ✧ David promised to speak of the righteousness of Yahweh and sing His praise all day long.