

2 Sam 14:25 *“Now in all Israel there was no one who was praised as much as Absalom for his good looks. From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.*

{Lucifer Ez 28:12 “You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.”}

2 Sam 15:6 *“Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.”*

2nd Sam 15:1 *After this it happened that Absalom provided himself with chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.”*

1 Kings 1:1 *“King David was now very old, and no matter how many blankets covered him, he could not keep warm.”* (Declining health)

1 Kings 1:5-6 *“About that time David’s son Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith, began boasting, “I will make myself king.” So he provided himself with chariots and charioteers and recruited fifty men to run in front of him.*

⁶ Now his father, King David, had never disciplined him at any time, even by asking, “Why are you doing that?” Adonijah had been born next after Absalom, and he was very handsome.”

Ps 71 is a picture for us of ‘spiritual warfare’ against a conspiring enemy.

Prayer for Protection vs 1-13

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2. Praise and Proclamation 14-24

David’s place of protection and refuge is not in a place but in a person.

Ps 71:1-3 NLT

*O LORD, I have come to you for protection;
don’t let me be disgraced.*

² Save me and rescue me, for you do what is right. Turn your ear to listen to me, and set me free.

*³ Be my rock of safety where I can always hide. **Give the order/commandment to save me**, for you are my rock and my fortress.*

You are my protection **VIDEO**

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Ps 71:5 *“O Lord, you alone are my hope. I’ve trusted you, O LORD, from childhood.”*

Ps 71:6 *“Yes, you have been with me from birth; from my mother’s womb you have cared for me. No wonder I am always praising you!”*

Ps 71:7-8 *“My life is an example to many,
because you have been my strength and protection.
⁸That is why I can never stop praising you;
I declare your glory all day long.”*

Ps 71:9-11 *“And now, in my old age, don’t set me aside.
Don’t abandon me when my strength is failing.
¹⁰For my enemies are whispering against me.
They are plotting together to kill me.
¹¹They say, “God has abandoned him.
Let’s go and get him,
for no one will help him now.”*

1 Kings 1:1 *“King David was now very old, and no matter how many blankets covered him, he could not keep warm.”*

1 Kings 1:18 (Bathsheba) *“Adonijah has made himself king, and my lord the king does not even know about it”*

1 Kings 1:19 *“He has sacrificed many cattle, fattened calves, and sheep, and he has invited all the king’s sons to attend the celebration. He also invited Abiathar the priest and Joab, the commander of the army. But he did not invite your servant Solomon.*

Psalms 71:12-13 *“O God, don’t stay away.
My God, please hurry to help me.
¹³Bring disgrace and destruction on my accusers.
Humiliate and shame those who want to harm me.*

Prayer spiritually insulates us from evil. When we pray God’s closeness becomes a source of destruction and humiliation to our adversaries.

2. Praise and Proclamation 14-24

Ps 71:14-15 *“But I will keep on hoping for your help;
I will praise you more and more.*

Hebrews 11:21 *“It was by faith that Jacob, when he was old and dying, blessed each of Joseph’s sons and bowed in worship as he leaned on his staff.”*

Ps 71:15 ¹⁵ ***I will tell everyone** about your righteousness.*

*All day long I will proclaim your saving power,
though I am not skilled with words."*

Rom 1:16a *"For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes"*

Ps 71:16a *"I will praise your mighty deeds, O Sovereign LORD.*

***I will tell everyone** that **you alone are just.**"*

Rom 1:17a *"This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from **start to finish** by faith."*

Ps 71:17 *"O God, you have taught me from my earliest childhood,
and I constantly tell others about the wonderful things you do."*

Luke 2:46-47 *"Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers."*

Ps 71:18 *"Now that I am old and gray,
do not abandon me, O God.*

*Let me proclaim your power to this new generation,
your mighty miracles to all who come after me.*

1 Kings 1:28-30 *"King David responded, "Call Bathsheba!" So she came back in and stood before the king. ²⁹ And the king repeated his vow: "As surely as the LORD lives, who has rescued me from every danger, ³⁰ your son Solomon will be the next king and will sit on my throne this very day, just as I vowed to you before the LORD, the God of Israel."*

1 Kings 1:35b (David to Solomon) *"he will sit on my throne. He will succeed me as king, for I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and Judah."*

To Solomon

1 Kings 2:1-3 *"As the time of King David's death approached, he gave this charge to his son Solomon:*

² *"I am going where everyone on earth must someday go. Take courage and be a man. ³ Observe the requirements of the LORD your God, and follow all his ways. Keep the decrees, commands, regulations, and laws written in the Law of Moses so that you will be successful in all you do and wherever you go.*

To The Nation

1 Chron 29:20 “ Then David said to the whole assembly, “Give praise to the LORD your God!” And the entire assembly praised the LORD, the God of their ancestors, and they bowed low and knelt before the LORD and the king.”

Ps 71:19-21

“Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the highest heavens.

You have done such wonderful things.

Who can compare with you, O God?

²⁰ *You have allowed me to suffer much hardship,
but you will restore me to life again
and lift me up from the depths of the earth.*

²¹ *You will restore me to even greater honor
and comfort me once again.*

Ps 71:22-24 “Then I will praise you with music on the harp,
because you are faithful to your promises, O my God.

I will sing praises to you with a lyre,
O Holy One of Israel.

²³ **I will shout for joy and sing your praises,**
for you have ransomed me.

²⁴ **I will tell about your righteous deeds**
all day long,

for everyone who tried to hurt me
has been shamed and humiliated.”