

PRAYING PSALM 35

“My soul shall be joyful in the Lord; It shall rejoice in His salvation” (Psalm 35:9).

There are three stanzas in this psalm. Each one ends with thanksgiving. 1. INTRIGUE OF THE ENEMY (1-10). Fight against those who fight against me. Let those be put to shame who seek my life. Let them be like chaff before the wind. Let destruction come upon him unexpectedly. Thanksgiving. 2. INGRATITUDE OF THE ENEMY (11-18). They reward evil for good. They rejoiced at my adversity. Rescue me. 3. IMPOTENCE OF DAVID (19-28). Stir up yourself and vindicate me. My tongue shall praise you. This is an imprecatory song. David was asking for judgment on his enemies. In his stress David turned to God and gave thanks.

Here is the lesson of this psalm: Give thanks for your salvation (9). Give thanks in the congregation (17). Give thanks all day long (28).