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## Summer in the Psalms

Lesson Four • Psalm 7

### A Loud Cry for Justice

#### Psalm 7: A Prayer for Justice

When you are overcome with INJUSTICE, the righteous pray for divine JUSTICE to vindicate them.

*Awake, my God; decree justice. Psalm 7:6 NIV*

*Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. Psalm 37:5-6 NIV*

#### David's Loud Cry for Divine Justice

### 1. David Cries for God's DELIVERANCE!

*O LORD my God, in You do I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers and deliver me, lest like a lion they tear my soul apart, rending it in pieces, with none to deliver. Ps. 7:1-2*

#### The First Step

When you're being attacked and feeling overwhelmed, take REFUGE in the Lord, trusting Him to protect you.

### 2. David Claims His INNOCENCE!

*O LORD my God, if I have done this, if there is wrong in my hands, if I have repaid my friend with evil or plundered my enemy without cause, 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. Psalm 7:3-5*

#### The Second Step

When you feel like you've been falsely accused, take INVENTORY of your life to make sure the accusations are not true.

### 3. David Calls for Divine JUDGMENT!

*Arise, O LORD, in Your anger; lift Yourself up against the fury of my enemies; awake for me; You have appointed a judgment. Psalm 7:6*

#### The Third Step

After submitting to God's scrutiny of your life, then boldly appeal to the Lord to VINDICATE you through divine justice.

#### A Picture of Divine Justice

➤ GOD judges the wicked righteously.

*Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered about You; over it return on high. The Lord judges the peoples; judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness and according to the integrity that is in me. Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and may You establish the righteous—You who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God! My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart. God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day. If a man does not repent, God will whet His sword; He has bent and readied His bow; He has prepared for him His deadly weapons, making His arrows fiery shafts. Psalm 7:7-13*

➤ SIN itself judges the wicked ultimately.

*Behold, the wicked man conceives evil and is pregnant with mischief and gives birth to lies. He makes a pit, digging it out, and falls into the hole that he has made. His mischief returns upon his own head, and on his own skull his violence descends. Psalm 7:14-16*

### 4. David Closes with Heartfelt PRAISE!

*I will give to the LORD the thanks due to His righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High. Psalm 7:17*

#### The Fourth Step

When you are falsely accused, resolve to praise the Lord Most High for His RIGHTEOUSNESS.

#### There Is Judgement Today and There Is Judgment Day!

If you belong to Jesus, you can face God's final judgment with confidence, knowing that His perfect righteousness is your righteousness.