

“A INTEGRI-FUL HEART AFTER GOD” -- *Psalm 7*

David’s TAKE on how believer should respond
when assaulted by false accusations?



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

*Saul? Shemei (2 Sam. 16, 19)? Sheba (2 Sam. 20)?
Attacks from within the covenant community – cf. Galatians 5:14-15*

WHEN WE ARE FALSELY ACCUSED . . .

(1-2) take _____ in the LORD

(3-5) take an _____ / _____ check

- *David claims innocence in specific accusations, but is willing to be examined, even having his “glory” (reputation) lay in the dust.*

(6-11) take it to _____ and leave it there

- *God has appointed a judgment (see Hebrews 9:27-28, Acts 17:30-31, 2 Peter 3:11-12, Revelation 11:17-18 and 19:1-2)*
- *God is the One Who tests the minds and hearts (see Psalm 26:1-2, 1 Corinthians 4:3-5, Matthew 7:1-2)*
- *God is the righteous Judge who “feels indignation.” We must not avenge ourselves (Romans 12:19-21)*
- *The only true Innocent One is Jesus, Who models for us entrusting ourselves to God (1 Peter 2:21-23)*

(12-16) take heed of the _____ we all face

- *We turn to God in repentance OR God comes for us as the Divine Warrior.*
- *We must look to and repent from all the stages of the life cycle of sin (see James 1:14-15, Mark 7:20-23, Luke 6:43-45)*
- *God will make sure that ultimately justice is done, but even now He often allows the principle of retributive justice to work (see Proverbs 26:27)*

(17) take _____ in God’s righteous victory

*“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”*

Jesus in Matthew 5:11-12

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