



**Praying for Rescue and Deliverance  
Another Day for David, for Us And the Remnant  
Psalm 59**

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Here in Psalm 59, we are going to be with David when he realized there were assassins lying in wait for him to leave his home in the morning to go to work. We read about the events leading to this psalm in 1 Samuel 19. David had been doing some music counseling for Saul, soothing him with his music, and Saul had decided enough was enough and he tried to pin David to the wall with a spear. David got away.



1 Samuel 19:11–17

“Then Saul sent troops to watch David’s house. They were told to kill David when he came out the next morning. But Michal, David’s wife, warned him, “If you don’t escape tonight, you will be dead by morning.” So she helped him climb out through a window, and he fled and escaped. Then she took an idol and put it in his bed, covered it with blankets, and put a cushion of goat’s hair at its head. When the troops came to arrest David, she told them he was sick and couldn’t get out of bed. But Saul sent the troops back to get David. He ordered, “Bring him to me in his bed so I can kill him!” But when they came to carry David out, they discovered that it was only an idol in the bed with a cushion of goat’s hair at its head. “Why have you betrayed me like this and let my enemy escape?” Saul demanded of Michal. “I had to,” Michal replied. “He threatened to kill me if I didn’t help him.”” (NLT)

David did not threaten to kill his wife, but she knew her daddy and said that to save herself. **This is the background to this psalm which has a dual focus, not only does it deal with David’s current situation, but prophetically, we are also talking about the remnant from Israel hiding out in the wilderness from the Beast during the Great Tribulation and both events have a basis in treachery and deception.**

Treachery has taken place, and David is now running for his life. Literally, he leaves with what he has on and not much more. This will also be the condition of flight for those of the remnant there in Jerusalem when the Beast shows up one afternoon and goes to the Temple.

Matthew 24:15–18

“So **when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.** Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak.” (ESV)

The condition of the remnant will be no different than that of David. Treachery and running for your life from an enemy that just wants you dead. You take what you have on you and nothing more and head for the hills. It is all about survival, escape, rescue and deliverance.

Psalms 59:title–5

“For the music director; set to Al-tashheth. A Mikhtam of David, when Saul sent men and they watched the house in order to kill him. **Rescue me from my enemies, my God; Set me securely on high away from those who rise up against me. Rescue me from those who practice injustice, And save me from men of bloodshed.** For behold, they have set an ambush for my life; Fierce men attack me, Not for my wrongdoing nor for my sin, LORD, For no guilt of mine, they run and take their stand against me. Stir Yourself to help me, and see! You, LORD God of armies, the God of Israel, Awake to punish all the nations; Do not be gracious to any who deal treacherously in wrongdoing. Selah” (NASB 2020)

You can almost hear David praying as he heads to a safe place. He wants and needs to be rescued from his enemies and is asking for supernatural assistance as he seeks protection and a place to hide. Did he compose this prior to his wife telling him to flee or after he arrives someplace safer than his own home, we are not told that, but we do see his heart as he lowers himself out of the window to escape the view of those watching the front of the house.

For the remnant of Israel at the midpoint of the Tribulation, this prayer begins as the event Daniel and Jesus spoke of, takes place in the Holy of Holies in the Temple. Live on CNN, they are in shock as the one who said they would protect, turns on them forcing his way into the Holy Place and the into the Holy of Holies where he proclaims himself to be god and demands to be worshipped. At the same point in time, the False Prophet is busily putting together the final touches required to place an image of the Beast there in the Holy of Holies.



All of this while the armies of the beast methodically begin to kill all who are in the Temple and then begin spreading out from there.

This is the midpoint of the Tribulation, the beginning of the Great Tribulation, Satan and his fallen ones have all been cast out of heaven and confined to earth.

Those vehicles they were using in the past to go from this dimension to the next, no longer work and now they sit, unusable all over the planet. Satan's response is what leads to this.

Revelation 12:12–17

**“Therefore, rejoice, O heavens! And you who live in the heavens, rejoice! But terror will come on the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you in great anger, knowing that he has little time.” When the dragon realized that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. But she was given two wings like those of a great eagle so she could fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness.** There she would be cared for and protected from the dragon for a time, times, and half a time. Then the dragon tried to drown the woman with a flood of water that flowed from his mouth. But the earth helped her by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that gushed out from the mouth of the dragon. And the dragon was angry at the woman and declared war against the rest of her children—all who keep God's commandments and maintain their testimony for Jesus.” (NLT)

Just as David prays to be rescued from his enemies, so shall the remnant of Israel.

