### Psalms

## Chapter 35

A Psalm by David.  
  
  
  
  
1O Jehovah,  
  
Bring judgment on those who are doing me wrong…  
 Wage war with those waging war!  
 2Take up Your weapons and shield me, my God;  
 Arise and come to my aid!  
  
3Swing Your sword at those who pursue me…  
 Say that You’ll deliver my soul!  
 4May those seeking my life feel shame and remorse…  
 May those wishing me bad retreat in disgrace.  
  
5May they be like dust in the wind…  
 May God’s messengers squeeze them all dry.  
 6May their road become slippery and dark,  
 And may they be chased by God’s angels.  
  
7Although I’ve done them no wrong;  
 Snares, they’ve hidden before me,  
 And about my inner person, they speak badly.  
 8So, let them be caught in the snares that they’ve set…  
 May the snares that they hunt with, catch them…  
 Into the traps that they’ve set, may they fall.  
  
9I’ll praise Jehovah with my whole soul…  
 Of His salvation, I’ll shout.  
 10With my bones, I’ll say to Jehovah:  
  
 ‘O Lord, there’s no one else like You!  
 For You rescue the poor with a hand that’s greater  
 Than those who tear the needy to shreds.  
  
 11‘For, they sent lying witnesses against me,  
 And asked questions that I didn’t understand.  
 12They’ve repaid me with bad for the good things I’ve done,  
 And left my soul barren.<sup class="difference">[LXX]  
  
 13‘Because of the troubles they’ve caused me,  
 I’ve had to wear sackcloth and fast.  
 So now, I pray that I might be restored.  
  
 14‘As neighbors and brothers, they once were so kind;  
 So in mourning and sadness, I’ve humbled my soul.  
 15But they happily gathered against me,  
 And they were not sad when they cut me with whips.  
  
 16‘They tried me and then they made fun…  
 Against me, they were grinding their teeth.  
 17O Jehovah, how long will You let this go on?  
 Rescue my soul from their evil plans!’  
  
18[Then God replied:]  
  
 ‘O My only begotten,  
 From those lions, I’m coming to save you.  
 Then, before the assembly, I’ll praise you,  
 And before those bad ones, I’ll lift you!’  
  
19So, may those who hate me unjustly  
 Not [be allowed to] rejoice…  
 Those who detest me without any charge…  
 Those who looked away with their eyes.  
  
20Even though to me, they once spoke of peace,  
 In anger and treachery, they’ve plotted.  
 21They’ve opened their mouths against me and said:  
  
 ‘Well done… Yes, very well done.  
 For we’ve seen it all happen with our own eyes.’  
  
22O Jehovah, You’ve witnessed it all!  
 So, don’t remain silent or leave me.  
 23Awaken, O Lord… Pay attention!  
 Take notice of my cause, O my God.  
  
24Judge me, O Lord, and bring justice…  
 My God, don’t let them rejoice!  
 25Don’t allow them to say of my soul in their hearts:  
  
 ‘Well done… Yes, very well done.’  
  
And please don’t allow them to say:  
  
 We’ve swallowed him down!  
  
26May those who’ve rejoiced at my harm feel ashamed,  
 And may those who witnessed against me feel bad,  
 27As those who seek justice are joyful.  
 Then, may they cry:  
  
 ‘Praise Jehovah,  
 Because He brought peace to His servant!’  
  
28Then I’ll use my tongue to sing of Your justice,  
 And I’ll praise You throughout the rest of my days.