

Psalm 7

September 27-28, 2023

DAVID'S SONGS

* A STUDY OF SELECTED PSALMS *

1. Describe a place or person that makes you feel safe and secure.
2. Read Psalm 7 in its entirety. What words and ideas are repeated?
3. Note the description under the title of Psalm 7. As David talks to the Lord, what is his concern?

Read Psalm 7:1-2. What is David's situation and his emotional state?

While we do not know the exact situation David is referencing in Psalm 7, we know other times in his life he was treated unjustly. Read the following passages. Describe the unjust treatment David experienced and how he responded.

1 Samuel 19:10-12; 20:1

2 Samuel 16:5-14; 19:18-23

4. In Psalm 7, David turns to the Lord in his distress. Share a time God was a refuge for you when you were treated unjustly.

5. Read Psalm 7:3-5. When attacked, we are tempted to respond sinfully, but David instead takes his concern to God. What phrases in verses 3-5 demonstrate David's willingness to accept responsibility for any personal wrongdoing?

Consider the example of Jesus in 1 Peter 2:19-23. What motivates you to pursue righteousness when you are wronged?

6. Read Psalm 7:6-7 and list the ways David asks God to intervene on his behalf. Which request most resonates with you and why?

7. Summarize what you learn about God in Psalm 7:8-11.

What other insights do you learn about God as judge from the following verses?

Psalm 9:7-8

Psalm 75:2, 7

Psalm 76:8-9

Isaiah 33:22

Reflect on those verses. Why is it important that God is judge and that He is righteous?

8. Consider memorizing Psalm 7:10-11. What emotions are stirred in you by these specific words?

9. In Psalm 7:12-16, the wicked person's choices and consequences are described. Which one most strikes healthy fear and warning in your heart? Why?

10. Read Psalm 7:12 along with Acts 3:19-20. What is the hope for sinners?

Repentance requires a change of mind and heart, turning back to the truth of God. Share a time you experienced God's grace through repentance.

11. Read Psalm 7:17. David ends the psalm with thanksgiving and praise even though his situation is not yet resolved. What truths have you observed in Psalm 7 which give you confidence and hope as you face injustice now and in the future?

12. Write your own prayer psalm of trusting God's justice relating to your life circumstances today.

13. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.

The Merciful Justice of God

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A Humble Sufferer

7:1-5

Spoken and written words can lead to gut-wrenching suffering and seriously wound others.

The godly David rushes to God for safety and refuge while desperately begging for His help.

Even while treated unjustly, David walks with humility and admits his own imperfection.

David hates not just evil in others but all wrong-doing, including his own.

Come to God _____ and boldly when treated unjustly.

A Saving, Righteous Judge

7:6-16

God passionately protects His godly children...
so boldly ask God to act.

God clearly sees the truth and perfectly evaluates all people...
so expect God to assess each situation and person.

God is the Righteous of the righteous and the Judge of the judges...
so hide behind God's shield and trust the Judge.

God provides hope for the sinner but eventually they will experience dramatic consequences...
so repent quickly.
so obey the Judge and let Him distribute justice.

Choose your path based on the _____ Judge who truly matters.

A Confident Worshiper

7:17

After his interactions with God, David emerges with confidence and worship.

David praises and thanks God based on His character and not a change in circumstances.

The beauty of righteousness and the Righteous One is celebrated.

Love righteousness and _____ the Righteous Judge.

Key: humbly, only, celebrate

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PSALM 27:12b ...for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

JAMES 3:5-6 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell.

1 PETER 2:21b-23 ...because Christ has also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

PSALM 9:7-8 But the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

ACTS 3:19-20a “Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...”