

Psalm 28

Psalms 28:1-2 [New King James] *“To You I will cry, O LORD my Rock: do not be silent to me, lest, if You are silent to me, I become like those who go down to the **pit**. Hear the voice of my supplications When I cry to You, when I lift up my hands toward Your holy sanctuary.”*

This is not a fear that the Creator God is deaf to our prayers, or a lapse of faith in God, but rather indicates a humble reverence that God’s sense of timing and ours may not coincide.

This is a proper attitude towards our Creator God.

The desire behind this prayer is that there is a separation between him and the wicked in the Creator God’s eyes and judgement.

The Hebrew word translated “**pit**” is “*bôwr*” referring to a **dungeon, and the person who is enslaved in that way, sometimes a synonym of the grave** [*“sheol”*] where we are cut off from actively worshipping the Creator God, [Ecclesiastes 9:5-6; Psalms 6:5; Psalms 146:4], or having a relationship with Him.

The uplifted hands can be expressive of prayer in many moods, in this example beseeching a favour, if empty handed reaching out towards God Himself for His intervention.

Psalms 28:3-5 [New King James] *“Do not take me away with the wicked and with the workers of iniquity, who speak peace to their neighbours, but evil is in their hearts. Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours; give them according to the work of their hands; render to them what they deserve. Because they do not regard the works of the LORD, nor the operation of His hands, He shall destroy them and not build them up.”*

Even worse than being consigned to the will of the wicked [Psalms 27:12] is to be consigned with the disgrace that the wicked have earned.

This would be the miscarriage of justice that King David feared, [Psalms 26:9].

Nothing hurts so sharply to King David as injustice, and nothing should.

These verses are the conviction that a day of judgement is a moral necessity, [2 Corinthians 5:10-12].

The Hebrew word translated “*destroy*” is “*âbad*” is a prime root word with a wide application.

It can mean “perish” but also “to not escape” having no way to hide what the person has done, [Psalms 139:1-16].

This is perfect justice that is linked with mercy, perfectly expressed by Jesus Christ on the cross, [Luke 23:34].

The time of judgement will come after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ when these wicked people that King David is referring to will be resurrected back to physical life, in a society that is not influenced by the evil one Satan, and the gift of the Holy Spirit will be offered to all humanity.

Revelation 20:11-13 [New King James] *“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things*

which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.”

A time when people will “*know what they do,*” [2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 John 5:19; Jeremiah 31:31-34].

Psalms 28:6-9 [New King James] “*Blessed be the LORD, because He has heard the voice of my supplications! The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him. The LORD is their strength, and He is the saving refuge of His anointed. Save Your people, and bless Your inheritance; shepherd them also, and bear them up forever.”*

It is in this sense of right judgement that not only King David but all the chosen people of the Creator God are “*crying out day and night.*” **The term “His anointed” leads to the title “Messiah.”**

Luke 18:7-8 [New King James] “*And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”*

The Creator God’s wrath is already kindled against the wicked, the important thing is that we have faith in the judgement of God.

The final thought of King David, the “shepherd king” was that the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, [John 10:11-16], will sought out justice, linked with mercy when He comes to rule as “King of kings and Lord of lords,” [Revelation 19:16].