

## Psalm 7 – “Judge Me According to My Righteousness” (part 2)

**III. V 8-11 – THE JUDGE OF JUST JUDGEMENT** – Just judgement is hard to find on earth. Too often, man’s judgement is coloured by prejudices and controlled by powers that be. However, the LORD, who is sovereign, will ensure that just judgement prevails at the end of time. Christ is the Judge of all judges. He will judge His people righteously and will not show partiality! David did not ask for partiality in judgement. He knew his LORD well. He knew the LORD would always judge His people. He did so in the past and he will do so in the present and future.

David cried to the LORD to judge him according to his righteousness. There are two kinds of righteousness in the believer. The first is the imputed righteousness that he receives from God at the point of his conversion. The second is the righteousness that he exercises from one circumstance to the next on a daily basis. The first pertains to his daily life that transforms his standing and relationship with God. After conversion, he stands before God as a just man, with nothing to be ashamed of. Before salvation, he was an enemy of God, who deserved to be cast into outer darkness and away from the presence of God. David was not referring to the first kind of righteousness. In this psalm, David was referring to the second kind of righteousness. David believed that his enemies had attacked him unjustly. He cried to the LORD to judge his case. He was not afraid that the LORD’s all seeing eyes would examine the depths of his soul. Therefore, he cried for the LORD to judge according to his integrity. His motive and actions were righteous before God. David was not afraid. He had nothing to hide from the LORD.

David demanded justice from a righteous heart. He asked the LORD to stop the wickedness of the wicked. They were hindering and destroying God’s servant and work! God’s plan of salvation was through the life and ministry of David. If these evil men succeeded, then man’s salvation would be lost forever! David did not ask God to intervene for personal vengeance. He asked for the justice of God to prevail over his life, as every Christian should. David asked the LORD to establish the just, not David. If David was not just, the LORD would not establish him either! The LORD will punish all who sin, including David and all his children. The LORD knows who are righteous and who are not, as he tries the hearts and the reins, i.e., the minds. God sees beyond our actions; He sees the motives and thoughts behind every word and action.

David’s defence is of God. It is not of man. Man’s standard is corrupt and tainted by sin and prejudice. On the other hand, the defence of the righteous comes from God where God’s Word will be the plumb line that measures everyone. David was certain that the LORD would save the upright in heart. David knew that he was upright in heart in this confrontation by his enemies. He must have searched his own soul

deeply and sincerely, for he cannot hide anything from the LORD. His defence came from God, based upon God's perfect Word and His precious promises. It was not something arbitrary or subjective. Faith in God's word was his confidence against these wicked men. God judges the righteous and they will come out strong and vindicated, whereas the LORD is angry with the wicked. This is what God does every day. He judges the righteous and is angry with the wicked every day!

**IV. V 12-13 – THE CONDITION FOR JUST JUDGEMENT** – The LORD will condemn only the guilty. These guilty ones are unrepentant as well. If they repent of their sins and evil ways, the LORD will forgive them. However, the LORD will ready his sword, bend his bow, and make them ready for punishment. The impending wrath of God can fall upon sinners at any time if they procrastinate and refuse to repent of their sins. To complete the picture, David revealed that the LORD has also prepared instruments of death for the wicked. God has ordained his arrows to pierce the hearts of the evil men. They will surely be killed.

Repentance is the only way out of sin. The enemies of David could apologize to David for what they had done to him and stop sinning. However, making restitution to God is another matter. Sinful man can never make payment for the sins they have committed against God. Turning to Jesus Christ is the only way a sinner can repent of his sins against God. Jesus Christ came into this world to die for sinners. He is God's only begotten Son whom God the Father sent to die for sinners. The only way for sinners to avert the wrath of God from falling upon them is to repent of their sins and accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. There is no other way to avoid these arrows of the LORD that He has ordained against the persecutors of God's servants.

**V. V 14-16 – THE RECIPIENTS OF JUST JUDGEMENT** – If sinners refuse to repent, the LORD, being the holy and righteous Judge, will have no choice but to punish and condemn them. The verb "travaileth" is like the pain of child birthing. The wicked carry about their bodies the pains of iniquity and yet refuse to get rid of them and to turn from their sinful ways. They have conceived mischief as a woman conceives a child. The result is to give birth to falsehood. The whole procedure is one of deliberate sin. The sequence from conception to birth is logical. It is so destructive and painful and yet sinners prefer to indulge in sins rather than to repent of them. Why is falsehood akin to sin? The reason is that sinners are deceived into sinning and they hurt no one but themselves. It might be enjoyable for the moment but the result is death and not life. The world and Satan delude them into believing that sins are good for them, and that they are doing good when they fight against God and His servants like David. Instead, the pain and sorrow that follow sins is death and Hell!

How can puny man believe that he can fight against God? He digs a pit to trap his prey. However, he falls into the pit himself. His mischief will return upon his own

head and his violence will boomerang back to destroy him! This result is certain. Self-destruction is for all who fight against God and His servants. There is more hope for a woodpecker pecking away at the rock of Gibraltar than for all of humanity fighting against God and winning! All the evil will return upon them. They kill and destroy but they are actually killing and destroying themselves. When evil men persecute Christians for their faith and righteous deeds, they will face the wrath the God in the day to come. The Just Judge will never over punish or under punish evil men. All will receive His just retribution, without exception. God will reward and welcome the righteous into heaven. Evil men will be condemned to Hell where there will be pain and gnashing of teeth with no hope of getting out. The time for repentance is now while there is still breath in our bodies.

**CONCLUSION** – David ended on a most comforting note. He would praise the LORD according to His righteousness because he knows that the LORD will always do what is right and just according to His perfect and holy Word. David would sing praises to the Name of the LORD most high, for He alone deserves all of his praise. Praising the LORD is always an exercise of the heart, not the mind! David had experienced God’s deliverance and assurance in the midst of a great trial. He faced enemies who wanted him dead simply because he was doing the will of God. David cried to the LORD for help and the LORD delivered him. His praise of the LORD was real and from the depths of his soul! Christians need to serve the LORD faithfully. Satan will hinder. Evil men will persecute and destroy God’s work and Christians. God’s children must pray, and peace and trust will prevail in their hearts. They will experience God’s grace and goodness in their soul. They should praise the LORD every day. When they gather on the Lord’s Day, it is truly to give praise and thanksgiving unto the LORD.