

GOD IS FOR ME ! ~ Psalm 56:1-13

→Scripture Reading - Psalm 56.1-4, 8-9

INTRODUCTION

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- Map - Jerusalem and Gath

Historical CONTEXT

1 Samuel 21:10-15 (NLT) So David escaped from Saul and went to King Achish of Gath...

[12] David heard these comments and was very afraid of what King Achish of Gath might do to him. [13] So he pretended to be insane, scratching on doors and drooling down his beard. [14] Finally, King Achish said to his men, "Must you bring me a madman?"

[22.1] So David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. Soon his brothers and all his other relatives joined him there.

WHEN I am AFRAID ... I am NOT AFRAID ~ Psalm 56:1-7

[1] Be merciful to me, O God, for men hotly pursue me; all day long they press their attack. [2] My slanderers pursue me all day long; many are attacking me in their pride.

[3] When I am afraid, I will trust in you. [4] In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?

In praising God's WORD, David praises the God who SPEAKS IT - and then carries IT out. Faith is our affirmation that we BELIEVE what God says is TRUE. PCS

[5] All day long they twist my words; they are always plotting to harm me. [6] They conspire, they lurk, they watch my steps, eager to take my life. [7] On no account let them escape; in your anger, O God, bring down the nations.

APPLICATION

[4] In God, whose **WORD** I praise, **in God I trust**; I will **NOT be afraid**. What can mortal man do to me?

Oh what I would do to have - The kind of faith it takes (The Voice of Truth by: Casting Crowns)
To climb out of this boat I'm in - On to the crashing waves
To step out of my comfort zone - Into the realm of the unknown
Where Jesus is - And He's holding out His hand

But the waves are calling out my name - And they laugh at me
Reminding me of all the times - I've tried before and failed
The waves they keep on telling me -Time and time again
"Boy, you'll never win! - You'll never win!"

Isaiah 40.8 (NIV) The Grass withers and the flowers fall, **but the WORD of our God stands forever.**

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NIV) Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, [18] yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. [19] The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights.

But the **voice of TRUTH** tells me a different story - The **voice of TRUTH** says, "Do NOT be afraid!"
And the **voice of TRUTH** says, "THIS IS FOR MY GLORY" - Out of all the voices calling out to me
I WILL CHOOSE to listen and BELIEVE **voice of TRUTH**

WHAT can MAN do to ME? ~ Psalm 56:8-13

[8] Record my lament; list my tears on your scroll - are they not in your record? [9] Then my enemies will turn back when I call for help. By this I will know that God is for me.

[10] In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise - [11] in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

[12] I am under vows to you, O God; I will present my thank offerings to you. [13] For you have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Psalm 119:105 (NIV) Your WORD is a LAMP to my feet and a LIGHT for my PATH.

1 John 1:7 (NIV) But if we walk in the light, as HE is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

APPLICATION

9- Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that **God is for me.** (ESV)

Oh what I would do to have - The kind of strength it takes
To stand before a giant - With just a sling and a stone
Surrounded by the sound - Of a thousand warriors
Shaking in their armor - Wishing they'd have had the strength to stand

But the giant's calling out my name - And he laughs at me
Reminding me of all the times - I've tried before and failed
The giant keeps on telling me - Time and time again
"Boy you'll never win! - You'll never win!"

Romans 8:31-32 (NIV) What, then, shall we say in response to this? IF GOD IS FOR US, who can be against us? [32] He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

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TAKE AWAY ??

➔**Video** - The Voice of Truth by: Casting Crowns

John 16:33 (NIV) I have told you these things, so that in ME you may have PEACE. In this world you WILL have trouble. But take heart. I have OVERCOME the world.

John 10:27-28 (NIV) **MY sheep listen to MY VOICE; I know them, and they FOLLOW ME.** [28] I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.