

PRAYING PSALM 124

“Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers. The snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth” (Psalm 124:7, 8).

This psalm moves from peril to praise: 1. DESCRIPTION OF PERIL (1-5). Perils of the fowler’s trap. They would have swallowed us alive. Their wrath kindled against us. 2. ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE (6-8). The snare is broken and we have escaped. Blessed is the Lord. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

The fowler’s trap is Satan’s snare. “The devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (I Peter 5:8). He and his demon army are in constant pursuit of you as a child of God. The Lord is your help. He who made heaven and earth made your fallen enemy. More importantly, He made you to follow Him. Pay attention to the Devil’s trap. The best way for the devil to get back at his Maker is to devour His followers in a quagmire of guilt feelings and misery. Your best weapon against the devil and his minions is praise. “Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand” (Psalm 149:6). The sword of the Spirit and words of praise are what you need to escape any trap. Steadfast in the word and praise are God’s remedy against Satan’s devices.