

Thanksgiving in the Face of Injustice

Psalm 7



UNJUST WORLD – injustice is widespread (vv. 1b-5)

- The experience of David ¹
- The experience of Jesus ²
- The experience of people ³

JUST GOD – justice is coming (vv. 6-16)

- God is just
- God will bring justice ⁴
 - take refuge in Him (v. 1a) ⁵
 - give thanks to him (v. 17)

¹ Superscriptions in the Psalms are part of the inspired text of Scripture (v.0). Translators leave the word “shiggaion” untranslated because it’s meaning is uncertain (perhaps a musical instruction). But David is facing a problem of injustice – a man named “Cush.” Although elsewhere the Bible is silent about Cush, David’s predecessor, King Saul, was a “Benjamite” the tribe that remained David’s main source of opposition even after Saul died.

² John 18:38; Luke 23:41; 1 Peter 2:22; Acts 8:32

³ 1 Peter 4:4; 2:12

⁴ Acts 17:31; 1 Peter 2:14; Romans 13:4

⁵ 1 Peter 2:23; 4:19

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0 A shiggaion of David, which he sang to the Lord concerning Cush, a Benjamite.

1 Lord my God, I take refuge in you;
save and deliver me from all who pursue me,

2 or they will tear me apart like a lion
and rip me to pieces with no one to rescue me.

3 Lord my God, if I have done this
and there is guilt on my hands—

4 if I have repaid my ally with evil
or without cause have robbed my foe—

5 then let my enemy pursue and overtake me;
let him trample my life to the ground
and make me sleep in the dust.

6 Arise, Lord, in your anger;
rise up against the rage of my enemies.

Awake, my God; decree justice.

7 Let the assembled peoples gather around you,
while you sit enthroned over them on high.

8 Let the Lord judge the peoples.
Vindicate me, Lord, according to my righteousness,
according to my integrity, O Most High.

9 Bring to an end the violence of the wicked
and make the righteous secure—
you, the righteous God
who probes minds and hearts.

10 My shield is God Most High,
who saves the upright in heart.

11 God is a righteous judge,
a God who displays his wrath every day.

12 If he does not relent,
he will sharpen his sword;
he will bend and string his bow.

13 He has prepared his deadly weapons;
he makes ready his flaming arrows.

14 Whoever is pregnant with evil
conceives trouble and gives birth to disillusionment.

15 Whoever digs a hole and scoops it out
falls into the pit they have made.

16 The trouble they cause recoils on them;
their violence comes down on their own heads.

17 I will give thanks to the Lord because of his
righteousness;
I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High.