Psalms 55-57 (Week 19)

Mike Minear · Psalm 56

1 Trust in God Concerning the Treachery of Friends

- O that I had wings like a dove, I would fly away and be at rest.
- For it is not an enemy who reproaches me, then I could bear it, but it was you, a man my equal, my companion and my acquaintance.
- As for me, I will call upon God, and the Lord shall save me.
- The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart.
- Cast your burden on the Lord, and he shall sustain you. He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.
- Terrors of death is a strong expression of the intense feelings of David caused by his trials.

2 Prayer for Relief from Tormentors

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- Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.
- In God I have put my trust, I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?
- You number my wanderings, put my tears into your bottle. Are they not in your book?
- David's conflicts with his enemies make up by far the greater portion of the book of Psalms.
- He was a successful warrior, yet he relied chiefly on the help of God for victory.

3 Prayer for Safety from Enemies

- Be merciful to me, O God, for my soul trusts in you, and in the shadow of your wings I will make my refuge until these calamities have passed by.
- My heart is steadfast. O God, my heart is steadfast. I will sing and give praise.
- For your mercy reaches unto the heavens, and your truth unto the clouds.
- As the wings of a bird would provide a shelter, so the Lord would protect David in his trials.
- God is the one who performeth whatever is done to protect the righteous from their enemies.
- The mercy that God will send forth will be according to his truth.

MY NOTES