

## **The End of Your Rope**

**Psalm 142:1-7**

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Psalm 142:1-7

With my voice I cry out to the Lord; with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord. I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him. When my spirit faints within me, you know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me. Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul. I cry to you, O Lord; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me! Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name! The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.

Psalm 142:1-4

With my voice I cry out to the Lord; with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord. I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him. When my spirit faints within me, you know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me. Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.

### **I. David calls on God because he is opposed and alone. (vv. 1-4)**

Psalm 142:1-2

With my voice I cry out to the Lord; with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord. I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him.

Psalm 142:3

When my spirit faints within me, you know my way!

"Pour out your thoughts and you will see what they are; show your trouble and the extent of it will be known to you: let all be done before the Lord, for in comparison with his great majesty of love the trouble will seem to be as nothing."

– Charles Spurgeon

Psalm 142:5-7

I cry to you, O Lord; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me! Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name! The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.

## **II. David calls on God because he needs salvation. (vv. 5-7)**

Psalm 142:5

I cry to you, O Lord; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

Romans 10:9-10, 13

...because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved . . . For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

### **HI: When opposed, call on the God who saves.**

"When we can begin a song with crying, we may hope to close it with singing. The voice of prayer soon awakens the voice of praise." – Charles Spurgeon

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