

PSALMS Vol V

Psalm 55

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Psalm 55:1-23

Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea; hear me and answer me. My thoughts trouble me and I am distraught because of what my enemy is saying, because of the threats of the wicked; for they bring down suffering on me and assail me in their anger. My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen on me. Fear and trembling have beset me; horror has overwhelmed me. I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest. I would flee far away and stay in the desert; I would hurry to my place of shelter, far from the tempest and storm." Lord, confuse the wicked, confound their words, for I see violence and strife in the city. Day and night they prowl about on its walls; malice and abuse are within it. Destructive forces are at work in the city; threats and lies never leave its streets. If an enemy were insulting me, I could endure it; if a foe were rising against me, I could hide.

But it is you, a man like myself, my companion, my close friend, with whom I once enjoyed sweet fellowship at the house of God, as we walked about among the worshipers. Let death take my enemies by surprise; let them go down alive to the realm of the dead, for evil finds lodging among them. As for me, I call to God, and the Lord saves me. Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice. He rescues me unharmed from the battle waged against me, even though many oppose me. God, who is enthroned from of old, who does not change— he will hear them and humble them, because they have no fear of God. My companion attacks his friends; he violates his covenant. His talk is smooth as butter, yet war is in his heart; his words are more soothing than oil, yet they are drawn swords.

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken. But you, God, will bring down the wicked into the pit of decay; the bloodthirsty and deceitful will not live out half their days. But as for me, I trust in you.

1) Be honest about the pain.

- Psalm 55:2-4
- Psalm 55:12-14
- Psalm 62:8
- Lamentations 2:19

2) Resist the urge to escape.

- Psalm 55:6-8, "I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest. I would flee far away and stay in the desert;"
- **DON'T BUILD WALLS AROUND YOUR HEART.**
- **DON'T ISOLATE YOURSELF FROM COMMUNITY.**

3) Cast your burden on the Lord.

- Psalm 55:22 "Cast your cares on the LORD and He will sustain you."
- 1 Peter 5:7, "Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you."

CAST: a violent throwing or hurling from you. Intentional action, a getting rid of.

4) Trust in God's justice and timing.

- Psalm 55:16-19, "As for me, I call to God, and the Lord saves me. Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice. He rescues me unharmed from the battle waged against me, even though many oppose me. God, who is enthroned from of old, who does not change— he will hear them and humble them, because they have no fear of God".
- Luke 18 - The Persistent Widow

5) Forgiveness is true freedom.

Psalm 55 doesn't use the words forgiveness or unforgiveness, but, I believe it shows us the pathway toward forgiveness.

- Mark 11:25 "And whenever you stand praying forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses" (ESV).
- Psalm 62:8
- 1 Corinthians 4:4

CONCLUSION:

- Be honest about the pain.
- Resist the urge to escape.
- Cast your burden on the Lord.
- Trust in God's justice and timing.
- Walk in forgiveness and freedom.

**WHAT RELATIONAL BURDEN DO YOU NEED TO CAST
ONTO THE LORD?**

*WHAT WOUND DO YOU NEED TO RELEASE THROUGH
FORGIVENESS?*