

When We Have Been Wronged Psalm 07

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I believe if a person lives very long, there will come a time when someone wrongs them. It is a dreadful feeling to be mistreated without cause. There is no man more capable of explaining the awfulness of being wronged than is David. He had a good heart. He failed God in the Bathsheba affair, but a close look at his life reveals many good deeds. On more than one occasion, he turned his head and refused to retaliate when mistreated.

When we think of being mistreated, we think in terms of our relations with mankind. However, let us stop to ponder the many times we have mistreated God, and yet, he was patient with us. I am thankful for Psalms 103:8 which tells us *The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy*. If we had gotten justice, we would all be eternally doomed.

Looking in our Bible at the heading to this Psalm, we see that it relates to someone named *Cush the Benjamite*. Who was Cush? Bible scholars disagree as to who he was. Cush means *black*. Whoever Cush may have been, David had been mistreated by him. It is debated as to whether Cush was the name of a person or a name David assigned to the person who mistreated him. Saul was David's chief adversary. So, as many believe, I believe Cush referred to Saul who certainly had a *black* heart.

7:1-2

O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me: 2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.

David uses two names to refer to God in verse 1. The name LORD means Jehovah which is the *covenant* God. As our God, I am thankful we have a *covenant* with God. God will not break his covenants. He is a God of his word, and a God of truth. There will never be a day when you have to sue God and take him to court

because he quit loving you. As children of God, we never have to take him to court over child support.

God, in verse 1, is Elohim, which means *power*. How comforting to know we have a God of all *power* under contract to protect us. If no one has ever mistreated you, I promise that day will come. When it comes, you have LORD God under contract who has all power in heaven and in earth.

7:3-5

O LORD my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands; 4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy:) 5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah.

I read this verse, and I hear the plea of an honest but discouraged man. Someone had made an accusation against David for he says in verse 1 *“if I have done this”* and *“if there be iniquity.”* In verse 4 it seems he is accused of being evil toward a person who was at peace with him. This is a strong accusation. We are not told who made the accusation. Who is Cush? No one knows for certain. However, remember Cush has the meaning *black*.

I certainly love David’s honesty. Why can’t we come before God in a childlike manner? The first thing we say when accused is “I have done nothing wrong. It is a lie!” I have heard the ol’ timers say, when they were accused while being innocent, “if I have wronged you in any way, I am sorry. I did not mean to.” We are a heady, high-minded generation. We are perfect; we do nothing wrong. We don’t make mistakes. GOD HATES PRIDE. David tells God that if he is guilty and has committed wrong, then “let what I have coming fall on me.” He goes so far as to say in verse 5 let my accuser take my *soul* and my *life*. Again, I ask us this question- “Why can’t we come before God in plainness and honesty?” If a person lives on this planet very long, that person will be subject to false accusation as was David. There are men in prison who are innocent. They were falsely accused.

7:6-8

Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded. 7 So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore return thou on high. 8 The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.

It is a dreadful matter to be engaged with the courts of the land. There is crookery and injustice in the judicial system, and this is sad. Whatever man is involved in, there is the chance for corruption. Though we often forget, the court that matters is the court of Almighty God. Have you ever received a summons to appear in court? David summonses God to court in verse 6- *awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded*. Yes, David summonses God to court! He requests God walk into the courtroom and take his *high* seat reserved for the presiding judge. Then, he requests that God, when he is seated in his lofty position of judgment, make a decree as to his innocence or guilt. David knew that when God sat in the seat of judgment, the verdict would be fair and true. He knew that when God made a ruling as to his guilt or innocence, decision, it would throughout the land to all the people. Folk will not have to check the court records to see how the case was decided. People will not have to read the results of court proceedings in the newspaper. God has a way to clear the innocent of their accusations so that even the heathen knows God's people are innocent. Pilate decreed three times in the Bible that he "could find no fault in Jesus Christ."

Verse 8 reminds us all that we are scheduled for an appointment in God's court of law. David first mentions that the *people* being judged. II Corinthians 5:10 *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad*. Then, David asked God to judge him. This is a bold prayer indeed. I stop to ask myself if I could pray such a prayer.

