

Psalm 7 – “Praying When Under Attack”

INTRO:

THE THEME: What does the Believer do when he/she is under attack?

OUTLINE:

1st – Go to God and Tell Him Everything! (v.1-5)

VERY PERSONAL

VERY OPEN and HONEST – Self-disclosure is important in prayer...

2nd – Ask God to Rise Up For You (v.6-9)

Because of our sin nature, we fall into two extremes:

1st – HARD-HEARTED indifference

2nd – HOT-HEADED activism

N.T. Wright – *‘The word judgment carries negative overtones for a good many people in our liberal and post-liberal world. We need to remind ourselves that throughout the Bible, not least in the Psalms, God’s coming judgment is a good thing, something to be celebrated, longed for, yearned over. It causes people to shout for joy and the trees of the field to clap their hands. In a world of systematic injustice, bullying, violence, arrogance, and oppression, the thought that there might be a day when the wicked are firmly put in their right place and the poor and weak are given their due is the best news there can be. Faced with a world of rebellion, a world full of exploitation and wickedness, a good God must be a God of judgment.’* - *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church* (p.137)

3rd – Remind Yourself about Who God is... (v.10-16)

- Street-level Reality – v.1-9
- The Big Picture Reality – v.10-16

God is My Defense (v.10) – Psalm 59:16-17

God is a Just Judge (v.11... 14-16) –

God is also a Deadly Warrior (v.12-13) – Exodus 15:3... Psalm 45:3-5

Verse 17 ... Praise God...

Robert Hawker, *The Poor Man's Morning and Evening Portions* – **'Surely, if a man deserved hell, and found heaven, shall he not sing?...** and until I come to sing in the louder and sweeter notes of heaven, among the hallelujahs of the blessed, upon the new harp and new stringed chords of my renewed soul, will I sing of Jesus and His blood, Jesus and His righteousness, Jesus and His complete salvation. And when the last song upon my trembling lips, with Jesus' name in full, shall be uttered; as the sound dies away, when death seals up the power of utterance; my departing soul shall catch the parting breath, and, as it enters the presence of the court above, the first notes of my everlasting song will go on with the same blessed note, "to Him that loved me, and washed me from my sins in His own blood." – p. 163-164