



When I Have Been Wronged...

7th in the "Psalms" Series

Psalm 7

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Introduction

In this sermon, we see how to respond when someone has treated us unjustly.

The Text: Psalm 7

A Shiggaion of David, which he sang to the Lord concerning the words of Cush, a Benjaminite.

¹ O Lord my God, in you do I take refuge;
save me from all my pursuers and deliver me,

² lest like a lion they tear my soul apart,
rending it in pieces, with none to deliver.

³ O Lord my God, if I have done this,
if there is wrong in my hands,

⁴ if I have repaid my friend with evil
or plundered my enemy without cause,

⁵ let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it,
and let him trample my life to the ground
and lay my glory in the dust. *Selah*

⁶ Arise, O Lord, in your anger;
lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies;
awake for me; you have appointed a judgment.

⁷ Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered about
you;
over it return on high.

⁸ The Lord judges the peoples;
judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness
and according to the integrity that is in me.

⁹ Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end,
and may you establish the righteous—
you who test the minds and hearts,
O righteous God!

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

¹¹ God is a righteous judge,
and a God who feels indignation every day.

¹² If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword;
he has bent and readied his bow;

¹³ he has prepared for him his deadly weapons,
making his arrows fiery shafts.

¹⁴ Behold, the wicked man conceives evil
and is pregnant with mischief
and gives birth to lies.

¹⁵ He makes a pit, digging it out,
and falls into the hole that he has made.

¹⁶ His mischief returns upon his own head,
and on his own skull his violence descends.

¹⁷ I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his
righteousness,
and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the
Most High.

Message: The Gospel of Christ demands us to respond to personal injustice differently, void of worldly vengeance and retaliation.

Q: What do we do when someone speaks falsely or acts maliciously towards us?

A: Psalm 7's Structure:

1. Turn to the LORD, who is our help and salvation (vv. 1-2).
2. Ask the LORD to search your heart (vv. 3-5).
3. Ask the LORD to act on your behalf (vv. 6-9).
4. Trust in who we know the LORD to be (vv. 10-16).
5. Respond in praise to the LORD, regardless of outcome (v. 17).

Application: Christian faith requires a denial of self. Praise God, Jesus Christ went first and denied Himself for our salvation!

Sunday Text Questions

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- 1) Starter Question: Describe the feeling of being wronged by someone. What was the hardest part of this experience?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) How does the start of this Psalm (vv. 1-2) differ drastically from worldly anger at injustice?
- 4) Why is it important to ask the LORD to search our hearts as David does in vv. 3-5?
- 5) Has there ever been a time when you thought you were wronged, but your heart deceived you?
- 6) How are vv. 6-9 counter-cultural to our world today? Do you struggle with a worldly feeling of vengeance or retaliation?
- 7) How does vv. 10-16 minister to us in times of injustice and hurt?
- 8) Is v. 17, and the final response of David in this text, an easy thing to do? Why or why not?
- 9) Are there any active conflicts in your life that you need to bring to the LORD?
- 10) How does this text appropriately minister to us as the body of Christ as we assemble monthly to take communion together?

Further study this week: The injustice done to Christ Jesus: Matthew 26:30-46 (Mon); Matthew 26:47-56 (Tues); Matthew 26:57-75 (Wed); Matthew 27:11-23 (Thurs); Matthew 27:24-50 (Fri).