



THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalms 57

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PSALM 57 = _____ IN THE CAVE

- I Samuel 22:1 or 24:1 provide the probable setting for this Psalm.
- David is being pursued and hunted by vicious enemies who seek his life.
- He _____ privately for protection and then _____ publicly for anticipated protection.
- The same confidence David showed in the previous Psalm is likewise seen in this one.
- This Psalm is broken down into two verses with a chorus at the end of each one (vs. 1-5 and vs. 6-11).
- _____ is the focus in this Psalm. He is referred to 21 times.

THEMES EXPLORED

1. _____ and Mercy. (vs. 1-3, 10)
 - a. These two are connected many times in the Bible. (Psalm 85:10; Gen. 24:27)
 - b. God's mercy is His loyal love and kindness to us (though we don't deserve it). His truth is His faithfulness and trustworthiness to keep His Word.
 - c. God has always dealt with us using a blend of these two.
 - i. In truth, God has given us His _____, principles, commands, and promises.
 - ii. In mercy, He _____ us for not keeping them and for sinning against Him.
 - d. Mercy and truth do not contradict each other.
 - e. Hosea 4:1; John 1:14; John 1:17
 - f. The most perfect blend of mercy and truth can be seen on the _____.
 - g. V. 3 = Mercy and truth go from Heaven to earth.
 - h. V. 10 = Mercy and truth go from earth to Heaven.
 - i. God's mercy and truth can reach _____!
2. Triumph over _____. (vs. 4-6)
 - a. V. 4 = *...them that are set on fire...* = "Devouring; to eat up; pertaining to animals that violently kill and eat prey"
 - b. V. 5 = David decides to put the chorus to his song right in between these two verses!
 - c. V. 6 = They are preparing traps for him. They are setting him up to fall.
 - d. _____ will find you; you don't have to look for it! The devil is doing all he can to put sin in front of you.
 - e. I Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"
 - f. Proverbs 1:17, "Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird."
 - g. The devil is deceitful and tricky. He will not show you that you are walking into a trap. He will just spring it on you. Be careful for traps!
 - h. **Proverbs 7:21-23** = Temptation always has a _____ in it!
3. Trust leads to _____. (vs. 1-3, 7-11)
 - a. The first part deals with trust, the last part with David testifying!
 - b. V. 3 = *He shall...* = That is _____
 - c. V. 7 = *My heart is fixed* = "Steadfast"
 - d. As mentioned in the beginning, God is referred to 21 times! No wonder David could sing!
 - e. When the _____ is trusting, the _____ are testifying!
 - f. When God is the focus, you are able to sing and testify of His goodness.
 - g. People that are full of fear are not testifying and praising God. =There can be fear, but there must be _____ too!

Keep your eyes open for a _____ this week!
Ask God for wisdom in dealing with truth and mercy!
Trust God and testify about it!