

PRAYER MEETING

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Text: **Psalm 7**

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Superscription:

1. This is a historical footnote
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His identity is not established

FOCUS: GOD AS THE SUPREME JUDGE

1. You sat on the throne judging in righteousness (Psalm 7:4)
2. The LORD shall judge the peoples (Psalm 7:8)
3. God is the just Judge (Psalm 7:11)

BRINGING A CASE TO GOD AS THE JUDGE

1. Persecution (Psalm 7:1)
2. Compared to a lion that tears its prey apart (Psalm 7:2)
3. Rage of the enemies (Psalm 7:6)
4. The activities of the wicked (Psalm 7:14-16)
 - a) He brings forth iniquity
 - b) He conceives trouble
 - c) He brings forth falsehood
 - d) He digs a pit
 - e) He is violent

GOD'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE WICKED

1. He is angry with the wicked every day (Psalm 7:11)
2. He will fight the wicked if there is no repentance (Psalm 7:12-13)
 - a) He will sharpen His sword
 - b) He bends His bow and makes it ready
 - c) He also prepares for Himself instruments of death
 - d) He makes His arrows into fiery shafts
3. The judgment of the wicked
 - a) He falls into the ditch that he made (Psalm 7:15)
 - b) His trouble returns to his own head (Psalm 7:16)
 - c) His violent dealing returns to his crown (Psalm 7:16)

PRAYING TO GOD AS JUDGE

1. Checking of our own heart
 - a) If I have done this (Psalm 7:3)
 - b) If there is iniquity in my hands (Psalm 7:3)
 - c) If I have repaid evil to the one at peace (Psalm 7:4)
 - d) If I have plundered my enemy without cause (Psalm 7:4)
2. No one above the law
 - a) Let the enemy pursue me and overtake me (Psalm 7:5)
 - b) Let him trample my life to the earth (Psalm 7:5)
 - c) Lay my honour to the dust (Psalm 7:5)

3. Judging from the Lord

- a) Judge me according to my righteousness (Psalm 7:8)
- b) According to my integrity within me (Psalm 7:8)
- c) The righteous God tests the hearts and minds (Psalm 7:9)
- d) He saves the upright in heart (Psalm 7:10)

4. Strong and urgent Pleas

- a) Save me (Psalm 7:1)
- b) Deliver me (Psalm 7:1)
- c) Arise, lift Yourself up (Psalm 7:6)
- d) Rise up for me to the judgment
Which You have commanded (Psalm 7:6)
- e) For the sake of the congregation (Psalm 7:7)
- f) Let wickedness come to an end (Psalm 7:9)
- g) Establish the just (Psalm 7:9)

5. Trust and Confidence in the Lord

- a) O LORD my God, in You I put my trust (Psalm 7:1)
- b) My defence is of God (Psalm 7:10)
- c) I will praise the LORD
According to His righteousness (Psalm 7:17)
- d) And will sing praise to the name
Of the LORD Most High (Psalm 7:17)