

Psalm 57 *To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Miktam of David, when he fled from Saul, in the cave.* 1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by. 2 I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me. 3 He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame him who tramples on me. *Selah* God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness! 4 My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down amid fiery beasts—the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords. 5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth! 6 They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down. They dug a pit in my way, but they have fallen into it themselves. *Selah* 7 My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody! 8 Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! 9 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. 10 For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. 11 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

I. Part 1 – Finding a safe haven (Verses 1-5)

A. An appeal for God's mercy (1) LOADED VERSE WITH GREAT TREASURE

- The power of repetition – be merciful to me / be merciful to me

Romans 9:15-16 For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” 16 So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.

Psalm 56:1 Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me; all day long an attacker oppresses me;

Psalm 119:58 I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.

Exodus 34:6 The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness

Psalm 51:1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

- The strength of passion in prayer – “O God”

Genesis 32:9 And Jacob said, “O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O Lord who said to me, ‘Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,’

Numbers 12:13 And Moses cried to the Lord, “O God, please heal her—please.”

Judges 16:28 Then Samson called to the Lord and said, “O Lord God, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes.”

1 Kings 8:26 Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father.

Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me

- In you my soul takes refuge

Psalm 9:9 The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 48:3 Within her citadels God has made himself known as a fortress.

- In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge

a. Wings of God = the cherubim = indication where God dwelt among them

Exodus 37:9 The cherubim spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, with their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat were the faces of the cherubim.

1 Chronicles 28:18 for the altar of incense made of refined gold, and its weight; also his plan for the golden chariot of the cherubim that spread their wings and covered the ark of the covenant of the Lord.

b. Wings of God = sign of His intervention

Exodus 19:4 ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.

Deuteronomy 32:11 Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions,

c. Wings of God = closeness, security, safety

Matthew 23:37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

Psalms 17:8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings

Psalms 36:7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Psalms 63:7 for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

- Till the storms of destruction pass by = storms have an end by God’s providence

Psalms 107:29 He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Mark 4:39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

Isaiah 25:4 For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the

breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall,

B. A testimony of God’s faithfulness (2-3)

Genesis 14:19–20 he blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High who has delivered your enemies into your hand!” And Abram gave him a tenth of everything

Romans 15:4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

C. David’s present danger (4)

Daniel 6:21–22 Then Daniel said to the king, “O king live forever! My God sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths and they have not harmed me because I was found blameless before him; and also before you O king, I have done no harm.”

Hebrews 11:32–40 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

D. To God Be The Glory (5 – chorus)

Psalms 113:4–6 The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, 6 who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Psalms 138:6 For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

Psalms 150:6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

II. Part 2 – A resounding testimony (Verses 6-11)

A. David’s enemies (6) - connect to verse 4

1 Samuel 17:37 And David said, “The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” And Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you!”

1 Peter 1:3-7 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

B. Steadfastness (7-8) – connect to verses 2-3

Lamentations 3:21-23 But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: 22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Luke 16:10 “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

C. An appeal to God (9-10) – connect to verse 1

Philippians 4:6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

2 Corinthians 12:8-10 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

D. To God Be The Glory (11 – chorus)

1 Corinthians 1:30-31 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Ephesians 3:8-13 To me though I am the very least of all the saints this grace was given to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you which is your glory