Psalms 59:1–2

**“Rescue me from my enemies, my God; Set me securely on high away from those who rise up against me. Rescue me from those who practice injustice, And save me from men of bloodshed.”** (NASB 2020)

David is asking for rescue and deliverance. Because there is no true basis for those who are seeking to kill him to do so, he calls out those who are motivating them as ones who practice injustice, at the encouragement of Satan, and those working for them, men of bloodshed.

God does indeed rescue David and as we have seen in Revelation 12, He will also supernaturally rescue and deliver the remnant from the hand of the Beast.

David then does just like we do when we pray. He has told the Lord his deep and immediate need, and then he tells the Lord why he is in such need. David tells God the problem he needs rescue from.

Again, if you have ever had anyone teach you pray the promise and not the problem, that is not Biblical. David not only, in prayer tells of his need but he also details the problem for the Lord. We do the same, it helps us to realize that what we are looking for and needing and desiring is a move of the Holy Spirit, for God to show up because we truly know and have told Him so, we can't do this without Him. Relationship means we pour out our heart to Him.

Forget the formulas people propose to get your prayer answered, just pour your heart out to the Lord. Here is why?

Hebrews 4:15

**“For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things just as we are, yet without sin.”** (NASB 2020)



John 14:13–15

**“And whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”**  
(NASB 2020)

Dr Chafer explains what this means for us.

What we learn is that “the Christian, being in the partnership with Christ, may expect that his prayer, if prompted by the Spirit, will be indited (composed) by Christ Himself. It is as though Christ offered the prayer; and that, again, assures the answer. The limitlessness of the promise, “Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do,” can be guaranteed only as the prayer is such as Christ would present to the Father. Such a prayer is granted directly and specifically for Christ’s sake. The believer’s acknowledged inability to discern what constitutes an acceptable subject of prayer is overcome, in the divine arrangement, by the ministry of the Holy Spirit. (Chafer 1952, 131)

Romans 8:26–27

**“Now in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”** (NASB 2020)

These are promises from our Lord telling us how He helps us as we pray. As a result, we can pray just as David does, telling the Lord what it is we need from Him, rescue and deliverance, and it is okay to tell Him why as well. He hears us as we are pouring out our heart to the one who loves us. He is not sitting there saying, “you didn’t use the formula. No.”

Psalms 59:3–4

**“For behold, they have set an ambush for my life; Fierce men attack me, Not for my wrongdoing nor for my sin, LORD, For no guilt of mine, they run and take their stand against me. Stir Yourself to help me, and see!”** (NASB 2020)

David is looking for rescue and deliverance because there are those who want to assassinate him for no reason other than who he is, David. Pertaining to the remnant, why does Satan want the people of God dead after he is cast down to the planet at the midpoint of the Tribulation, no reason other than the Jews and the Tribulation saints are all connected to God and he hates God. And he still thinks he can stop the second coming too.

Why does Hamas, Hezbollah and the Houthis exist? To kill the Jews simply because they are the Jews. The Palestinians are the same. They are all reflecting the one they take guidance from, Satan.

Why does Iran seem like they have no sense or understanding of anything sane? Because they are following Satan and the doctrines of demons as promulgated in their various “holy books” and adjunct writings. They seem to have a death wish. This was stated in a paper at the Ninth Annual Herzliya Conference in 2009.

One of the most concerning recent trends in the Iranian regime, which potentially affects the regime’s terrorist policy is the expectation of the imminent re-appearance of the Hidden Imam. A leadership, which anticipates an imminent eschatological event, may be expected to be more risk-prone and willing to engage in provocative behavior towards its enemies. (Bar 2009)

This is the mindset that David is fleeing from, as well as the remnant, Satanically produced and oriented hatred.



For David, they literally set an ambush for his life and there are those who attack him for no crime, just because he is David.

As the remnant flees from Israel to the hills around Bozrah Jordan, they too are dealing with a force, the army of the Beast, that has been arrayed to attack, ambush and kill them. Once again, we point back to a phrase in Revelation 12:15-17 where an ambush or attack is foiled by God Himself by having the land swallow up those who dared to pursue His people.

David is always honest about who he is. He repents when necessary, and when pursued or attacked through nothing he has caused to happen, he is not afraid to assert his innocence of the matter.

