

I. See His Holy Desperation (1-7)

A. From a crushed believer (1-4) - “Incline Your ear, O LORD {GRACE}, and answer me {ATTENTION}, for I am poor and needy {COMPASSION}. 2 Preserve my life {PROTECTION}, for I am godly; save Your servant {RESCUE}, who trusts in You - You are my God. 3 Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to You do I cry all the day {MERCY}. 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, for to You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul {REVIVAL}.”

B. From a convinced believer (5) - “For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.”

C. From a calling believer (6-7) - “Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. 7 In the day of my trouble I call upon You, for You answer me.” **My prayer...my plea...I call upon You**

II. See His Heartfelt Adoration (8-13)

A. You are my allegiance (8-10) - “There is none like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. 9 All the nations You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name. 10 For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God.”

B. You are my appetite (11-12) - “Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name. 12 I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.”

C. You are my awakening (13) - “For great is Your steadfast love toward me; You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.”

III. See His Heavenly Vindication (14-17)

A. I see the power of my enemy (14a) - “O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seeks my life...”

B. I see the problem of my enemy (14b) - “...and they do not set You before them.”

C. I see the potential for my enemy (15) - “But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.” **God can overwhelm the enemy and turn them into a friend!**

D. I see the prevailing over my enemy (16-17) - “Turn to me and be gracious to me; give Your strength to Your servant, and save the son of Your maidservant. 17 Show me a sign of Your favor, that those who hate me may see and be put to shame because You, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.”