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Psalm 70

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Psalm 70.

Topics.

- Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life.
- May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great."

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INTRODUCTION

Psalms are songs and prayers offered to God by the nation Israel, they cover the range of human emotion, expressing praise, faith, victory, sorrow, despair, depression, frustration and the troubled heart of a mourner. They contrast the righteous with the wicked, and include the wisdom and the treasure of God's word. Psalms were written at the beginning of the 15th century BC and probably collected in their final form in the 3rd century.

BOOK TWO (PSALM 42-72)

PSALM 70:1-3

To the Choirmaster. Of David, For the Memorial Offering.

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Let them Be Put to Shame and Confusion who Seek my Life.

- **Psalm 70:1-3:** Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me! ²Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life! Let them be turned back and brought to dishonour who desire my hurt! ³Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"

Aha, Aha: is an expression, that carries the idea of rejoicing at another person's calamity and distress another way of saying the same thing is expressed in the words, "we are glad, we are glad." By this statement we are taught that it is wrong before God to mock at others in their misery.

This very brief Psalm almost seems to be the ending of the previous Psalm (sixty-nine) and is almost the same as the last five verses of Psalm forty. David earnestly prays for God to answer his prayer speedily. This is because as in the previous Psalm he has enemies that are seeking to kill him and who will rejoice at his death.

This Psalm can also be seen as an echo of the Lord Jesus Christ who also had fierce enemies that plotted his murder and rejoiced at his death and it is certain as they looked at him suffering and dying on the bloodstained cross they said or at least thought to themselves, "Aha, Aha!" "We are glad, we are glad."

Since David was a prophet and spoke under the inspiration of God his cry for God to put to shame and confusion all that seek his life and be brought to dishonour who desire his hurt can also be seen as a cry for God's judgment and wrath to fall upon the enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ who sought his life, plotted his murder, cried out for his crucifixion and rejoiced at his death. Should this be so David's prayer was answered in 70 AD when the Roman armies brought to ruin the city of Jerusalem and destroyed the temple of God.

May those who Love Your Salvation Say Evermore, "God is Great."

- **Psalm 70:4-5:** May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" ⁵But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

Poor: comes from the Hebrew word (*`aniy*) and means depressed, in mind or circumstances, afflicted, humbled, lowly, weak, feeble, needy and worldly poor.

Though David himself feels depressed, afflicted weak and feeble he prays that others who love God would rejoice and be happy. Here we see the same spirit in David as was in Christ, in that regardless of how bad their circumstances were they always desired the best for others. Jesus when looking at the soldiers who nailed him to the cross, prayed:

- Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. And they cast lots to divide his garments. (Luke 23:34).

Throughout David's life he was at various times:

- Afflicted, depressed and in deep despair.
- Mentally and emotionally weak and feeble.
- Faced death on his sick bed and in fierce the battles many times.
- Betrayed by close friends and those of his, own household.
- Often had times of great grief, heartache, anguish and sorrow.

Yet through all these his faith in God was never dented in all circumstances good or bad he ends almost all his prayers and Psalms in praise and worship and thanking God for His Steadfast love.

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