

PSALM 56

To the chief Musician upon Jonathelemrechokim, Michtam of David, when the Philistines took him in Gath.

BE merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.

2 Mine enemies would daily swallow *me* up: for *they be* many that fight against me, O thou most High.

3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

5 Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts *are* against me for evil.

6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.

7 Shall they escape by iniquity? in *thine* anger cast down the people, O God.

8. Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: *are they* not in thy book?

9 When I cry *unto thee*, then shall mine enemies turn back: this

I know; for God *is* for me.

10 In God will I praise *his* word: in the LORD will I praise *his* word.

11 In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

12 Thy vows *are* upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death: *wilt not thou deliver* my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

PSALM 57

To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until *these* calamities be overpast.

2 I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth *all things* for me.

3 He shall send from heaven, and save me *from* the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

4 My soul *is* among lions: *and* I

lie *even among* them that are set on fire, *even* the sons of men, whose teeth *are* spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

6 They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen *themselves*. Selah.

7. My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I *myself* will awake early.

9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

10 For thy mercy *is* great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

PSALM 58

To the chief Musician, Altaschith,
Michtam of David.

DO ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

2 Yea, in heart ye work wicked-

ness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.

3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

4 Their poison *is* like the poison of a serpent: *they are* like the deaf adder *that* stoppeth her ear;

5 Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.

6. Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD.

7 Let them melt away as waters *which* run continually: *when* he bendeth *his bow* to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

8 As a snail *which* melteth, let every one of them pass away: *like* the untimely birth of a woman, *that* they may not see the sun.

9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in *his* wrath.

10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 So that a man shall say, Verily *there is* a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that jud-

geth in the earth.

PSALM 59

To the chief Musician, Altaschith, Michtam of David; when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

DELIVER me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not *for* my transgression, nor *for* my sin, O LORD.

4 They run and prepare themselves without *my* fault: awake to help me, and behold.

5 Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.

6 They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords *are* in their lips: for who, *say they*, doth hear?

8. But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

9 *Because of* his strength will I wait upon thee: for God *is* my defence.

10 The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see *my desire* upon mine enemies.

11 Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

12 *For* the sin of their mouth *and* the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying *which* they speak.

13 Consume *them* in wrath, consume *them*, that they *may* not be: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah.

14 And at evening let them return; *and* let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

15 Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God *is* my defence, *and* the God of my mercy.

PSALM 60

To the chief Musician upon Shushaneduth, Mich-

tam of David, to teach; when he strove with Aramnaharaim and with Aramzobah, when Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the valley of salt twelve thousand.

O GOD, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again.

2 Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

5 That thy beloved may be delivered; save *with* thy right hand, and hear me.

6. God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; Judah *is* my lawgiver;

8 Moab *is* my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, triumph thou because of me.

9 Who will bring me *into* the strong city? who will lead me into

Edom?

10 *Wilt* not thou, O God, *which* hadst cast us off? and *thou*, O God, *which* didst not go out with our armies?

11 Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the help of man.

12 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM 61

To the chief Musician upon Neginah,
A Psalm of David.

HEAR my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock *that* is higher than I.

3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* a strong tower from the enemy.

4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

5. For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy name.

6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life: *and* his years as many generations.

7 He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth,

which may preserve him.

8 So will I sing praise unto thy

name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Psalm 56 is a prayer for deliverance. David had found that faith was a great substitute for fear! In Psalm 55 he said, "Evening and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice." God promises to hear our prayers if we will come to Him with our burdens and fears. This verse also gives the Christian a time schedule for praying—in the evening, morning, and at noon.

Psalm 57 is a prayer David made while in the cave at Adullam, hiding from Saul. David's heart was fixed in trusting God.

Psalm 58 records that destruction of the wicked is sure. David complained much about the prevalence of wickedness, and repeated over and over again that wickedness does not pay.

Psalm 59 is another of David's prayers, made when Saul sent soldiers to entrap David at home.

Psalm 60 is a Psalm of discouragement. It covers the same period as II Samuel 8:3-14. It is a time of reverses in the war with the Syrians and the Edomites, but David knows who to go to in time of trouble. He asks God for help and God answers his prayer.

