Turn to God

Greg Kline · Psalm 7

INTRODUCTION

- David, a man of God who was put through just about every trial, tribulation, and persecution that you could even imagine.
- There's something unfair about being punished when you didn't do something.

1 The Innocent Are Persecuted

Psalm 7:1–5; 1 John 5:19

- O Lord my God, in you do I take refuge, save me from all my pursuers, and deliver me, lest like a lion they tear my soul apart.
- David was facing dire consequences for essentially doing nothing.
- It is the innocent today in this country that are often persecuted.
- We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

2 If the World Hates You

John 15:18–25; Psalm 69:1–4

- It is a consequence, a natural consequence of doing good, is being hated by the world.
- If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.
- If we are to emulate his example, we're going to face the same persecution.
- More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause.

3 David Goes to God

Psalm 7:1–2

- Oh Lord my God, in you do I take refuge. Save me from all my pursuers and deliver me.
- David doesn't do that. He goes to God.
- Without God, we have no reason for hope, and we certainly have no hope itself.

4 He Trusts God to Be Just

Psalm 7:3–11; Psalm 69:5

- He believes with all of his heart and mind that God's justice will prevail.
- He's not claiming to be righteous or deserving in his own right of his faith. He's relying on God.
- We must go to God with our problems. Human problems that are solved with human wisdom create more complex, complicated human problems.
- Do we have the faith of David to call out to God for what we know he has promised us?

5 Are We Longing for God's Judgment?

Psalm 7:11–16

- Are we longing for God's judgment? There is no middle ground on this.
- God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.
- An angry God every day means never relenting in his expectation of submission and obedience.
- These people God will judge, and God will avenge his people.

6 Go to God and Stay Innocent in the Matter

Psalm 145:18; 2 Timothy 2:22; Isaiah 59:1–2

- If you take nothing else from the lesson this morning, go to God with your problems.
- The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
- A shield is only good if you choose to wield it.
- We better make sure that we stay innocent in the matter.
- So flee, youthful passions, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **As we go out through the week, let's remember that it doesn't matter how fair or unfair this life is.**

MY NOTES