Saul has constructed allegations about David which are untrue and he has armed men hunting him down to kill him. As he is beginning to flee, he is at his most vulnerable and we see that in this psalm.

He tells the Lord this is not of his doing. He has committed no sin to be sought after nor anything else which would cause guilt to fall on him in any way at all at this point.

Much of what we see today as antisemitism is based on lies and false allegations. Much of this is referred to as blood libel. The basis of that term comes from the middle ages.

One of the most pernicious ways that professing Christians and Muslims have incited bodily harm of Jews, destruction of their property, judicial condemnation, and outright murder has been the false and hateful charge known as "blood libel." The general charge is that Jewish people kidnapped Christian children or Christian monks to use their blood in Jewish rituals. Although there are variations of similar false claims, one usual presentation is that the Jews used the blood to bake matzah. The origins of the charge appear to be from late Medieval Europe. Often the claim includes the indictment that the Jews have killed those from whom they have taken blood. (Stallard 2019, 135-136)

This lie continues on today and thanks to the internet, and has discovered new legs with certain influencers online.

As the remnant flees for their life, they too, as David did, will be praying for rescue and deliverance from a people who hate them for no other reason other than being Jewish and being God's people.

This also reminds me of another who was persecuted and killed for no reason.

Isaiah 53:6-7

"We all, like sheep, went astray; we turned, each one, to his own way; yet ADONAI laid on him the guilt of all of us. **Though mistreated, he was submissive— he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb led to be slaughtered, like a sheep silent before its shearers, he did not open his mouth.**" (CJB)

Our Lord and Savior was also accused of crimes He did not commit and He was executed for nothing other than who He was, Satan wanted Him dead and, in his ignorance, encouraged the combined crowd of Jews and Gentiles to crucify the Lord of glory all on fabricated testimony.

David is dealing with this as a type of Christ, a picture of our Lord. Because Jesus also sustained this treatment, He provided us a promise I personally wish was not there.

John 15:20-21

"Remember what I told you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' **If they persecuted me, they will persecute you too; if they kept my word, they will keep yours too.** But they will do all this to you on my account, because they don't know the One who sent me." (CJB)



2 Timothy 3:12

**"Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,"** (ESV)

Romans 8:28

**"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."** (ESV)

Even though he was being chased by Saul, he knew he could find rescue and deliverance in the Lord. We also can as well.

And we know, just as David did, that God will still work in and through what it is he is encountering. He is being pursued by Saul and those in the employ of Saul are most likely others from Israel. Here is where we see David expand to consider the remnant at the end of the age.

Psalms 59:5

**"You, LORD God of armies, the God of Israel, Awake to punish all the nations; Do not be gracious to any who deal treacherously in wrongdoing. Selah"** (NASB 2020)

Here in verse 5, David calls on God and uses three of His names doing so. "In Hebrew this is quite a mouthful of names: Yahweh, the great personal name of God revealed to Moses on Sinai, means, "I am who I am." Elohim Sabaoth, "the God of hosts," refers to both the armies of Israel and to the heavenly hosts who stand behind them and give victory. Elohi Israel, "the God of Israel," refers to the God who has entered into a lasting covenant relationship with his people." (Boice 2005, 490)

Why would David make these references? He is reminding himself of who God is and how He has worked in the benefit of the nation in the past.

And why would he be calling God to punish all the nations? Is David saying that those who are attacking him are acting like they are part of the nations and not of Israel?

As we read that, we realize that this exists today as well. It is something that has been a part of the church since Pentecost in Acts 2, there have always been those who say they are part of the church who are not, and act like the world. This is not new, that is what David is dealing with as well.

"Many want help from God, but they want it on their terms. They want the Lord to solve their problems without making any demands on their lives. "Zap me and fix me," is their prayer, but they are unwilling to live in submission, obedience, and unselfishness. They want God to take away their troubles without their having to relinquish the pleasure-seeking lifestyle that produces the obsessive behavior in the first place. In short, they want the Lord to make them problem-free without disrupting the flow of their lives in this world. What they want is the victory of Calvary without the Cross of Calvary—an impossibility." (Gallagher 2006, 133-134)

Just as the church is charged with making disciples, pointing the lost to the Lord, Israel was supposed to point the nations to the Lord, but what happens when they act like the nations? That makes them ripe for judgment which is what David is praying for.