In Psalm 61 David is in the wilderness, fleeing from Absalom. It seems to him that he is at the end of the earth. His soul seems wrapped in gloom; then, from afar, he sees the Rock of his salvation, and says, "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him"

(Proverbs 22:15).

BIRTHDAYS TODAY

MILDRED JONES
CHARLES A. STEPHENS
ALFREDA KING
SHALONDA WOODS
TERRY HATCHETT

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 21: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1834

CYRUS McCORMICK WAS GRANTED A PATENT FOR THE REAPER.

TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF SUMMER.

Spring is over and now we start into one of the most difficult seasons in service for God. As we face the summer season, let us make several decisions that will help us to be better Christians:

1. Be in every service of your church when you are in town.

2. Be sure that you attend services on Sunday morning and Sunday evening and Thursday night while you are on vacation.

3. Do not be lax concerning your family devotions. Summer schedules are hectic ones. There are trips to make, outings to take, etc. Be diligent about your family devotions.

4. Do not let up in your giving to the Lord's work or to your church. Remember the work must go on in the summer just as it does the rest of the year.

5. Promise God you will not participate in amusements that are worldly during the summer. There are many temptations in the summertime that are not present the rest of the year.

6. Be a soul winner during the summer. As far as your personal life is concerned, do not have a "summer slump." Have a "summer jump" for the Saviour. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (II Timothy 4:2).

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1821

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION (AMEZ) CHURCH FORMALLY ORGANIZED AT MEETING IN NEW YORK CITY.

1915

U.S. SUPREME COURT (GUINN V UNITED STATES) SAID "GRANDFATHER CLAUSES" IN THE OKLAHOMA AND MARYLAND CONSTITUTIONS VIOLATED THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.

1923
MARCUS GARVEY SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON AFTER HIS CONVICTION ON CHARGES OF USING THE MAIL TO DEFRAUD.

Garvey said the charges were political.

1945
COL. B.O. DAVIS JR. NAMED COMMANDER OF

GODMAN FIELD (KY.) AND BECAME THE FIRST BLACK TO HEAD AN ARMY AIR FORCE BASE IN THE UNITED STATES.

1868
CONGRESS READMITTED STATE OF ARKANSAS ON CONDITION THAT IT WOULD NEVER CHANGE ITS CONSTITUTION TO DIS-ENFRANCHISE BLACKS.

The Story of the Psalms

PSALMS 52

AUTHOR: David

THE STORY BEHIND THE PSALM:

The story is much like that of Psalm 34. David was running from Saul. He came to Ahimelech, the priest. He asked for bread. The priest had none but holy bread and asked if David's men were clean. When David replied that they were, he received the bread. David then asked him if he had a sword or a spear. He said he had none but Goliath's. From there David went to Achish, king of Gath. He was recognized, and because he was recognized he acted like a madman. A man named Doeg saw David and told Saul where David was. Marvelously once again David was delivered and upon the deliverance he wrote the 52nd Psalm.

It is amazing how experiences that are dangerous and that break our hearts help to make us. So many of God's choicest servants have endured heartaches and been through the fire. Dr. and Mrs. Lee Roberson lost a little girl named Joy. Dr. and Mrs. Bill Rice had a little girl become deaf. Dr. John Rice lost his mother when he was six. Dr. Monroe Parker's wife was killed in a tragic car wreck. Dr. Harold Sightler lost a little nine-year-old girl to the hands of a drunken driver. Charles Haddon Spurgeon lost seven of his church members in a fire which was such a tragedy that he rarely ever forgot it. Those who lead us have been tested by the fire.

THE WAY IT WAS USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE:

When slandered or criticized, the Jew would often turn to the 52nd Psalm. Few among us have not been slandered or been the object of fierce gossip. Perhaps huge doses of the 52nd Psalm should be administered at such times.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "THERE IS JUST TOO MUCH TO GIVE UP"

(Assignment 21)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for the next seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV page.)

No rest.

() Isaiah 57:20

But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

No peace.

() Isaiah 57:21

There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

No happiness.

() Revelation 3:17

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.

(Contrast) peace.

() John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid...

Plenty.

() Psalms 34:10

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.