Sweet Singer of Israel: Psalms of King David

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Lesson 3 – Win the War

Psalms Chapter 55

- 1. For the conductor, on neginoth, a maskil of David.
- **2.** Incline Your ear, O God, to my prayer and do not disregard my supplication.
- 3. Hearken to me and answer me; I lament in my speech and I moan,
- **4.** From the voice of the enemy, because of the distress of the wicked; for they accuse me of iniquity and they hate me with a vengeance.
- **5.** My heart shudders within me, and terrors of death have fallen upon me.
- **6.** Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overcomes me.
- **7.** And I said, "If only I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.
- **8.** Behold I would wander far away; I would lodge in the desert forever.
- **9.** I would quickly find myself a refuge from a sweeping wind, from a tempest."
- **10.** Destroy, O Lord, divide their tongue, for I have seen violence and strife in the city.
- **11.** Day and night they surround it on its walls, and iniquity and sin are in its midst.
- **12.** Destruction is within it, and blows and deceit do not move out of its square.
- **13.** For no enemy reviled me that I should bear it; my enemy did not open his mouth wide against me, that I should hide from him.
- **14.** And you are a man of my equal, my prince and my esteemed one.
- **15.** That together we would devise counsel; in the house of God we would walk with a multitude.
- **16.** May He incite Death upon them; may they descend to the grave alive, for there are evils in their dwelling, in their midst.
- 17. I shall call to God, and the Lord will save me.
- **18.** Evening, morning, and noontime, I speak and moan, and He hearkened to my voice.
- **19.** He redeemed my soul with peace from the battle that came upon me, because of the many [people who] were with me.
- **20.** May God hear and answer them, and the One who dwells from time immemorial forever, for there is no passing for them, and they did not fear God.
- **21.** He stretched forth his hands against him who was at peace with him; he profaned his covenant.
- **22.** Smooth were the buttery words of his mouth but his heart was set on war; his words were softer than oil, but they are curses.
- **23.** Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will bear you; He shall never allow a righteous man to falter.
- **24.** But You, O God, shall lower them to the Pit of Destruction; men of blood and deceit shall not live half their days, but I will trust in You.

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