

Psalm 17: Honest Prayer & Christlikeness.

1. (1-2) David honestly presents his cause to the LORD even as he asks for justification.

2. (3-4) A tested heart and lips that have resolved not to speak evil.

Psalm 139:23-24 - *Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

3. (5) Hold-up my steps; move my feet and place them forward and support it such that I don't go astray.

Lead me towards the right direction, **Psalm 23:3** - *He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

4. (6-9) Keep me safe, protect me dearly, sensitively and continually like the eyelids protect the eyes.

5. (10-14) Defeat my proud and arrogant enemies, very dominant prayer through David's life and reign.

5. (15) Confidence in seeing the righteous face of God and an expectation of satisfaction in glory/Christlikeness.

The destiny of God's people is to be conformed into the image of God, as perfectly displayed in Jesus Christ His Son.

Romans 8:29 - *For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.*

Romans 6:5 - *For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection.*

1 Thessalonians 2:10 - *You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.*

"I do not want to be like a Paul...or any mere man. I want to be like Christ...I want to follow Him only, copy His teachings, drink in His Spirit, and place my feet in His footprints...Oh, to be more like Christ!"

No literal portrait of Jesus exists...but the likeness of the Son who makes us free can be seen in the lives of His true followers.