Unlike the remnant, when they utter this prayer, they too desire their God with all He is, to come and deal with the nations who will be truly arrayed against them at the midpoint of the Tribulation lasting up to Armageddon and the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Before he pauses to meditate on what he has prayed about to this point, David asks the Lord to not be gracious to those who are treacherous in wrongdoing. If you have ever dealt with someone who has



betrayed you, abused you or lied to you, you tend to want to pray the same as David. Remember though, as New Testament saints, we are to be like Jesus who said this.

Luke 6:27–28

“But I say to you who hear, **Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.**” (ESV)

As we know from our study of psalms, David would indeed take to heart, from time to time, the lies being told about him. Gas lighting is damaging to those it is directed towards. “First, victims wonder whether this whole thing may somehow be their fault. Since the abusive leader has been gaslighting them with accusations—you’re insubordinate, you’re a difficult person, you’re the problem—the victims sometimes wonder whether those claims are true. Tragically, victims often struggle to get the words ...out of their heads. Second, some level of shame flows from wondering what others now think about them.” (Kruger 2022, 100)

I remember, as a young man, still in Bible school, being spiritually abused and threatened by a Pastor. He told me he would make certain I would never minister anywhere ever again. I had challenged his decision of having a woman teach a group of men. And in retrospect, I would still challenge that decision today. How the Pastor of a small church in La Habra California thought he had that kind of power, is beyond me.

David most likely heard similar outrageous things from Saul and may have discounted them, until Saul tried to pin him to the wall with a spear. And then Saul’s own daughter tells him to run and run now.

As followers of Jesus, we are to pray for those who are abusing and misusing us. Forgiving them does not mean we trust them or ever do ministry with them again. We may still love them in the Lord and pray for them but not like them enough to be around them anymore.

In churches all around us today, there little Sauls out there; minor potentates with the job title of pastor, who want the world around them done their way. Just like Saul, they may have even been once following the Lord but have also, as Saul was, been distracted by Satan and the things of this world and disqualified themselves to even be doing the job they are doing as a pastor. How do you know? Look at the trail of bodies. What is the turnover ratio? Does everyone leave with an NDA, and why is that?

Why don’t churches today see this and take action before the so-called pastor is allowed to further destroy the name of Jesus Christ in the name of his “ministry?” Or has the board been packed. I saw this in Texas, and it delayed the inevitable by about one year.

They hide the bodies with nondisclosure agreements which literally force former staff members to leave the area. They love on the way in and then gas light on the way out. Meanwhile, the one who has been abused or misused commits to responding like Jesus would, and that is what the abusive leader has counted on. And then there is the question of, how many in the body actually know what is going on? How well has the abuser insulated themselves to maintain plausible deniability.

Saul was an absolute classic example. He lied about, gas lit David, he used extensive God talk as he tried to hunt him down and kill him. He encouraged others to do his dirty work for him and then rewarded them for it. So when David, in light of that demonstration of sin of someone acting like they were of the nations and not of Israel, sees that, he does indeed ask God to punish the nations and not be gracious to the traitor.



Psalm 59:6–8

“They return at evening, they howl like a dog, And prowl around the city. Behold, they gush forth with their mouths; Swords are in their lips, For, they say, “Who hears?” But You, LORD, laugh at them; You scoff at all the nations.” (NASB 2020)

David is less than impressed with those who are chasing after him. He compares them to a pack of dogs who spend the day lying around by themselves but at night, join with other dogs as a pack to hunt and prowl and generally cause problems. David may also be making an observation here about how things went back home when Saul and his men found out they had been fooled by Michal.

He may have also dropped out of the window and then did some observation of what was happening among those who were waiting out front. Obviously, they were not being quiet since Michal figured it out. I suspect they were bragging with each other what they were going to do in the morning to David thinking that no one was listening in.

This is also a commentary on how those who destroy first begin their work with the lips. They tear down others between themselves thinking that no one would ever find out. But as we been discovering lately, there seems to be those around who listen and remember.

Saul’s watchmen and the cruel king himself must have raved and raged fiercely when they found the image and the pillow of goats hair in the bed instead of David. Vain were their watchings, the victim had been delivered, and that by the daughter of the man who desired his blood. (Spurgeon n.d., 15)

There is always one who is always listening and He never forgets a word.

When the remnant runs from Israel to escape, the forces of the Beast will think that this will be a quick military action as this is nothing more than someone they can oppress. This time is different though and as they escape, God Himself protects them.