7:9-10

Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins. 10 My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

The first portion of verse 9 says, in essence, “let evil bring an end to the wicked.” In many cases, the sinner’s evil destroys the sinner. I spoke to a man who told me of a man who was dying a slow, dreadful death with liver failure. His evil, drinking strong drink, is destroying him. Haman built gallows on which to hang one of God’s men, Mordecai. In the end, Haman hanged on his own gallows and passed into eternity. Jacob was deceived by his own father-in-law. This was the Jacob that had deceived his own father and brother. David had an affair with his neighbor’s wife. David’s son had an affair with his own step-sister. Galatians 6:7 reads *Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.* This is the law of the soil; this also the law of the soul. The sin that you eat and enjoy will one day eat you.

7:11-13

God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day. 12 If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready. 13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

A sinner may get drunk and enjoy the party. However, God is looking on with anger. God is angry with every beer-joint in the land. God is angry with every meth-lab. God is angry with every abortion clinic. I had rather have the police after me than have God on my trail. I am glad I am saved and covered beneath a shield of blood.

We see the grace of God in verse 12 where the Scripture says “If he turn not...” Some very mean people have been saved and washed in the blood of forgiveness. However, as we are told in the book of Genesis preceding the flood, God assures us “my spirit shall not always strive with man.” God has a sword and a bow, and he knows how to use them. God knows how to sharpen his sword and bend his bow. God has a workshop wherein he prepares *instruments of death.*

I saw recently where the Navy is testing a laser weapon mounted on a ship at sea which can knock an airplane out of the sky. God has laser-guided arrows he can aim at the persecutors of God's people. I know sinners are sinners and the wicked are wicked, but I sometimes wonder if God does not have a special classification of enemies in those that *persecute* his children.

David has God on his side.

7:14-16

Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood. 15 He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made. 16 His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.

Sin is like a *baby*, verse 14. The sinner conceives wickedness within himself in the fashion of the pregnancy of a woman. The conceived sin grows within the wicked man until he is full. Then, the sin is birthed. He is at pains to get it out. Sin is never stillborn. Sin is never born handicapped. Sin is never born prematurely. Unfortunately, Satan knows how to impregnate any member of the fallen race of mankind.

The father of sin is *Satan*. The mother of sin is *self*. Cush, the evil character in pursuit of David, was pregnant and is now full term and David is the victim. In the case of Cush, the sin baby was named *falsehood*. No one shot David. No one thrust a spear toward David. The offense was that lies were told against him. The biggest lies ever told is "sticks and stone may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." I'd prefer being hit with a stick.

Sin is a *booby-trap*, verse 15. My father grew up in the mountains of Western North Carolina. There is a goodly number of Cherokee Indians who reside in this region. Father told me of the great hunting skills of the Cherokee Indians. One hunting tactic was to dig a deep pit in the forest. Then, tree limbs we placed over the pit to disguise it. Bait was placed in the pit. A bear, for example, may wander along

and fall into the disguised pit. The animal could not escape. The hunter had caught some game which became food for the table.

Such is sin. Satan, through wicked men, digs pits in an attempt to catch the righteous. By the power and might of almighty God, the digger of the pit ultimately falls into his own pit. Sin never pays. Sin only collects. Haman fell into the pit he dug for Mordecia. Be sure your sin will find you out.

Sin is a boomerang, verse 16. The boomerang is a strange looking piece of lightweight wood. Toss it and it returns to you. A wicked man can throw mischief at the innocent, but he had better beware. The sin can return and cut his own head off. The word *pate* in verse 16 refers to the crown of the head. The Australians invented the boomerang, and used it primarily for a weapon in hunting. A man skilled in throwing a boomerang could kill an animal with it. If he missed the target, the boomerang returned to him. Be sure your sin will find you out.

7:17

I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high."

While most of the chapter is devote to sin and judgment for sin, there is always an appropriate time to praise the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord.