

Psalm 55 -

This Psalm records David's experience of persecution through betrayal. This is a prelude to the betrayal of Jesus Christ by Judas (Psalm 41:9).

1-8 - This first section records his prayer to be delivered from his terrible oppression. He cried out to God for rest from the oppression, pain and fear (storm) caused by his enemies. So he wished he would fly away like a dove flying away to safety.

9-15 - The Psalmist asked God to confuse the wicked who oppressed him as the town (probably Jerusalem) was filled with violence and strife and malice...

It was bad enough that David's enemies were troubling him; it was more painful that his best friend betrayed him.

"Arrows shot from within are far more painful than those shot from the outside"

Thus the Psalmist wished God's swift destruction (by death) on all his enemies.

16-21 - Expressing his confidence in the Lord, David said the LORD saves me. Knowing this, he would continue to call out to Him in his distress, for the Lord, who redeems him in battle, would hear him. Four times David spoke of his enemies' words being sharp and destructive like swords.

22-23 - Cast your burden on the LORD. God will never forsake the righteous.

1 Chronicles 12:38 - *All these men of war, who could keep ranks, came to Hebron with a **loyal heart**, to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest of Israel were of one mind to make David king.*

Proverbs 17:17 - *A friend loves at **all times**, and a brother is born for adversity.*

1 Peter 5:6-7 - *Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, **casting all your care upon Him**, for He cares for you.*

*Matthew 11:29-30 - "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find **rest for your souls**. "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

Psalm 56 -

David had being hired to fight Saul's army by the King of Gath, of the Philistines (1 Samuel 21:10, Psalm 34:1). When David realized that they knew him from the battle against Goliath, he pretended madness, so they dismissed him and escaped to a cave. His confidence led him to anticipate praising God for deliverance from this danger.

1-7 - David prayed that the Lord would destroy those who conspired to kill him; because his confidence was in God, whose word he praised, he realized that he didn't have to fear mere humans.

8-13 - David reiterated his confidence that the Lord knew about his suffering and would protect him.

8-11 - He was confident because God knew him intimately, even recording his tears.

12-13 - David was so confident God would deliver him that he wrote in the past tense (You have delivered me). So he vowed to praise God for this with thank offerings.

Psalm 57 -

David writes this Psalm from a cave as he was hiding from Saul.

1-5 - The Psalmist's cries to God for mercy, sure that God was going to help and thus exalts Him above the heavens and the earth.

6-11 – David's enemies have been pursuing in vain – spreading nets and digging pits, falling in them.

David vowed to sing a song of victory; God be exalted above the heavens and the earth.

David prayed for deliverance from his destructive enemies, and then sang a song of triumph for God's faithful love in expectation that the wicked would be caught in their own devices.