Psalm 59:8

**“But You, LORD, laugh at them; You scoff at all the nations.”** (NASB 2020)

Psalm 59:9–10

**“Because of his strength I will watch for You, For God is my refuge. My God in His faithfulness will meet me; God will let me look triumphantly upon my enemies.”** (NASB 2020)

David here says that the strength of those who rose up against him drove him to seek the Lord. This is what happens to all of us in a trial. As we move deeper into the trail and realize that we need the help of the Lord, we find ourselves spending more time with Him because of the external pressures we are now under.

Just as David discovered, as we discover, and as the remnant will discover, in our weakness, when we are driven to the Lord we discover He is indeed our refuge.

David knows that in the Lord, he will not only triumph, but God will meet Him and allow him to see the tables turned. And David has an unusual request for those who stood against him.

Psalm 59:11–12

**“Do not kill them, or my people will forget; Scatter them by Your power and bring them down, Lord, our shield.** On account of the sin of their mouths and the words of their lips, May they even be caught in their pride, And on account of curses and lies which they tell.” (NASB 2020)



David here is praying for Saul and those who serve him. He asking that God not kill them outright but allow their sins to catch up to them first.

Galatians 6:7–8

**“Do not be deceived. God will not be made a fool. For a person will reap what he sows, because the person who sows to his own flesh will reap corruption from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit.”** (NET 2nd ed.)

What does this look like today? It looks like followers of Jesus Christ, who because of sin in their life and the results of the sin beginning to manifest, looking to sources other than the scriptures and refusing to repent of the sin because the culture has blinded them to their sin. Steve Gallagher adds to this assessment.

The basic assertion that inter-relational conflicts, sinful habits, anxieties, fears, depression, and so on, can be resolved in the life of a believer from any source outside of Christ is false, misleading, and unacceptable. **Psychotherapy is the world’s alternative to what God offers to the obedient Christian. The best that psychotherapy can hope to provide is merely a cheap imitation of the abundant life which is available to any true follower of Christ.** By offering a counterfeit in place of God, Satan masterfully keeps people from running to the Lord in their need. They are “rescued” from coming to the place of desperation where they will find the victory, which comes from true brokenness and repentance. (Gallagher 2006, 139)

As we observe this, what you and I are seeing is God, in His power, bringing them down to the point where they should be seeking the Lord. But for many, they seek the world instead.

When we pray and ask the Lord to deal with those who are abusing us and to do so in His way, that means those who were involved in that activity will wind up reaping the results of what they sowed. That may not happen immediately. It may be years while we sit on the outside and watch the downward spiral begin to accelerate. We still would love to see them repent and either come to the Lord or return to Him before the hammer falls, but it will indeed fall.

I know a Pastor who has been a Calvary Chapel pastor for decades, but right out of school, he was the assisting pastor for another denomination. One Sunday, he was given the opportunity to teach in the pastor’s absence.

I have done that as well, so you really prep to make sure everything is just right. He did the same. In his case, several of those in the congregation told the pastor how well he did, and well, that could not be the case, so he was fired for doing a good job. He was led to start a Calvary Chapel which he did and years later, that pastor found him and apologized. But I have seen the same story more than once. The Lord uses you, there is a move of the Spirit and He is working as a result of His using you, and you’re fired. Jealousy. The flesh is in control.

I have had that happen in the business world as well as in the church. As a volunteer and in more than one church.

And the thing I have learned over the years is that the Lord tends to turn things around.

Yes, things do not go so well for them after the fact. They get fired. They get removed. Their sin gets discovered and now they are gone.

In more than one case, I have then learned of the individual repeating in their new job what they had done previously and with the same outcome. Fired and replaced.



Psalm 59:11

**“Do not kill them, or my people will forget; Scatter them by Your power and bring them down, Lord, our shield.”** (NASB 2020)

Here is the answer. God allows evil to flourish for a time so that we might learn from it. We can see that evil is short-lived. We can learn that sin carries the seeds of its own destruction in itself. We can know that judgment does come upon the wicked in the end. If God did not permit evil, we would never learn any of this and would not grow by it. (Boice 2005, 492)

And then comes the spin, the gas lighting, the lies, the misdirection and the deception. But it just doesn't work like it used to.

