

PSALMS

A Biography of Hercules Collins (1646-1702)

Psalm 17:1-15

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1. In times of oppression, believers are encouraged to _____ out to the Lord for help while holding fast to the Word of the Lord.

The Clarendon Code 1661- 1665 (especially the Five Mile Act)

Pastor of Wapping Church in London, England from 1677-1702

Newgate Prison in 1684

A Voice from the Prison. Or, Meditations on Revelations 3:11 Tending To the Establishment of God's Little Flock, In an Hour of Temptation by Hercules Collins

"Now, that you may not be shaken, shattered and carried away with every wind and blast, every puff and breath of _____ and heresy, ... I have in charitable regard to your souls, presented you with this small (but I am bold to say) sound piece of divinity."
- Hercules Collins

2. In the face of deadly enemies, believers are to take prayerful refuge in God's _____ for them.

"God is as good in prison as out." - Hercules Collins

"Communion with God by the Spirit is a good cordial to keep up the heart from _____ in this valley of tears." - Hercules Collins

A group of 'thuggish informers' known as the Hilton gang terrorized London Dissenters, spying on their worship services, reporting them to the authorities, participating in their prosecution and seizing their property if they could."
- Michael Haykin

"The novelist Henry Fielding (1707-1754) sought to capture the horror of imprisonment in Newgate when he termed the English prison system a 'prototype of _____." - Michael Haykin

3. In the midst of furious attacks, believers fervently pray for deliverance—but also _____ in the eternal delight and fullness of joy in the Lord.

Toleration Act of 1689

"Thou art my portion, O Lord, and though I have but little earthly good, having Christ, I have all equivalently and comprehensively." - Hercules Collins

"A believer who hath the eyes of his understanding enlightened, his judgment and apprehension is that God is the chief _____ and supreme happiness is an interest in God, a conformity to God, the enjoyment of God here and hereafter." - Hercules Collins