

PRAYING PSALM 129

“Many a time they have afflicted me from my youth; Yet they have not prevailed against me (Psalm 129:1-2).

This statement is made two times in the first two verses of this psalm. The psalm deals with the wicked persecution of righteous Israel. 1. AFFLICTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS – PAST (1-4). Israel is personified. They have not prevailed against me. My back is covered with cuts. The Lord is good and has cut the cords used by the ungodly to bind me. I.e., He freed me. 2. JUDGMENT OF THE WICKED – FUTURE (5-8). The wicked will be put to shame and turned back. They will be rejected and thrown away. They will not be blessed by the Lord.

The affliction of the righteous, whether Israel or believers of the church age, will continue till the nations are judged at Christ’s return. The Lord will remain good in the midst of the wickedness of His enemies. This psalm teaches us to pray for the righteous and against the wicked. Pray, and leave the results to God. That includes how and when God will ultimately deal with the wicked. Pray the promise given in this psalm – for God to put the wicked to shame and to turn them back. When you pray that way, you will be supporting God’s will for Israel, and you will be taking the side of the Lord against the wicked.