Psalm 59:12–13

**“On account of the sin of their mouths and the words of their lips, May they even be caught in their pride,** And on account of curses and lies which they tell. Destroy them in wrath, destroy them so that they will no longer exist; So that people may know that God rules in Jacob, To the ends of the earth. Selah” (NASB 2020)

The logical extension of what David is praying for is that the sin is exposed for all to see and learn from. Even to the point, as we are now seeing in this nation with certain political figures, that the lies catch them and they wind up getting caught up in their pride. The ultimate though is still coming.

For all who engage in that type of activity and do not take advantage of the forgiveness available through Jesus Christ, there is only one thing to look forward to, judgment.

David knows that as he prays for those who are trying to kill him to receive what is their due, judgment and with that, a disappearing act.

Have you ever noticed that many of those who have fallen just disappear. Not all, some actually do repent but nothing will ever be like it was.

David though knows his Torah.

Exodus 14:13–14

“And Moses said to the people, **“Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”**” (ESV)

David is not done with the dog metaphor yet.

Psalm 59:14–15

“They return at evening, they howl like a dog, And prowl around the city. They wander about for food And murmur if they are not satisfied.” (NASB 2020)

This is a reason for judgment. They are not getting better, they are not repenting.

Not only does evil carry within it the seeds of its own destruction, it is not capable of being satisfied either. In fact, it is the very nature of evil to be dissatisfied: wanting, but never having enough; eating, but never getting full; grasping, but always seeing the object of the desire slipping from one's hands. (Boice 2005, 492)



All of our phone lines are on the state and Federal do not call lists. Yet, we continue to receive anywhere from 5 to 15 scam phone calls every day. Because evil is not satisfied.

Why does Iran and all their proxies, in the face of destruction and overwhelming loss, continue to fight against Israel? The exact same reason.

Nothing is ever enough for those who do not know Jesus. That hole that only Jesus can fill cannot be filled with anything else and those who try to do so will not stop until they are forced to or they come to Jesus.

The remnant of Israel, after escaping to that place of protection from the Lord, will also see continuing efforts to try and draw them out. Jesus warned of what those attempts would look like.

Luke 17:23–24

**“And they will say to you, ‘Look, there!’ or ‘Look, here!’ Do not go out or follow them. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day.”** (ESV)

Literally, the remnant will be subjected to this up to the moment that Jesus Christ returns and deals with the armies of the Beast rescuing, delivering and saving the remnant at the very end of the Great Tribulation.

Psalms 59:16–17

**“But as for me, I will sing of Your strength; Yes, I will joyfully sing of Your faithfulness in the morning, For You have been my refuge And a place of refuge on the day of my distress. My strength, I will sing praises to You; For God is my refuge, the God who shows me favor.”** (NASB 2020)

Even though David is now on the run from Saul, and there are still years of this in front of him, he is already trusting in what the Lord will do for him. Rescue, deliverance a place of refuge, he knows all of that is a done deal for him through the Lord. Why, because of His faithfulness.

The greater our present trials the louder will our future songs be, and the more intense our joyful gratitude. Had we no day of trouble, where were our season of retrospective thanksgiving? David's besetment by Saul's bloodhounds creates an opportunity for divine interposition and so for triumphant praise. (Spurgeon n.d., 18)

David has been left with nothing but his relationship with the Lord. And that is all he really needs because God is the one who is being faithful to His word and providing refuge.

It is now the next morning, and David has been running most of the night. He even makes that second referral to the dogs, those of Saul who are hunting him down. As he reflects on the provision of God and the refuge, he has not yet arrived at but will indeed be provided for him, he breaks into worship and praise.

All of praise the Lord on the backend of a trial, but how about on the front end of it? Do we worship and praise Him because we know His promises to us that He will indeed do what He has promised to do? David is demonstrating this for us.

For the remnant, there will indeed be those who will wonder what has just happened to them. Everything is lost and they are hiding out in the desert with only the clothes on their back. But there will be those who will be there that the next morning after arriving, will praise the Lord and do so loudly.



God has provided the refuge, He has supernaturally guided and watched over them and they too will look forward to what He has promised in spite of their current circumstances.

The thing for us to remember today, whether in a trial or between trials, our strength is in the Lord.

What David ends with is a song, a “song of gratitude for the past, faith for the present, hope for the future, of bliss for eternity.” (Spurgeon n.d., 26)

May we, as followers of Jesus Christ, take the words of Paul to heart.

Philippians 3:13–14

“Brothers and sisters, I do not regard myself as having taken hold of it yet; **but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**” (NASB 2020)

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