

## Appeal (Psalm 17)

### I. Introduction

How do you respond to injustice in the world? revenge or prayer?

David's response is to *pray, cry out, appeal* to God  
for deliverance from trying adversaries

### II. An appeal based on his justified position (1-6)

his just cause (v. 1-2)

he invites God to examine his heart, mouth, and actions (v. 3-5)

his confidence is based on his justified position (v. 6)

the confidence of the Christian – Christ's righteousness (Heb. 4 & 9)

the role of God's Word in maintaining a just cause (v. 5)

### III. An appeal based on one's position of nearness (7-8)

**steadfast love** = *chesed* – covenant faithfulness (v. 7)

*What wondrous love is this?* Do you know it, personally?

**Savior** = *moshiya* – a title for God – the only Savior (Is. 43:3,11)

Jesus Christ (Yeshua) is God our Savior

**the apple of your eye** and **under the shadow of his wings** (v. 8)

images depicting closeness and protection

Do you have confidence in God's nearness and covenant fidelity?

### IV. An appeal in the midst of warfare (9-14)

wicked deadly enemies, like lions eager to devour their prey (9-12)

when you commit to pray, expect resistance

A four-fold call to God: *arise, confront, subdue, deliver*

*Enemies* God blesses with money, children, and inheritance (v. 14)

Are these *enemies* or *children*? (NIV vs. other versions)

*To have everything in the world, but God, is not a blessing, but is judgment.*

### V. An appeal that is finally and fully granted (15)

**When I awake** = the resurrection ... the hope of every true Christian  
is to **see the face of God** (Phil 3:18-21, 2 Co 3:18, 1 Jn 3:2)

What are you longing for, more than anything else?

*You resemble that which you revere, whether for ruin or restoration* (G. K. Beale)

### VI. Applications for today

Sleeplessness – trust God for justice to be done

Seek the face of God – it is your grand privilege, so don't miss out!