

PRAYING PSALM 140

“Deliver me from evil men...” (Psalm 140:1).

David is the author. This is another imprecatory psalm. Its purpose is to bring down judgment on evil men.

1. THE CRY OF THE PSALMIST (1-12). Evil men are described as violent, planning evil, wanting war, having deadly tongues. In other words, their mouths are evil; their plans are evil; their works are evil; because their desires are evil. Evil desires come from evil hearts. Evil desires are violent. David’s evil enemies tried to cause him to stumble. They constantly set traps for him. David asked God to deliver him from evil people. 2. THE CONFIDENCE OF THE AFFLICTED (9-13). The wicked will be overthrown (ultimately) (9-11). The cause of the afflicted will be maintained (ultimately) (12-13).

It is important to be on the right side. There is one war. There two sides. The war is spiritual. The sides are good and evil. When you are called to Christ, you are called from the side of evil to the side of God. When you are saved, you are given a panoply of weapons for spiritual warfare. The armor is for defense (Ephesians 6:11-17). Prayer is for offense (6:18-19). If you would engage the enemy in day-to-day battle, you must pray. There is no permanent victory over evil in our lifetime, but as a Christian you cannot achieve day-to-day victories without prayer. Prayer proves you are in the battle, that you are on the right side, and you are going to win. You will not win all your battles, but you will win the war, because you are on the winning side. This psalm calls you to act like a victor. You can be confident of ultimate victory, so suit up and pray up with confidence that your enemies will be overthrown. Victory is ultimately God’s. For now you can be sure the Lord will keep you from defeat.