

PRAYING PSALM 7

“If there is iniquity in my hands, if I have repaid evil to him who was at peace with me, or have plundered my enemy without a cause, let the enemy pursue me and overtake me...and lay my honor in the dust” (Psalm 7:4-5).

A man by the name of Cush made slanderous charges against David when he was being chased by Saul. David trusted God the Righteous Judge to deliver him. He declared his innocence. If he was guilty as charged, he was willing to be tried and executed. Therefore, David asked God to judge him.

David asked God to judge his accuser. In doing so, he placed himself before the Lord for judgment. Here is the prayer: Rise up against my enemies (1-2). 2. Judge me according to my righteousness (3-8). 3. Let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just (9). Notice the rationale for David’s prayer: 1. David was assured of fairness, because God tests the hearts and minds of men. 2. God is a just judge and is angry with the wicked every day (11-13). 3. David knew that given enough time, the wicked would destroy himself (14-16). Therefore, David praised the Lord (17).

Let God vindicate you. Don’t seek revenge. Pray, and deny your natural impulse to get even. Trust God to deal with wicked in His time. Do the opposite of what you feel like doing. The ultimate end of the wicked will not take place until the final judgment. Discern yourself as you wait for the judgment of your accusers. Give time for the wicked to destroy himself. Trust in the Lord while you are waiting for God to deal with your detractors.