

PRAYER MEETING

7 October 2019

Text: Psalm 35:9-16

A STUDY OF AN IMPRECATORY PRAYER II

Three references to be borne in mind:

1. With reference to God
2. With reference to the enemy
3. With reference to the petitioner

WITH REFERENCE TO THE PETITIONER

1. Rejoicing in the LORD

- a) Joyful in God (Psalm 35:9a)
- b) Rejoicing in His salvation (Psalm 35:9b)
 - i) In faith
 - ii) In hope
 - iii) In anticipation

2. Glorifying in the LORD

- All my bones shall say: (Psalm 35:10a)
 - a) Who is like You?
 - b) Delivering the poor from him who is too strong (Psalm 35:10b)
 - c) The poor and the needy from him who plunders (Psalm 35:10c)

WITH REFERENCE TO THE ENEMY

1. Fierce witnesses rise up (Psalm 35:11)
2. Their attacks
 - a) They ask me things that I do not know (Psalm 35:12a)
 - b) They rewarded me evil for good (Psalm 35:12b)
 - c) To the sorrow of my soul (Psalm 35:12c)

WITH REFERENCE TO THE PETITIONER

1. But as for me:
2. Good and meaningful expressions:
 - a) When they were sick
My clothing was sackcloth (Psalm 35:13)
 - b) I humbled myself with fasting
and my prayer would return to my own heart (Psalm 35:13)
 - c) I paced about
as though he were my friend or brother (Psalm 35:14a)
 - d) I bowed down heavily
as one who mourns for his mother (Psalm 35:14b)

WITH REFERENCE TO THE ENEMY

1. But in my adversity (Psalm 35:15)
2. Ignorance of the true feelings of the enemy (Psalm 35:15)
 - a) They rejoiced and gathered together (Psalm 35:15a)
 - b) Attackers gathered against me (Psalm 35:15b)
 - c) They tore at me and did not cease (Psalm 35:16a)
 - d) With ungodly mockers at feasts
they gnashed at me with their teeth (Psalm 35:16b)