

TRUST AMID TREACHERY

Psalm 55

Tonight we will discover some truths about trust amid treachery

I. DAVID'S PREDICAMENT (3, 12-14, 20-21)

A. TARGETED BY THE WICKED (3)

1. He hears their voice and is aware of their oppression
2. They bring down trouble on him
3. They angrily bear a grudge

B. REPROACHED BY HIS COMPANION (12-14)

1. It is a companion that has turned against him
 - a. See II Samuel 16:20-17:3 along with 15:12 and 31
 - b. You would expect this from an enemy but not a companion
 - c. This is one whose council he enjoyed privately and company he enjoyed publically (14)
2. People will disappoint us!

C. CONSPIRACY FROM A COMPANION (20-21)

1. He has broken his covenant (20)
 - Pretending friendship while planning mischief
2. The companion's fair words were faked (21)

II. DAVID'S PAIN (1-5)

A. WANDERING (1-2a)

1. "I am restless in my complaint"
2. I am wandering about mourning and trying to find someone to help

B. WHIMPERING (2b)

1. Moaning noisily > roaring or whimpering in pain
2. Distraught (NIV) more than distracted (NASV)

C. WRITHING (4a)

1. His heart is in anguish
2. Used of a mother twisting in pain during childbirth

D. WORRIED (4b)

- The terrors of death are threatening

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E. WIDE-EYED (5a)
- Fear and trembling have come upon him

F. WIPED OUT (5b)
- Horror has overwhelmed him

III. DAVID'S PLAN (6-11, 15)

A. GET WAY: Seek rest (6-8)
1. I would fly away if I could (6)
2. I will go far away into the desert (7) > To wander far away ... "drift off"
3. Hurrying to find a fortress from the storm (8)

B. GET EVEN: Seek revenge (9-11,15)
- After he has just a brief time to think about it, rest is not enough!
1. He asks God to confuse the citizens (9-11)
2. He asks God to kill the conspirators (15)

IV. DAVID'S PRACTICE (16-19)

- "As for me" > *Here is what he really did* though not what he wanted to do

A. CALL ON GOD (16a)
- He determined to pray rather than pout or plot

B. HAVE CONFIDENCE IN GOD (16b)
1. The Lord shall save me
2. It had not happened yet, but David was confident that it would

C. COMMUNICATE WITH GOD (17)
- He committed himself to regular times of prayer and pleading with God

D. COUNT ON GOD (18)
- God "will" (fut. tense) redeem my soul

E. CAPITULATE TO GOD (19) > He deferred to God!
1. David leaves the situation with the enemy in God's hand
- God may not kill them but He certainly will afflict them
2. Note: The reason God will punish the enemies is not because of how they have treated David but because of how they have treated God!

V. **DAVID'S PROVERB** (22-23) > Summary

A. GOD PROPS UP THE RIGHTEOUS (22) > Cf. I Pt.5:7

1. He will sustain you
2. He will stabilize you

B. GOD PULLS DOWN THE ROTTEN (23)

1. God can and sometimes does cut short the lives of the rebels
2. Consider the deaths of Ahithophel (II Sam.17:23), Absalom's armies (II Sam.18:7-8) and Absalom (II Sam.18:14-15)

CONCLUSION:

What will happen the next time you are traitor-ized, targeted or ticked?

Will you trust God amid the treachery?

- You Can!
- You Should!

David concludes: **"BUT I WILL TRUST IN YOU!"** (23b)