

Men of Unity 2017
A Psalm For Every Season
“The Righteous Shall Not Be Moved”
Psalm 55

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Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you, He will never permit the righteous to be moved. (Psalm 55:22)

I. A “Known” Threat Fueled by Bad Choices

- a. David realized, too late, that his own negligence as a father turned his son, Absalom, against him, the Lord and the nation. (Tamar and Amnon)
- b. He also knew that the revolt and wickedness in the city were part of the discipline that Nathan had promised because of David’s adultery and the murder of Uriah (2 Sam 12:9-12).
- c. *A man will not be established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous will not be moved.* (Proverbs 12:3)
- d. *The righteous will never be shaken, but the wicked will not dwell in the land.* (Prov 10:30)
- e. The immovability of the righteous is dependent on who or what they are anchored to.
- f. Many things may catch us off guard (storms, job loss, tragic deaths) and other things we can expect (things break, children get sick).
- g. **Betray** - to be unfaithful in guarding, maintaining, or fulfilling: to disappoint the hopes or expectations of; be disloyal (e.g. *Judas*) (2 Samuel 15:1-6)
 1. David’s enemies are lurking at the door, stirred up by Absalom. Why?
 2. They are talking about him behind his back and to his face. (vv.3, 4, 10)
 3. This is not any *run of the mill threat*, his son is the “you” in the prayer. (vv.13-14)
 4. How do we respond to hate and slander, especially from someone that we love?

II. A Well Known Deliverer

- a. It is obvious that David could not control opinions, personal hatred, or conspiring hearts.
- b. When we find ourselves in the midst of trouble, our first thought is, “How can I get out of this?” But the dedicated believer needs to ask, “What can I learn from this?”
- c. Our hearts long for a safe and peaceful refuge from the burdens of life. (vv. 6-8)
- d. David had no army, no royal court, and his family support was weakened. He could only pray.
- e. Jews had standard hours of prayer (evening, morning, and noon). David prayed all day long.
- f. David experienced many hardships while preparing to be king, and this taught him to trust and fear God. In contrast, Absalom lived in luxury, had few life challenges and had no faith in God.
- g. In spite of his personal failures, David knew God as his personal deliverer.

III. Thoughts and Considerations for Action

- a. Complaining often times follows conflict.
- b. David reminds us to cast our burdens (1 Peter 5:7). The word *burden* means “that which he has given you.” God is not the author of confusion but He is the orchestrator of consequences.
- c. Have you ever prayed as a result of a personal failure?
- d. Psalm 55 is a consequence of David’s failures as a man and father. Perhaps, if he had been praying on the palace roof top he would not have slept with Bathsheba.
 1. If he would have been in prayer to God, he would have discerned the crimes of Amnon.
- e. Remember that Jesus experienced family members who thought He was crazy, betrayal, rejection, crying moments, and absolute rejection from His own people.
- f. A careful examination of Scripture reveals Jesus continuously prayed to His Father in heaven for strength, guidance and direction. The righteous repay evil with good.