

Psalm 007 - Individual Lament: Persecution of the Innocent and Cry for Talionic Justice

Psalm 7

A Prayer for Vindication

1 O LORD my God, in You I have taken refuge; Save me from all those who pursue me, and rescue me,

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1 LORD, my God, I seek refuge in you. Deliver me from those who persecute me! Rescue me!

1 O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:

2 Or he will tear my soul like a lion, Dragging me away, while there is no one to rescue me.

2 Or he will tear my soul like a lion, Dragging me away, while there is none to deliver.

2 Otherwise, they will rip me to shreds like a lion, tearing me apart with no one to rescue me.

2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done this, If there is injustice in my hands,

3 O LORD my God, if I have done this, If there is injustice in my hands,

3 LORD, my God, if I have done this thing, if there is injustice on my hands,

3 O LORD my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands;

4 If I have done evil to my friend, Or have plundered my enemy for no reason,

4 If I have rewarded evil to my friend, Or have plundered him who without cause was my adversary,

4 if I have rewarded those who did me good with evil, if I have plundered my enemy without justification,

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy:)

5 Let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it; And let him trample my life to the ground
And lay my glory in the dust. *Selah*

5 Let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake *it*; And let him trample my life down to the
ground And lay my glory in the dust. *Selah*.

5 then, let my enemy pursue me, let him overtake me, and let him trample my life to the
ground. Let him put my honor into the dust.

5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it; yea, let him tread down my life upon the
earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. *Selah*.

- David had two opportunities to kill Saul and refused to do so (1 Sam 24; 26): no personal
malice...

6 Arise, LORD, in Your anger; Raise Yourself against the rage of my enemies, And stir
Yourself for me; You have ordered judgment.

6 Arise, O LORD, in Your anger; Lift up Yourself against the rage of my adversaries, And
arouse Yourself for me; You have appointed judgment.

6 Get up, LORD, in your anger! Rise up, because of the fury of my enemies; Arouse
yourself for me; you have ordained justice.

6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and
awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded.

7 Let the assembly of the peoples encompass You, And return on high over it.

7 Let the assembly of the peoples encompass You, And over them return on high.

7 Let the assembly of the nations gather around you, and you will sit high above them.

7 So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore
return thou on high.

8 The LORD judges the peoples; Vindicate me, LORD, according to my righteousness and
my integrity that is in me.

8 The LORD judges the peoples; Vindicate me, O LORD, according to my righteousness
and my integrity that is in me.

8 For the LORD will judge the nations. Judge me according to my righteousness, LORD,
and according to my integrity, Exalted One.

8 The LORD shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my
righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.

9 Please let the evil of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous; For the
righteous God puts hearts and minds to the test.

9 O let the evil of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous; For the righteous God tries the hearts and minds.
9 Let the evil of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous. For you are the righteous God who discerns the inner thoughts.
9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

10 My shield is with God, Who saves the upright in heart.
10 My shield is with God, Who saves the upright in heart.
10 God is my shield, the one who delivers the upright in heart.
10 My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

11 God is a righteous judge, And a God who shows indignation every day.
11 God is a righteous judge, And a God who has indignation every day.
11 God is a righteous judge, a God who is angry with sinners every day.
11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

12 If one does not repent, He will sharpen His sword; He has bent His bow and taken aim.
12 If a man does not repent, He will sharpen His sword; He has bent His bow and made it ready.
12 If the ungodly one doesn't repent, God will sharpen his sword; he will string his bow and prepare it.
12 If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

13 He has also prepared deadly weapons for Himself; He makes His arrows fiery shafts.
13 He has also prepared for Himself deadly weapons; He makes His arrows fiery shafts.
13 He prepares weapons of death for himself, he makes his arrows into fiery shafts.
13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

14 Behold, an evil person is pregnant with injustice, And he conceives harm and gives birth to lies.
14 Behold, he travails with wickedness, And he conceives mischief and brings forth falsehood.
14 But the wicked one travails with evil, he conceives malice and gives birth to lies.
14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

15 He has dug a pit and hollowed it out, And has fallen into the hole which he made.

15 He has dug a pit and hollowed it out, And has fallen into the hole which he made.

15 He digs a pit, even excavates it; then he fell into the hole that he had made.

15 He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made.

16 His harm will return on his own head, And his violence will descend on the top of his own head.

16 His mischief will return upon his own head, And his violence will descend upon his own pate.

16 The trouble he planned will return on his own head, and his violence will descend on his skull.

16 His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.

17 I will give thanks to the LORD according to His righteousness And will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

17 I will give thanks to the LORD according to His righteousness And will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

17 But as for me, I will praise the LORD for his righteousness, and I will sing to the name of the LORD Most High.

17 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.