

The Psalms of David

Lesson Seven: *Psalm of the Slandered Saint*

Lesson Aim: Understand this Psalm that David penned after some kinsman of Saul slandered him.

Lesson Text: Psalm 7

Background Text: 1 Samuel 24:6-8; 26:13-25

Questions About This Psalm

1. What event in the conflict between David and Saul was the experience from which David drew in order to pen this psalm?
2. How does David begin this psalm?
3. What does David acknowledge would justify the treatment he is receiving? Does David admit any guilt?
4. In verse six, when David pleads for God to “arise” does he think that God is asleep? (Cf. Psalm 121:3,4)
5. To what attribute of God does David appeal in his prayer for deliverance?
6. What is David willing for God to do? (See: vv. 8,10)
7. Who are the congregation of the people in verse seven? What will they do as they “compass” God about?
8. Whose sword is “whetted” and whose bow is “bent” in verse 12 and 13?
9. What two figures does David use to describe the judgment of the wicked?
10. What important truth do we learn about evil from this psalm?

Summary

Summarize the message of Psalm 7.