

Daily Encouragement from Adam – Wednesday 25th March

When foes surround David, he laments and commits the problem to God. He doesn't take matters into his own hands. As the very real threat of Coronavirus surrounds us, will we commit our families, our employment, our neighbours, our church, our very lives into the LORD's hands? Our eternal God is our invincible warrior!

Psalm 7

A shiggaion of David, which he sang to the Lord concerning Cush, a Benjamite.

¹ Lord my God, I take refuge in you;
save and deliver me from all who pursue me,
² or they will tear me apart like a lion
and rip me to pieces with no one to rescue me.

David looks at his Lord before he looks at his problems. God alone can truly protect, save and deliver us.

³ Lord my God, if I have done this
and there is guilt on my hands—
⁴ if I have repaid my ally with evil
or without cause have robbed my foe—
⁵ then let my enemy pursue and overtake me;
let him trample my life to the ground
and make me sleep in the dust.

David knows the truth of his innocence in this situation (not his perfection!).

⁶ Arise, Lord, in your anger;
rise up against the rage of my enemies.
Awake, my God; decree justice.
⁷ Let the assembled peoples gather around you,
while you sit enthroned over them on high.
⁸ Let the Lord judge the peoples.

How we all long for justice! God alone is the judge of all. Are we entrusting all situations of injustice to our righteous judge?

Vindicate me, Lord, according to my righteousness,
according to my integrity, O Most High.
⁹ Bring to an end the violence of the wicked
and make the righteous secure—
you, the righteous God
who probes minds and hearts.

God knows our hidden character and motives. He makes the righteous to be eternally secure in Christ.

¹⁰ My shield is God Most High,
who saves the upright in heart.
¹¹ God is a righteous judge,
a God who displays his wrath every day.
¹² If he does not relent,
he will sharpen his sword;
he will bend and string his bow.

¹³ He has prepared his deadly weapons;
he makes ready his flaming arrows.

The LORD is a warrior (Exodus 15:3), in defence of His people and in judgement.

¹⁴ Whoever is pregnant with evil
conceives trouble and gives birth to disillusionment.

¹⁵ Whoever digs a hole and scoops it out
falls into the pit they have made.

¹⁶ The trouble they cause recoils on them;
their violence comes down on their own heads.

¹⁷ I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness;
I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High

A sinner reaps what he sows... but we can give thanks and sing praise to the Lord for not treating us as our sins deserve and for clothing us in the righteousness of Christ!

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