

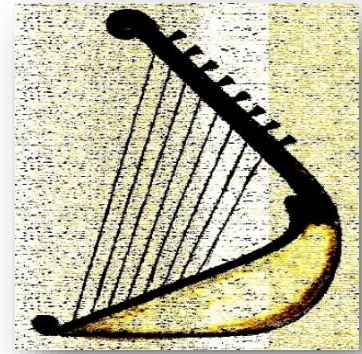
PSALM 28 vs 1

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Title and Subject: again nothing is known about when this Psalm was written. It's position following Psalm 27 seems to have been designed. It is another "song in the night" by the pen of David. His griefs made him eloquent in holy psalmody.

Divisions: the Psalm begins in a time of dire emergency (1); the portion of the wrongdoers is described and deplored (2-5); then praise is given for the Lord's mercy in hearing prayer (6-8); and concludes with a petition to the whole host of believers (9) – Charles Spurgeon.



A Psalm of David

¹ To You O LORD I call; my Rock, do not be deaf to me: lest, if You are silent, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Think about it: Our Rock attends to our cry; the immovable foundation of all our hopes and our refuge in time of trouble; we are fixed in our determination to run to Him in every hour of danger.

² Listen to the voice of my requests, when I call out to You, when I lift up my empty hands to Your holy sanctuary.

³ Do not drag me away with the wrongdoer, and the troublemakers, who speak peace to their neighbors, while evil is in their hearts.

⁴ Repay them according to their deeds, and according to the wrongness of their endeavors: according to the work of their hands give to them; return to them what they deserve,

⁵ because they do not regard the works of the LORD, nor the deeds of His hands; He will destroy them, and not build them up.

Think about it: This is the same effect as the first verse, only, it refers to future as well as present requests. Hear me! Hear me! "Hear the voice of my supplications", this is the burden of both verses. We are not put off with a refusal when in the spirit of prayer; we labor, repeatedly, and agonize until a hearing is granted. "Supplications" -- plural, shows the number, continuance, and variety of a good man's prayer. Since others do not regard the work of the Lord, they will be dragged off like felons of old drawn to their doom, like logs drawn to the furnace; and David fears lest he should be bound up in their bundle; since a counterfeit friendship is no better than a lie.

O reader, what will be your lot when the Lord deals with you according to your reward, and weighs out to you His wrath, not only in proportion to what you have actually done, but according to what you would have done if you could. God takes the will for the deed, and punishes or rewards accordingly; if not in this life, certainly in the next, God will repay His enemies to their face, and give them their wages; not according to their flattering words, but after the measure of their mischievous deeds, will the Lord measure out vengeance to them that do not know Him – Charles Spurgeon.

⁶ Kneel before the LORD, for He listened to the voice of my requests.

⁷ The LORD is my Strength and my Shield; my heart leans on Him, and I am helped: so my heart greatly rejoices; and with my song I thank Him.

⁸ The LORD is their Strength, and their Refuge; His anointed is their saving defense.

Think about it: The Lord is their Strength not mine only, but the strength of every believer. Note, the saints rejoice in their friends comforts. This is our communion with all the saints; God is their Strength and ours. Our Psalm was a prayer up to this point, now it turns to a praise – Matthew Henry, 1662-1714

⁹ Save Your people, Your inheritance who bend their knee: Shepherd them also, and lift them up forever.

Think about it: This is a prayer for the church militant, written in short words, but full of weighty meaning. We must pray for the whole church, and not for ourselves alone. Deliver them from their enemies, help them in their troubles; rescue them from their temptations; and ward off every ill. Revive, refresh, enlarge and protect them. “Shepherd them also, feed them, let their bodily and spiritual wants be supplied. Carry them in Your arms on earth, and lift them into Your presence forever more – Charles Spurgeon.

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