

INTRODUCTION

A. PSALM: MUSIC IN GOD'S EARS (title; see Ps.98:5; Is.51:3; Eph.5:19)

B. FOR DAVID: BY, FOR, IN HONOR OF (i.e., Messiah; see Lk.24:44; Acts 2:22f)

I. DELIBERATE PETITION FOR SIGNIFICANT HELP (1-6)

A. THE PETITION (1,2)

1. object: the Lord (*covenant*; 1, see 7,9,11; Ex.6:7)
2. action: hear, listen, answer (1,1,1)
3. subject: my prayer, my gift request (1,1)
4. reason
 - a. Your trustworthiness; Your rightness (1,1; see Gen.18:25; Rom.3:4f)
 - b. not my rightness (2; see Ps.130:3; Rom.3:10,20; Gal.2:16)

B. THE NEED (3,4)

1. subject: the enemy (3; see 1Sam.22:1,etc.; Lk.4:1f; 10:19; 1Tm.5:14; 1Pt.5:8)
2. action: hunted, crushed, buried (3; see 142:7; see 22:1f; Gospels)
3. object: soul, life (3)
4. consequence: breathless heart attack (4; see 142:3; CPR!)

C. THE HOPE (5,6; i.e., CPR!)

1. subject: my soul (6; see 3)
2. action: remember, recite, reflect (5; see Ex.12:26f; Ps.78:1f)
3. object: past business practices & accomplishments (how, what; 5,6; see Ex.20:1f; Jer.16:14f; Rom.8:31f)
4. consequence: reaching out (6,1) of my hands (6) to Your hands (5) **and** my soul (6,3) to You (6,1)

II. DESPERATE CRY FOR IMMEDIATE HELP (7-12)

INTRODUCTION: DRAMATIC TRANSITION (selah, quickly; 7; 69:17; 102:2)

A. THE PETITION (7-12; see 1,2)

1. object: the Lord (7,11; see 1); *my* God (10; covenant)
2. subject: me (7f); *Your* servant (12; covenant)
3. action: entrust (8); offer myself (8); take refuge (9)
4. petition: answer (7), speak (8); favorable presence (7, 2)

B. THE NEED (7-12; see 3,4)

1. last breath; exactly like the dead (7, 4)
2. enemies (9,12; 3); trouble (11)

C. THE HOPE (7-12; see 5,6)

1. the Lord Himself (7,8,11) in covenant with His people (10&12)
2. His timely covenant faithfulness (8,12; 30:5)
3. *make me know* the way out of my enemies & into your safety (8,9; 86:11; Heb.5:11f; see Ex.20:1f; Ps.126:1f; see 2Pt.1:11,1f; Col.3:1f; see Is.30:21; Acts 12:6f)
4. *train me to do* what pleases You out of trouble & into life (10,11; see Mt.28:20)
5. cause *Your good Spirit* to lead me out of the pit & onto level ground (10,11; 3,7; see Neh.9:20; see Is.61:1; Mic.2:7; Lk.11:13; Acts 10:38; 11:24; 1Cor.12:7; Gal.5:22; Eph.3:16; 4:3f,23,30; 6:18)
6. deliver the oppressed by destroying the oppressor (12; see 3f; Ex.15:1f; Col.2:15; 1Jn.3:8; Rev.21:3,4; 7,8)

CONCLUSION

A. BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART & CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH THAT THE LORD IS YOUR GOD & THAT YOU ARE HIS SERVANT (10,12; 1f; see Mk.1:15; Acts 2:38; Rom.10:8-10; Lk.5:11,28; 9:23)

B. PRACTICE CPR! (5,6 & 1-12; see Ezk.37:1f; Jn.6:63; 2Tm.3:14f; Gen.1:1f; 2:7)

1. ask God to do for *you* in the *present* what he has done for *others* in the *past* (5,6 & 1-12)
2. ask God to lead you out of your trouble & into His peace (8-12 /Acts26:18;Col.1:13; 2:12; 2:20&3:1; 3:9,10; 3:5f,12f)
3. ask God to give you His Holy Spirit to lead you into all of Christ's truth & righteousness (10,11; 3,7; see Neh.9:20; see Is.61:1; Mic.2:7; Lk.11:13; Acts 10:38; 11:24; 1Cor.12:7; Gal.5:22; Eph.3:16; 4:3f,23,30; 6:18)

C. LEARN THE WORDS OF GOD & TRAIN IN THE DEEDS OF GOD (8,10; see Heb.5:11f; Mt.28:20; 2Tm.3:14-17; see Lk.8:21; 11:28; Jms.1:22)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)