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My Deliverer
Psalm 57
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we continue our series in the book of Psalms looking at Psalm 57. This is another Psalm of David most likely written when David was hiding from Saul. During this time in David's life He was on the run fleeing for his life. He sought God to protect him from Saul. He had refused to take the matters into his own hands and waited patiently on God's timing. Today we will talk about how we can be dependent on God in all situations and how we can exalt Him in our lives.

**We don't praise
God because all
is good in the world.
We praise Him
because of who
He is!**

Read Psalm 57 (NET)

¹ Have mercy on me, O God! Have mercy on me! For in you I have taken shelter. In the shadow of your wings I take shelter until trouble passes.

² I cry out for help to the sovereign God, to the God who vindicates me.

³ May he send help from heaven and deliver me from my enemies who hurl insults! (Selah) May God send his loyal love and faithfulness!

⁴ I am surrounded by lions; I lie down among those who want to devour me; men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are a sharp sword.

⁵ Rise up above the sky, O God! May your splendor cover the whole earth!

⁶ They have prepared a net to trap me; I am discouraged. They have dug a pit for me. They will fall into it! (Selah)

⁷ I am determined, O God! I am determined! I will sing and praise you!

⁸ Awake, my soul! Awake, O stringed instrument and harp! I will wake up at dawn!

⁹ I will give you thanks before the nations, O Master! I will sing praises to you before foreigners!

¹⁰ For your loyal love extends beyond the sky, and your faithfulness reaches the clouds.

¹¹ Rise up above the sky, O God! May your splendor cover the whole earth!

EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. In verse 3, what does the Psalmist desire from God?

9. How does the Psalmist desire for God to be exalted?

10. What will the Psalmist do to glorify God?

11. In verse 8, why does the Psalmist rise before dawn?

12. Who is David referring to in verse 4 when he says, "I lie down among those who want to devour me"?

13. This is a Psalm of David. How do we see David stay steadfast to God? (1 Samuel 24)

14. How do we see God rescue David?

⑥ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

15. Have you ever felt you were among the lions? When and why?

16. How have you seen God's protection in your life?

17. How can we stay steadfast in our commitment to God in the midst of the lions?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES