

Psalm 57:1-2 (NLT)

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy! I look to You for protection. I will hide beneath the shadow of Your wings until the danger passes by. ² I cry out to God Most High, to God who will fulfill His purpose for me.

Psalm 57:3 (NLT)

**³ He will send help from heaven to rescue me, disgracing those who hound me.
Selah. My God will send forth His unfailing love and faithfulness.**

Psalm 57:4 (NLT)

⁴ I am surrounded by fierce lions who greedily devour human prey - whose teeth pierce like spears and arrows, and whose tongues cut like swords.

Psalm 57:5 (NLT)

⁵ Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens! May Your glory shine over all the earth.

As CLOSE as a SHADOW

Psalm 57

I once took the Duchess to tea -
It was just as I thought it would be
Her Rumblings Abdominal -
were simply phenomenal
And everyone thought it was me

The trouble with a kitten is that...
...it eventually becomes a cat

Two Realities face David

- the **Sovereign Power** of God
- the **Deadly Determination** of his **Enemy**

Psalm 57

*For the director of music. (To the tune of)
Do Not Destroy. Of David. A miktam.
When he had fled from Saul into the cave.*

→ **Are we Seeking REFUGE in God's
SHADOW**

¹...I take **refuge in You**. I will seek
REFUGE in the **SHADOW**
of Your wings until danger passes.

(HCS)

Psalm 73:28 (NLT)

But as for me, how **GOOD** it is to be
NEAR God.

I have made the **SOVEREIGN**
LORD my **SHELTER...**

Close to You Lord is where I want to be -

You are **ALL** I ever hoped for

ALL I ever dreamed

Close to You Lord come and fill me

with Your Fire -

You know it's my desire to be **CLOSE to YOU**

→ God WILL Fulfill HIS PLANS for me

² I cry out to God MOST HIGH,
to God who **WILL fulfill His PURPOSE**
for me.

(NLT)

Lament is a prayer
IN the midst of **Pain** or **Hardship**
that leads us back
to **Confidence** and **Trust IN God.**

Vroegop

Deuteronomy 32:35 (NIV)

It is mine to avenge; I will repay.

In due time their foot will slip; their day
of disaster is near and their doom
rushes upon them.

→ Focusing on God NOT his Enemies

⁶ They prepared a net for my steps;
I was despondent. They dug a pit ahead of me,
but **THEY FELL INTO IT.** *Selah* (HCS)

**→ Focusing on God in our Pain
can Open the Door for PRAISE**

⁷ My heart is steadfast... I **WILL** sing...

⁸ ...I **WILL** awaken the dawn

⁹ I **WILL** praise You, O Lord...

...I **WILL** sing of You...

Though You slay me -
Yet I will praise You
Though You take from me -
I will bless Your NAME
Though You ruin me -
Still I will worship
Sing a song to the ONE
who's ALL I need

My heart and flesh may fail -
The earth below give way
But with my eyes,
with my eyes **I'll see the Lord**
Lifted high on that day -
Behold, the Lamb that was slain
And I'll **know** every tear
was **worth it all**

→ May we **LIVE** with the **GLORY**
of God as our **FOCUS**

¹¹ Be **EXALTED**, O God, above the
highest heavens. May Your **GLORY**
shine over all the earth.

(NLT)

Better to be **IN the will** of God in a **cave**
than out of **His will** in a king's palace.

Wiersbe

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)

So whether you eat or drink
or whatever you do,

DO IT ALL for the **glory of God.**

We're commanded to do everything to the
glory of God, and if **EVERYTHING**
includes hiding in caves, then may the
Lord be magnified.

The elements of prayer, praise, and a desire
for **God to be magnified** -
will TRANSFORM
any cave into a **Holy place** -
to the **glory of God.**

Psalm 147:11 (NLT)

...the LORD's delight is in those who
fear Him, those who put their
HOPE in His unfailing love.

My soul is among lions. How came I there?

If for God's sake, then I may remember
the lions are chained they can
do me **NO** harm.

If they DO harm me it **is BY God's Hand**
-I will Trust Him my Heart is Steadfast.

Spurgeon