

Psalm 64

Prayer for Rescue from Secret Enemies.

Hear my voice, God, in my complaint;
Protect my life from dread of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the secret discussion of evildoers,
From the restlessness of the workers of injustice,

3 Who have sharpened their tongues like a sword.
They aimed bitter speech as their arrows,

4 To shoot from concealment at the innocent;
Suddenly they shoot at him, and do not fear.

5 They make firm for themselves an evil purpose;
They talk of setting snares secretly;
They say, "Who can see them?"

6 They devise injustices, saying,
"We are ready with a well-conceived plot";
For the inward thought and the heart of a person are deep.

7 But God will shoot an arrow at them;
Suddenly they will be wounded.

8 So they will make him stumble;
Their own tongue is against them;
All who see them will shake their heads.

9 Then all people will fear,
And they will declare the work of God,
And will consider what He has done.

10 The righteous person will be glad in the LORD and take refuge in Him;
And all the upright in heart will boast.

We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions
What questions were provoked within you?
Did anything confuse you?

Did anything move you emotionally?
Did God instruct you to do something?
Did you gain any insight into God's character?

Paul's observations and insights

1. Does God ever shut us out and close His ears?
2. Why is David so bold, complaining to God about how he thinks things have worked out for him?
3. Is there a difference between God hearing and God listening?
4. How can God protect us?
5. What is the 'dread of the enemy'?
6. Who is David's enemy?
7. Is it okay to ask God to do something for us?
8. To be 'hidden from the secret discussion', is to stop my enemy plotting against me.
9. Who are the evildoers?
10. To 'be restless' is to not know peace and contentment.
11. How do you become content?
12. Why do we sometimes choose injustice?
13. You have heard of sharp shooters, David knows a few sharp talkers - do you know any?
14. Are you one of them?
15. Jesus said, 'you will know them by their fruit'.
16. Devastation is what those who do evil leave behind.
17. You can see the shaft of the arrow being spat out of the mouth of the evil one.
18. The accusation comes from out of nowhere, it is the innocent who are the target of the evil one.
19. When the evil 'do not fear', it means that they have lost touch with all sense of responsibility.
20. 'Making firm', is to attack from a position of strength.
21. A snare is an unseen trap with the intention of causing great harm.
22. Their disregard for God's capabilities, has blinded their eyes with foolishness.
23. When the wicked plan evil, there is great trouble coming and the weak will suffer.
24. The 'inward part' is when your spirit is to be engaged in the consideration.
25. Depending on how active and reflective you have been in spirit, depends on how deep your spirit is.
26. For God to act in judgement is very bad news for the wicked!
27. It's not if He will judge, it's when He will judge!

28. God can bring the downfall of the wicked, so they self-destruct.
29. Gideon brought the light into the camp of the Midianites and they started killing themselves.
30. One of the loneliest places on earth, is when your friends show contempt at what you have done.
31. 'Observers' are people who delight in the downfall of evil.
32. Their downfall will act as a deterrent to the righteous.
33. Seeing God act in mercy is one thing, seeing God act in judgement is another
34. Repentance starts when we consider our actions.
35. Repentance is completed, when we agree with God that what we have done was wrong.
36. To be righteous is to stand in God's presence and not feel ashamed.
37. For the righteous 'to be glad', is to rejoice at God's amazing, loving kindness poured out on sinners.
38. Taking 'refuge in God', is to hide yourself in God in all matters pertaining of life.
39. For the upright to celebrate God's values, is for them to defeat all evil attacks on the vulnerable.